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### *What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church*

**Wednesday, July 19**  
8:30 Project Transformation  
9:30 LAAF

**Thursday, July 20**  
8:30 Project Transformation

**Friday, July 21**  
*Office closed*

**Saturday, July 22**

**Sunday, July 23**  
8:30 Chapel Worship  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

**Monday, July 24**  
8:30 P.T

**Tuesday, July 25**  
8:30 P.T

**Wednesday, July 26**  
8:30 P.T Last Day  
9:30 LAAF  
6:00 P.T End of Summer Celebration  
At St. James UMC, Pine Bluff

**Thursday, July 27**  
P.T Clean-up

**Friday, July 28**  
*Office closed*

**Saturday, July 29**  
**Sunday, July 30**  
8:30 Chapel Worship  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship  
12:00 Backpack Packing Party

# The Lakeside Messenger

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One of my early Lakeside memories was in July of 2020 during worship. It was the second or third Sunday of the month and our Staff Parish Relations Chair, Terry Wynne, came to the pulpit and welcomed Rev. Yesenia Zapata back for another year of ministry at Lakeside. I remember Yesenia receiving a large, uniquely wrapped box which I would later come to recognize as a Sissy's Log Cabin box. It was my first experience of a church officially welcoming their pastor back for another year of ministry with a gift. I found it to be a beautiful sentiment of gratitude and welcome from a church family to their pastor.

Although we had to forego the Lakeside Almost World Famous "Welcome Back" potlucks for my first two years at Lakeside because of the pandemic, each successive appointment year I have also been the blessed recipient of Lakeside's "Welcome Back" celebration. You know how to make a pastor feel loved and appreciated!

As I was thinking about this tradition, I was reminded of the vital importance of celebrating our ministries, our accomplishments and our people. Scripture reminds us often to rejoice in the Lord. Praising and giving thanks to God for God's presence in our lives changes our perspective, our attitudes and even our outlook for the future. Perhaps that is why Paul tells us in the first letter to the Thessalonians to "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thess. 5:16-18

I am the first to admit that I can be so task and result oriented that I forget to celebrate, rejoice and give thanks for what God is doing in our lives, our church and our world. But perhaps more rejoicing is exactly what we need, to not only realize how the Holy Spirit is moving, but also to align ourselves with God's will. Do you have a church ministry, a Lakeside servant, or an mission result to celebrate? Let us know and share your thoughts about ways we can fulfill our directive to "rejoice always, pray without ceasing and give thanks in all circumstances."

And now for a HUGE thank you!

Despite a pandemic and the disaffiliation process, the last three years have been some of the best years of my ministry. Thank you, Lakeside! You and the Holy Spirit continue to bless my life in ways I could never imagine. Together, we have laughed and loved, grieved and grown, and stretched and served. Celebrating my fourth year of appointed ministry with a famous Lakeside potluck was pure joy. Thank you to all the fantastic cooks and helpers who made this happen!

Thank you for the beautiful Lagos bracelet. Each time I wear it, I will think of the blessings of the first three years and the expectations of the Spirit's movement in my fourth year and beyond! Thank you also to the Leadership Board and the church for the hiking poles. They will ensure safe travels on all my treks with Terry on our honeymoon and wherever the road leads us. My heart is full and thankful for each of you. May God deeply bless our next year of growing in and sharing Christ's love together.

Pastor Judy

*Pastor Judy*

*Lakesiders, having promised to be loyal to Jesus Christ through The United Methodist Church and to do all in our power to strengthen its ministries, live out our promise by God's grace together— participating faithfully in the ministries of Lakeside United Methodist Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!*

### An Evangelism Siting! Well Done!

Last week Dixie Webb and I (Nancy Dobbs) were in the main Simmons office on some United Women in Faith business. The lady who helped us was a very pleasant and friendly person named Dominique James. She mentioned that she and her children went to Lakeside last year for “Back to School something”. We put in the missing word and she said yes! She was most complimentary of this event and asked if this was going to happen again this year. We told her yes as far as we knew. We also talked about church homes and she said she did not have one right now and was going to church with her parents. We invited her to Lakeside and added we need some younger people!

**If you were involved in any way with Project Transformation this summer, you are invited to attend the End of Summer Celebration.**



### Back to School Dates to Remember

- July 23** All school supplies need to be turned in.
- July 26 6:00pm** End of Summer Celebration @ St. James UMC, Pine Bluff
- July 30** Backpack Packing Party following the 10:30 service. A light lunch will be provided.
- August 4 6:00-7:30** Back to School Bash

To volunteer with the Back to School Bash, please contact Rebecca Phillips- 489-6241 or the church office -534-6241.

Below is a list of supplies that will go in backpacks. Deadline to turn in supplies is **Sunday, July 23**. Donations are suggested so that we can purchase items in bulk.

Please mark your checks, **Back to School Bash**

- Spiraled wide ruled notebooks (single subject)
- Loose Leaf notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- Blunt Fiskars scissors Boxes of tissue
- No. 2 Pencils (pkg. of 8-10)
- 24 count crayons 8 count or more markers
- Glue sticks Folders with pockets
- Colored pencils 1 or 1½ inch binders



### We pray for the sick:

Nathan Baltzell, Buddy Cheshier, Katie Watson, Elizabeth Sadler, Mary Catherine Kyle, Lee Blankenship, and Clay Cross.

### We pray for the grieving:

The Theresa Lowery Family  
The Tom Roop Family

**Sheridan Healthcare Rehab:** Don Massey **Woodland Heights Senior Living:** Billie Doster **Woodland Heights Memory Care:** Wannie Pope.  
**Lakeside's Hispanic Ministry, Young People around the world, Families in trouble, City Council members & Mayor, Students of all ages, Teachers, First Responders, and Project Transformation.**

### Memorials

In memory of Theresa Lowry by Barbara Mills, Pat McIntyre and Janet Ford

In memory of Janie McNulty by Carol Thomason

### SUMMARY OF JUNE 15, 2023 LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

- The financial report was approved. The endowment report was explained, including purposes of each endowments. A \$1460.00 expense for organ repair and \$1869.00 for a new laptop for worship and livestreaming were approved from the Ayres Endowment Fund.
- Fred Reed reported that the Lakeside United Methodist Corporation had been dissolved. The execution and filing of the deeds transferring real property from the corporation to Lakeside UMC should be completed by the next meeting.
- A bid of \$1525.00 to pressure the church sidewalks was accepted and approved.
- The consent calendar and May minutes were approved.
- Pastor Judy reported that \$14,050.00 had been received in donations for repairs and updates to the 15<sup>th</sup> street offices. Anticipated costs of repairs are \$11,325.50.



### Our Newest Members

George and Carol Burckhalter transferred their membership from Good Faith Carr. Welcome to Lakeside United Methodist Church, George and Carol!



### Sunday, July 16, 2023

8:30 Chapel Worship- 12  
9:15 Sunday school- 24  
10:30 Worship - 84  
Online Worship -8

### Our Weekly Service at Church

#### Sunday, July 23, 2023

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Judy Rudd **Liturgist:** Terry Wynne  
**Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox  
**Scripture:** Matthew 5:1-3  
**Sermon Title:** The Blessing of Poverty  
**Sermon Series:** Living A Blessed Life  
**Ushers:** Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

**July 24 Brass Polishers:** Sharon and Bobby Wyatt

**July 24 Counters:** Linda LaClair and Mike Frye

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live.

Join us online for worship at:

<https://www.facebook.com/LakesidePB/live/>:

Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website

[www.lakesidepb.org](http://www.lakesidepb.org)

### Project Transformation Water Day

Thank you to everyone that donated water toys and snacks.



### Latest Sunday School News

**July 23, 2023 at 9:15a.m**

**Discovery Class:** *Why?* book study. Discussion will begin on pg. 77. It's never too late to join.

**Wesley Class:** This week's discussion: Seeking Unity in Christ. All are welcome.