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Leadership Board Actions

When the Leadership Board began meeting in January of this year, they passed guidelines to guide its function as the leadership body for Lakeside. A monthly report of the Leadership Board's considerations was to be included in The Messenger. Although some matters have been included in The Messenger, they have not been in the form of a specific report. Beginning this month, the Leadership Board will publish a more formal summary of its considerations for the benefit of the congregation. It may not always be found on the front page, but please be sure to check your Messenger each month for the Leadership Board's summary report.

The Lakeside Leadership Board met at 5:30 pm, Tuesday, July 19, 2022, in the Center at the Church. In attendance were Chair George Mitchell, Linda Pickler, Gerald Majors, Fred Reed, Sandy Bobo, Tommy Brown, Debbie Owens, Terry Wynne and Pastor Judy Rudd. Also, present was Laura Richards, Co-chair of MI Casa Board.

- SPRC Chair, Debbie Owens announced the reappointment of Pastor Judy to Lakeside and requested that a welcome back luncheon be scheduled. The entire Board welcomed the reappointment and agreed that appropriate people would be asked to schedule a luncheon.
 - o Additionally, Debbie Owens encouraged the Leadership Board members who also serve on the SPRC to review their responsibilities as set out in the Book of Discipline and to maintain confidentiality regarding SPRC matters for the benefit of staff.
- Chair Mitchell raised for discussion the Conference Safe Sanctuary Policy. Sandy Bobo discussed the need to bring Lakeside's policy in compliance with that of the Conference but further consideration was tabled until a later date.
- In Pastor Rudd's report she indicated that Bishop Mueller recently advised the Arkansas Conference that no professional church staff should engage in partisan activities in any disaffiliation discussion but should only provide responses to questions. Laity should be in control and direct all discussion. All Board members who had attended a town hall meeting were in agreement that the meetings had been conducted appropriately.
 - o Additionally, Pastor Rudd and Chair Mitchell reported on the town hall meetings held thus far. After consultation with Hispanic staff for the best times, the Board set a town hall meeting with Spanish translation for 6pm, August 10.
 - o The Board set a third town hall meeting for the entire church at 6pm on August 17.
- Chair Mitchell announced he had set up a new page on the church website that lists the Leadership Board members and will have summaries of the minutes of the most recent meeting as well as any special events or activities. It is accessible at www.lakesidepb.org/leadership-board
- The Covid policy was discussed. Because Jefferson County's Covid risk rating is "high," the policy will encourage but not require masks be worn in the building.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Pastor Rudd closed the meeting with a prayer.

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, July 27
9:00 - 3:00 Project Transformation
Ends
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

Thursday, July 28
Friday, July 29
Office Closed

Saturday, July 30
Sunday, July 31
8:30 Chapel worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
6:00-7:30 Back to School Bash

Monday, August 1
Tuesday, August 2
Wednesday, August 3
10:30 Staff Meeting
3:00 Coffee with the pastor

Thursday, August 4
Friday, August 5
Office closed
Saturday, August 6

2:00- 4:00 District meeting in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, August 7
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
4:00 Trinity Village Vespers



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!



Project Transformation at Lakeside ends on Wednesday, July 27th. The Interns will be here the day after to clean up the church and will be departing Pine Bluff on Saturday the 30th.

This summer children in the neighborhoods of St. Luke UMC and Lakeside UMC in Pine Bluff came to camp to receive nutritious meals, mentorship from college students, and literacy support by reading one on one with volunteers. On Fridays, our focus shifts from the children to the young adults. They are visiting area nonprofits and ministries as they explore God's call on their lives.

In the last five weeks, we've had 9 college students and 1 seminarian serve with Project Transformation. They've worked with over 50 children in two churches. Nearly 60 volunteers have visited to read one-on-one with kids from 8 different congregations like St. James Little Rock, St. James Pine Bluff, Pulaski Heights, Oak Forrest, Benton, and Highland Valley. We are quickly approaching 400 hours volunteers have given to the children of PT Arkansas.

This summer would not have been possible without the young adults' willingness to spend their summer in ministry with children. It wouldn't have been possible without families trusting our churches to be safe spaces for their kids. We need each other. Rev. Sam Meadors

Radical Lakeside Hospitality

Lakeside, we have a rare opportunity to learn more about hospitality in a both / and world. Worship, Bible study, and even fellowship are no longer limited to the church building. One of the blessings of Covid, if there can be a blessing, is that the reach of Lakeside's ministry is unlimited through technology. Jason Moore, who spoke to the Arkansas Annual Conference this summer, will be at Lakeside on August 6th from 2 - 4 pm to teach the southeast district about hospitality in the both / and world of in-person and digital church. It is part of our future!

You are invited and encouraged to attend. Please register to attend at <https://na.eventscloud.com/hbcwjm>. The event is free.



The Arts & Science Center Auditions: "Agatha Christie's Murder on The Orient Express"
August 6th -7th, 12 - 8 p.m. (by appointment only) Call 536-3375 for an appointment.
 Performances are slated for October 14-16 and 21-23. Auditions open to anyone ages 16 and older.



We pray for the sick: Whitney Crutchfield, Kelly Baker & family, Matt Hart

Grieving:

Sheridan Healthcare Rehab: Don Massey
Woodland Heights Senior Living: Billie Doster

Families in trouble; Lakeside's Hispanic Ministry; Young People around the world; City Council members & Mayor; Students of all ages Teachers, First Responders

A Gift Has Been Received in Honor Of:

Frances Smith by: Lynda Picker

Gifts Have Been Received in Memory Of:

Bob Ellis by: Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Tracy

Irene Taylor by: Carol Luebker



If you have volunteered to supervise a game for Back to School Bash, you can pick up your batch of school supplies from the center on Sunday prior to the bash starting.



The first day of school for the Pine Bluff, Watson Chapel and Whitehall School Districts is set for August 22nd.



Sandy and friends getting tags ready for the backpacks for the Back to School Bash.



Sunday, July 24, 2022
 8:30 Worship Service -16
 10:30 Worship Service - 44
 9:15 Sunday School -21

Our Weekly Service at Church

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; Liturgist: Tommy Brown
 Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; Children's Moments:
 Sermon Title: Cords of Kindness; Scripture: Hosea 11:1-11
 Sermon Series: Prophet Margins
 Flowers: Ken and Carolyn Theis
 Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

August 1 Brass Polishers: Sandy Bobo, Ramona Harkins and Susan Coles
 August 1 Counters: George Mitchell and Deborah Whitaker

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

Packets of information regarding the current landscape of the United Methodist Church are still available in the church office.

Please note that two additional town hall meetings are scheduled in the Fellowship Hall.

Spanish translation town hall meeting ~ Wednesday, August 10th at 6:00 pm

All-church town hall meeting ~ Wednesday, August 17th at 6:00 pm

Let us continue to be in prayer as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



Many thanks to Bobby Wyatt and Earle Phillips for taking our August delivery of tuna to Neighbor to Neighbor. That means we need to restock our tuna supply!