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Lakeside Messenger
Lakeside United
Methodist Church
1500 Olive Street
Pine Bluff AR 71601

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, June 14
8:30 Project Transformation
9:30 LAAF

Thursday, June 15
8:30 Project Transformation

Friday, June 16
Office closed

Saturday, June 17

Sunday, June 18 Father's Day
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday school

10:30 Sanctuary Worship
Monday, June 19 Juneteenth
No P.T.

Tuesday, June 20
8:30 P.T

Wednesday, June 21
(Annual Conference 21-23)
8:30 P.T

9:30 LAAF

Thursday, June 22
8:30 P.T

Friday, June 23
Office closed

Saturday, June 24
Sunday, June 25
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

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Shortly after I arrived at Lakeside, I led a Bible study via Zoom called *Gospel Discipleship: 4 Pathways for Christian Discipleship*. This study, by Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris, a United Methodist pastor in the Arkansas Conference, was not your typical study. Rev. Dr. Morris uses the endings of the four gospels to describe the four types of Christian disciples. She explains that when we know *who* we are as a disciple of Jesus Christ, then we better know *how* we are called to live out our discipleship and *why* we are living lives dedicated to Jesus. If you find this study intriguing, please let me know so we may consider it this fall.

The Lukan discipleship type is found in Acts because it is believed to be written by the same author and is a continuation of Luke. Jesus' final words are found in Acts 1:8. *"⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* Rev. Dr. Morris explains that this discipleship type is lived in concentric circles as growing areas of discipleship influence based on Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria and the ends of the earth. In the congregation guide, she states that "Lukans love to love. It is the core of who they are. They need a discipleship system that allows them to love more people and love them better. A Lukan journey in discipleship, then, centers around defining and growing in relationship with others." p. 10.

It is no surprise that most of the people called United Methodist are Lukan! John Wesley discerned the need for reformation of the Church of England through his small group at Oxford. In his efforts to revitalize the church, he used small groups called bands and classes to make and nurture discipleship. Connectionalism is a vital part of who we are as United Methodists. We are connected to our church family, to our neighborhoods and communities, to other local United Methodist Churches, to clergy and laity in our districts and conferences and ultimately to churches, clergy and laity around the world who call themselves United Methodists. Our connections to God and one another are at the core of who we are as United Methodists!

Losing connections with ones we have known and loved is deeply painful. For many, our trust has been broken or at least shaken with people, churches and institutions in which we have invested our time, our faith and our hope for the future.

What do you do when your world has been turned upside down? Perhaps it is time to turn to what we know best as United Methodists – building relationships. As I have witnessed at recent district events, and expect to find next week at Annual Conference, people around the rooms are people who love and cherish being United Methodists. The people and pastors in the United Methodist churches around us share our longing to work together again to bring ministry and hope to each other and our communities. After all, we are all connected and serving together is what we have done for centuries.

Come Holy Spirit, in this time of transition and transformation for the future you desire in the United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, Jefferson County and Arkansas. Speak to the people called Lakeside UMC clearly, that we may discern and obey your call for us to be the heart, the voice, the hands and the feet of Christ in this time and place. May it be so.

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!

Help Us Spread the Word

If you or someone you know, want to remain United Methodist but don't know where you will be moving your membership, you can temporarily move your membership to the district by registering at <https://fs28.formsite.com/ARUMC/RetainUMC/index.html> or contacting the SE District Office at astephens@arumc.org or (870) 536-8806.

THEY'RE HERE!

Project Transformation Needs

We are needing volunteers for the following. You may sign-up at the links below or call if you need help.

*Meals: Ellen Wyatt 870-329-6001
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aaba72da2fec34-meals#/
Monetary donations are welcome.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aaba72da2fec34-meals#/)

Reading Buddies: Jennifer Fox 534-6421 or 489-0790
www.projecttransformation.org/arkansas/

A supply list is available in the office.

Project Transformation Family Fun Night

Thursday, June 29 6-8pm at Lakeside

If you'd like to volunteer, please call Jennifer at 534-6241

We need help with the following: games, grilling, decorating, popcorn popping, cotton candy wrapping and being a part of the fun! We also need cakes and other baked goods for a "cake" walk.

Pictured below: Terry Wynne popping his famous popcorn and some of our families enjoying the fabulous 2022 tables provided by Susan Brown.



We pray for the sick:

Erica Best, Katie Watson, Elizabeth Sadler, Mary Catherine Kyle, LaRon Braswell, and Dianne Robinson.

We pray for the grieving:

The Douglas Ray Mitchell Family (Rocha)

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

Memorials were recently given in memory of Dr. Clyde Tracy by Pat Moon- Meridian Management Company, Felton Rhodes, Frances Smith, David and Ann Nixon, Fred and Ann Reed, Andy and Elaine Vaccaro



Coffee and Doughnuts

Do you have 30-45 minutes a few Thursday mornings this summer? If so, we can use your help to show the parents of our Project Transformation children some Lakeside hospitality and love. From 8:30 - 9:15 am each Thursday, June 15th through July 20th, we will offer a cup of coffee and a doughnut to our parents dropping off their children. We hope to begin to build lasting relationships with these families and extend the love of Christ in a personal way as Jesus commanded.

If you can help, please contact Pastor Judy or Jennifer Fox to get on the schedule.

Our Neighbor Needs Your Help

You may remember our Lakeside neighbor and friend, Isaac Peters, who was on our prayer list for many weeks. He returned home to his house after four months to find it completely unlivable. Isaac has been a wonderful friend to Lakeside, helping us on numerous occasions with setting and cleaning up for our community events on the parking lot. We now have the opportunity to help Isaac.

After we help Isaac get his house livable again, he will need all the basic household furnishings. If you have a truck and can help with disposing of the trash in his house or you have household items you would like to donate to get Isaac back on his feet, please call or text Laura Richards at 870-540-6526. **THIS FRIDAY AT 10:30-** we're meeting to load and haul things to the dump. Let Laura know if you can be there.



Sunday, June 4, 2023

8:30 Chapel Worship -14
9:15 Sunday School -28
10:30 Worship - 66
Online Worship -13

Our Weekly Service at Church Sunday, June 18, 2023

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Tommy Brown
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox
Scripture: Matthew 5:21-24
Sermon Title: Names Others Call Us
Sermon Series: What's in a Name?
Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

June 19 Brass Polishers: Ramona Harkins, Sandy Bobo and Susan Coles

June 20 Counters: Nancy Dobbs and Laura Richards

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



Trinity Village Cereal Drive

Through June 20, "The Circle" residents will be collecting cereal for children in our community and state. Please consider picking up an extra box of cereal when you are shopping. Drop your cereal off at Trinity Village's Administrative Office or Apartment #58.

Sunday Morning Greeters

If you'd like to help be the "face" of Lakeside, contact the church office about being a greeter on Sunday mornings. You'll have the chance to greet members and visitors as well as direct them to Sunday school classes and worship areas.

Latest Sunday School News

Discovery Class: *Why?* book study. Discussion this Sunday will begin on pg. 55. It's never too late to join.

Wesley Class: Join us this Sunday at 9:15a.m. This week's discussion: Do we see what God sees? All are welcome.