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# The Lakeside Messenger

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When I was a little girl attending Pulaski Heights UMC in Little Rock, I recall once a quarter participating in Holy Communion. It was a special occasion when the Pastor would bless the elements and the trays of wafers and glass cups of juice would be passed down each row, slowly making their way to the back of the sanctuary where I was seated with my family. The grace of Christ in the body and blood of Jesus was passed from the person sitting next to us.

Later, as a young adult, we began to celebrate Holy Communion once a month by a different process. We would walk forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup of juice in a method known as intinction. I recall praying a prayer of confession and thanksgiving as I slowly moved forward in the line to receive Christ's grace in the body and blood of Jesus at the altar.

Both of these methods of receiving Holy Communion are powerful expressions of the ways Christ's grace meets us: it comes to us and we go forward to receive it. Because John Wesley believed that we actually receive Christ in the elements and are transformed, he said that "It is the duty of every Christian to receive the Lord's Supper as often as he can . . ." Because as a lay person I also believed in Christ's powerful, mysterious presence and grace in the elements of Holy Communion, I drove to Benton once a month on Saturday mornings to take Communion blessed by an elder to our members in a nursing home. Our Methodist theology accepts this as an extension of the Table.

When the pandemic hit and we moved to online worship, a great debate arose among ordained elders as to whether it was theologically appropriate for the clergy to bless the elements through technology. Our Methodist theology has always understood that Holy Communion, like Baptism, is a sacrament to be shared in community with other believers. Since the community could not gather during the pandemic, some elders acknowledged the exigent circumstances and extended the Table through technology. Other clergy felt that technology was not an appropriate format to bless the elements and offered Communion by drive through. After much prayer and discernment, I chose to extend Christ's Table of Holy Communion through technology as long as the restrictions of the pandemic limited attendance in any way. I desired that every person worshiping with Lakeside have access to Christ's Table. On Easter, Lakeside UMC lifted its last restriction to in-person attendance. We have returned to passing the offering plates and coming forward to receive Communion. I am no longer extending the Table and consecrating the elements for those who are worshipping online.

We are returning to a more traditional extension of the Table through our congregational care ministers who will deliver Holy Communion to all who are unable to attend church in the Pine Bluff vicinity. They will share the UMC Communion liturgy designed for homebound persons and offer the previously blessed elements. If you or someone you know are unable to attend church and desire for a congregational care minister to visit and bring Holy Communion, please let the church office know so that a congregational care minister may be in touch.

*Pastor Judy*

## What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

**Wednesday, June 1**  
Annual Conference in Hot Springs  
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

**Thursday, June 2**  
Annual Conference in Hot Springs

**Friday, June 3**  
Annual Conference in Hot Springs  
*Office closed*

**Saturday, June 4**  
Annual Conference in Hot Springs

**Sunday, June 5**  
8:30 Chapel Worship  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship  
4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

**Monday, June 6**

**Tuesday, June 7**

**Wednesday, June 8**  
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

**Thursday, June 9**  
1:15 Congregational Care

**Friday, June 10**  
*Office closed*

**Saturday, June 11**  
**Sunday, June 12**

8:30 Chapel Worship  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship  
11:30 Welcome Potluck for  
Project Transformation workers



**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!**

*Judge and Mrs. Robert Holden Wyatt, Jr.  
request the pleasure of your company  
at the marriage reception of their daughter*

*Burks Ann*

*and*

*Mr. Trace Coleman Davenport*

*Saturday, the eleventh of June*

*two thousand twenty-two*

*at six o'clock*

*Pine Bluff Country Club*

*Pine Bluff, Arkansas*



The Arkansas Annual Conference is scheduled for June 1st through 4th in Hot Springs.

### **The Church Picnic and Hymn Sing--Fun Times!**

Thank you to all who helped make the church picnic a success and to all who attended and enjoyed good food and made a joyful noise.



**We pray for the sick: Jimmy McBurnett**

**Grieving:**

**Sheridan Healthcare Rehab:** Don Massey

**Woodland Heights Senior Living:** Billie Doster

**Lakeside's Hispanic Ministry; Young People**

**around the world; Families in trouble; City Council members & Mayor; Students of all ages; Teachers, First Responders**

### **Gifts Have Been Received in Honor Of:**

George Mitchell by: Ross & Dr. Donna Rickels

Laura Richards Sandy Bobo and Ramona Harkins by Sharri and Bill Jones

### **Gifts Have Been Received in Memory Of:**

Bea Robey by: Ann & Dr. David Nixon, Ken & Carolyn Theis, Nancy Hammersla, Ramah High, A. R. Wilson, Bea Cheesman, The Messengers Sunday School Class, Toni Davis, Dohnae & Dean Sikes, Kim & Gary Oltmann, Fern Dillard and Jeanette Fonville, Liz & Cliff Matthews

Beth Rickels by: Cynthia & Don Puckett, Nancy Hammersla

### **Blessing Box Food Pantry**

We are serving the community every time someone pulls up to our blessing box to take some food items. Please be a part of this ministry. You may donate food to the Food Pantry in the church office or volunteer to fill the Blessing Box a time or two each month.



### **Tuna for Neighbor to Neighbor**



We need your help to restock our tuna cupboard so we are able to continue our donations each month. We are currently at a very low level of tuna. Can you help us? Please bring your tuna donations to the office or leave them by the 15th Street entrance. You are helping feed our community.



Sunday, May 29, 2022

8:30 Worship Service - did not meet

10:30 Worship Service - 37

9:15 Sunday School - did not meet

### **Our Weekly Service at Church**

**Sunday, June 5, 2022**

Guest Speaker: George Mitchell; Liturgist: Deborah Whitaker

Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; Children's Moments: Laura Richards

Sermon Title: Shaken by Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Flowers: The Luebker Family

Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

June 6 Brass Polishers: Ramona Harkins, Sandy Bobo & Susan Coles

June 6 Counters: Gerald Majors & Elaine Vaccaro

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 begins on June 6th. We are in need of volunteers to help cook meals for interns, read to children, assess children's reading level, greet parents the first couple of days, and drive the bus in the afternoons

(M-TH, 3:00-4:00 p.m.).

\*The dates available to cook meals for 11 Interns who will be teaching during Project Transformation are as follows, meals at to be dropped off at St. James UMC between 5:30-5:45 p.m.

**June's dates: 6th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 21st, 26th, 27th, 28th & 30th.**

**July's dates: 6th, 10th, 12th, 17th, 21st, 24th, 25th, & 26th.**

**\*\*Reading dates: June 13-16th, July 5-7th, July 18-21st, July 11-14th, July 18-21st. You must have a complete background check done.**

**\*\*\* Individual Reading: Volunteers needed throughout the duration of the program.**

Please check your calendars and let Geraldine know if you are able to take one or more dates.