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Lakeside United
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What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, June 21
8:30 Project Transformation
9:30 LAAF

Thursday, June 22
8:30 Project Transformation

Friday, June 23
Office closed

Saturday, June 24

Sunday, June 25
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday school
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

Monday, June 26
8:30 P.T

Tuesday, June 27
8:30 P.T

5:30 Leadership Board-Center

Wednesday, June 28

8:30 P.T
9:30 LAAF

Thursday, June 29

8:30 P.T
6:00-8:00 Family Fun Night

Friday, June 30

Office closed

Saturday, July 1
Sunday, July 2 One Service
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

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"When God introduced new languages at the tower of Babel, he made mankind forever vulnerable to communication difficulties and deficiencies. And without communication, misunderstanding is probable and community is impossible." (from Diary of God by Ron Rose)

"What do you do in Mi Casa?" is a very commonly asked question. After 26 years of Mi Casa having its doors open, the response most commonly heard is "A little bit of everything". When you are networking, this isn't a very good response, therefore, I asked the person who started this mission. In 1997, Alicia Frye started this organization after helping a mother and her three daughters adjust to new obstacles that had presented themselves in their new lives. Her response to this question is, "Close your eyes and imagine one day in your life with its challenges looming, its responsibilities crying for attention. Now multiply that times 365. That is what we do!"

This is a more explicable way to help the curious know what we do at Mi Casa, for we are a window through which both the person in need of understanding the English being spoken to him or her and the person speaking can be assured that they are being understood and they can all have true communication. Mi Casa Hispanic Ministry is a ministry that advocates for and provides the Latino/Hispanic community every possible service they need to ensure they understand and succeed in adjusting to their life here in the U.S.

Mi Casa had a very eventful past week filled with phone calls to parents, handing out crayons, Play-Doh, and fruit snacks. As you may know, Project Transformation started on June 5th. A few of the ways we are serving PT are by providing translations, constant communication for both parents and their children, transportation, and offering friendly faces that some of the children recognize from Midweek Manna. We've even provided a space in our office for a couple of the children who needed a small break before returning to their group. In the office they've been able to color a picture, play with Play-Doh, and enjoy a fruit snack pouch while they take a break to gain a new perspective before rejoining their daily activities. One of the highlights this week was when one of the younger children saw me as I was leaving Fellowship Hall, "Wait, wait!" he yelled out. Once he reached me, he gave me a cheeky smile with a thumbs up and said "I've been good. Everything is okay." I watched him run back to his group after sending him off with a high five. The warmth that is felt in moments like those is refreshing, to say the least. We are not certified teachers or therapists, but it doesn't mean we turn away the tiny humans who walk through our doors. For them we are simply friendly faces that understand them in their native language, in their second and perhaps preferred language, and in the confusion and jumble of both languages put together.

As you may or may not be aware, the Hispanic Community has been a little on edge lately; news of laws that are being set that have not reached us yet, but create panic and fear into most if not all families. The last time a similar scenario occurred was about 7 years ago. Mi Casa was one of the only resources families had and one of the very few places Hispanics felt that they could trust. Letters of Travel, Letters of Guardianship, and many different types of documentations such as Dual Citizenship Applications had to be created or filled out. Many families made plans for their children "just in case", the hard conversations parents had to have with only their oldest in order to prevent panic in the rest of their children. The overwhelming fear that many families endured quietly at the time is little by little coming back again. For those families, we are faces of normalcy, support, and reassurance during times like these.

Yes, first we are translators, but we traverse a field that is so much more than that. We are a fountain of knowledge and information for those who have little or none. We are what our community needs us to be, translators with compassion, but most importantly we are a bridge between two different worlds.

Vanessa Hernandez-Valdez
Director, Mi Casa Hispanic Ministry of Lakeside UMC

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 2023

Can you believe that we are going into our 3rd week of Project Transformation? Thank you to all of our volunteers, staff and supporters. Things are going great and the kids are having a great time. We still have opportunities for reading volunteers, meals, hosts for Thursday's Coffee and Doughnuts, as well as Family Fun Night.



Scenes from last week: literacy class, TAG (talking about God), and reading one-on-one with Bishop Laura Merrill.

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.

Set-up will start at 4:30. If you are donating baked items, they can be dropped off on Thursday before 5:00p.m.

Mark Your Calendars

4th of July Weekend Worship

We will have one worship service at 10:30 am on July 2nd in the sanctuary. Don't forget to wear your red, white and blue!

July 16th Potluck and Town hall Meeting

Bring your favorite dish for one of our world-famous Lakeside potlucks to welcome back Pastor Judy on July 16th after the 10:30am worship service. The potluck will conclude with a town hall meeting, so bring your comments and questions as we hear about the decisions for Lakeside's future from the Leadership Board.



We pray for the sick:

Erica Best, Katie Watson, Elizabeth Sadler, Christie Paschal Barron, Mary Catherine Kyle, LaRon Braswell, Connie Smith, Barbara Tracy, Robin Wynne, Jane Nixon, and Dianne Robinson.



Sunday, June 18, 2023

8:30 Chapel Worship -10

9:15 Sunday School -20

10:30 Worship - 76

Online Worship -12

Our Weekly Service at Church

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Guest Preacher: George Mitchell **Liturgist:** Rev. Judy Rudd

Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox

Scripture: Romans 6:1-11

Sermon Title: Who is Your Master?

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

June 26 Brass Polishers: Shelby and Pete Stone

June 26 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

Memorials

A memorial was recently given in memory of Dr. Clyde Tracy by Dr. and Mrs. John Crenshaw

Helping our Neighbors

Laura Richards, Gerald Majors, Pete Stone, Linda LaClair, Jesse Martinez, Deborah Whitaker and Pastor Judy helped Lakeside's neighbor, Isaac Peters, remove the large items from his apartment last Friday after vagrants left it unlivable. Isaac still has a lot of work to do removing the trash and cleaning the apartment before it will be ready for him to move in. If you have household items you want to donate to help Isaac furnish his apartment in a few weeks, please call Laura Richards at 870-540-6526. Laura is coordinating the donations to make sure we don't duplicate items. Please **do not** bring items to the church at this time. We do not have any place to store them. Thank you for loving Christ through loving our neighbor, Isaac.



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.

Coffee with the Pastor

Grab a snack and get comfy without having to leave your house as you join in a weekly discussion with Pastor Judy and others on zoom. <http://www.tinyurl.com/wedcoffee>
Wednesdays at 3:00p.m

Latest Sunday School News

Discovery Class: *Why?* book study. Discussion this Sunday will begin on pg. 62. It's never too late to join.

Wesley Class: Join us this Sunday at 9:15a.m. This week's discussion: Showing God our hearts of gratitude. All are welcome.