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Sandy Bobo, Jennifer Fox and I attended the 2023 Arkansas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. For those who are unaware, It is the annual business meeting of the lay and clergy members of the United Methodist Church in Arkansas. Annual Conference was a celebration again this year! We learned about amazing ministries around the state, connected with faithful Methodists we had not seen in a while, worshipped together and celebrated the movement of the Holy Spirit in our churches, districts and conference over the last year.

Below, Sandy and Jennifer offer their perspectives of Annual Conference this year. While I could celebrate many things about Annual Conference, I want to lift one in particular. Hope for the future of the United Methodist Church was personified on Thursday evening as the saints celebrated three persons ordained and seven people commissioned as deacons and elders in the Arkansas United Methodist Church. Our preacher challenged each of us to say “yes” to God and the invitations of the Holy Spirit as we move into a new chapter in Arkansas Methodism. May we each say “yes” to God’s invitations to grow and make disciples of Jesus Christ!

Pastor Judy

It was my privilege to attend the 2023 ARUMC Annual Conference in Hot Springs. We gathered around the table with hope as we looked to the future of The United Methodist Church.

Highlights of the conference for me were the communion service, the Bishop’s Episcopal Address and the sermon of Remembrance by Rev. Dede Roberts. All of these are available at www.arumc.org. Thank you for letting me represent Lakeside UMC.

Sandy Bobo

I’ve been asked by quite a few people, “How was Annual Conference?” I can genuinely say that it was “good.” Perhaps that’s not really describing it accurately, because we all know how hard the past few Annual Conferences have been. I went this year as a District Lay Equalization member representing the Southeast District. That’s a big way of saying that they needed more lay representation to equal out clergy members.

I was able to see old faces and made some new connections. We were able to hear about and share with others our congregations’ ministry accomplishments, some failures, but also plans and hopes for the future. Just about every church has a feeding and/or literacy ministry. That tells me that the need is great throughout the state but that United Methodists are willing and able to tackle such problems head on.

It’s always a blessing to hear reports from the different committees and ministries that the Arkansas Conference supports. Throw in some glorious music and praise, healing prayers, and a body of believers that are strong in their faith, you end up with an Annual Conference that was renewing. Since the theme this year was “Gather at the Table”, I think we all came away “full.”

Yes, there are challenges ahead, but nothing that can’t be overcome with the grace and healing power of God.

Jennifer

What’s Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, June 28
8:30 Project Transformation
9:30 LAAF

Thursday, June 29
8:30 Project Transformation
4:30 set-up for Fun Night
6-8:00 Family Fun Night

Friday, June 30
Office closed

Saturday, July 1

Sunday, July 2 One Service
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
3:30 Ana Lopez Baby Shower
4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

Monday, July 3
8:30 P.T

Tuesday, July 4
Independence Day
Office is closed

Wednesday, July 5
8:30 P.T
9:30 LAAF
10:30 Staff Mtg.

Thursday, July 6
8:30 P.T

3:00 Missions Mtg

Friday, July 7

Office closed
Saturday, July 8
8:00 Men’s Breakfast

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

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 Family Fun Night
Thursday, June 29 6-8pm at Lakeside**

We're so excited to see our P.T families. If you would like to help...

Set-up will start at 4:30.

If you are donating items for the cake walk, home made or store bought cakes or individually wrapped snack cakes, they can be dropped off on Thursday before 5:00p.m.

The Information below was shared by The Arkansas United Methodist Conference

Statements on Legal Cases: Jonesboro and Searcy

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 23, 2023 – In a ruling announced from the bench in Jonesboro, Arkansas, on the afternoon of June 22, 2023, Judge Gary Arnold stated that he intends to enter an Order directing the issuance of a Writ of Possession to place into the possession of Arkansas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc. by August 1, 2023, the numerous properties in downtown Jonesboro, Arkansas, formerly owned by First United Methodist Church of Jonesboro, Arkansas and presently occupied by a group that departed from The United Methodist Church. This ruling covers the multiple square block campus formerly owned by First United Methodist Church of Jonesboro, Arkansas, including the nearly 100-year-old sanctuary, education building, Wesley Hall, youth building, and several parking lots.

“We are pleased with the Court’s ruling, and we look forward to immediately restoring the use of these properties for the benefit of all members of The United Methodist Church denomination, including the hundreds of faithful members of First United Methodist Church of Jonesboro,” said Rev. Dr. Ruben “Tony” Griffin, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Annual Conference. “Arkansas Annual Conference recognizes the contributions to the Jonesboro community provided by the daycare historically operated from the downtown properties and we have every intention of continuing that daycare operation,” added Griffin.

Earlier in the year, Judge Arnold denied a request made by the departed group for an injunction against Arkansas Annual Conference. In denying the injunction request, the Court ruled that the departed group did not have a likelihood of succeeding on the merits of its lawsuit it filed against Arkansas Annual Conference seeking to quiet title in the departed group of the numerous properties formerly owned by First United Methodist Church of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Searcy Litigation Update

We are pleased to announce that today, papers have been filed in Court in White County by the Petitioner that brought the lawsuit against the Annual Conference earlier this year related to the property of First United Methodist Church, Searcy, Arkansas. These court papers seek to dismiss with prejudice the lawsuit that was filed against the Annual Conference.



We pray for the sick:

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

We pray for the grieving:

The Janie McNulty Family
The Robin Wynne 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.

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

Mark Your July 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

Altar Flowers

There are multiple dates available to provide altar flowers.
July 30, Aug. 20, Sept. 10, 17
Oct. 1, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26
Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31

Please contact the office to reserve your date or if you have any questions.

Baby Shower for Ana Lope

Sunday, July 2 3:30p.m in the Center



You're invited to celebrate with Ana as she prepares for her new bundle of joy.



Sunday, June 25, 2023

8:30 Chapel Worship -14
9:15 Sunday School -27
10:30 Worship - 79
Online Worship -10

**Our Weekly Service at Church
Sunday, July 2, 2023**

Senior Pastor: Rev. Judy Rudd **Liturgist:** Deborah Whitaker
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox
Scripture: Exodus 3:13-15; 6:2-3
Sermon Title: Names We Call God
Sermon Series: What's in a Name?
Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

July 3 Brass Polishers: Dixie Webb and Donna Rickels

July 3 Counters: Ramona Harkins and Ellen Wyatt

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

Important Missions Team Dates

July 6 3:00p.m Planning Meeting in the library

August 3-4 Food Distribution

August 5 Back to School Bash ?



Be watching for details in the coming weeks.



Latest Sunday School News

(No Sunday School July 2)

July 9, 2023 at 9:15a.m

Discovery Class: *Why?* book study. Discussion will begin on pg. 72. It's never too late to join.

Wesley Class: Join us July 9th at 9:15a.m. This week's discussion: Like Mama said, " Watch your tongue." All are welcome.

July 2023 Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 One Service 10:30 Sanctuary 3:30 Ana Lopez Shower/ Center 4:00 Trinity Village	3 8:30 Project Trans.	4 4th of July Office is closed	5 8:30 Project Trans. 9:30 LAAF 10:30 Staff Mtg 3:00 Coffee w/Pastor	6 8:30 Project Trans. 3:00 Missions Mtg	7 Office is closed	8 8:00 Men's breakfast
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July Birthdays

2 Delfina Rios	16 Liam Alfaro
4 Rene Leus	18 Laura Richards
6 Charlotte Corkins	20 Melissa Young
Michelle Martinez	23 Ana Martinez
8 Maricela Alfaro Gil	24 Lukas Alfaro
10 Erica Best	Trace Davenport
Bill Bobo	25 Bulmaro Antonio
Victoria Nuci	Sandy Bobo
11 Rob Doster	Jake Morgan
Laura Hilgefurd	David Nixon
12 Fred Reed	26 Clyde Campbell
Brayson Smallwood	Cookie Quinn
13 Susan Brown	28 Marlee Coyle
Casey Matthews	Rebecca Phillips
14 Angel Alcantar	29 Burks Ann Davenport
Ross Rickels	30 Isahi Aleman
15 Olivia Baker	Barry Bates
Mattie Hood	
Kelly Nodurfth	

July Wedding Anniversaries

	Day	# of Years
Justin and Ginny Taylor	2	7
Greg and Mary Margaret Fox	4	14
Joe and Susan Coles	12	37
Harrison and Beth Anne Reed	15	17
Joe and Carol Luebker	27	49
Michael and Camille Bifford	28	6

July 2023 Prayer List

We pray for the sick: Elizabeth Sadler, Mary Catherine Kyle, Ashley and unborn child, Ericka Best, Katie Watson, Sandy Bobo, Roy Whitaker, Dianne Robinson, LaRon Braswell, Jane Nixon, and Barbara Tracy.

Other: Drew Tanner and Eric Schellhorn

We pray for the grieving: The Robin Wynne Family
The Janie McNulty Family
The Douglas Ray Mitchell Family

Continued prayers for the following:

Shelby Alfaro	Katie Farkes	Tom Roop
Glenn Babb	Matt Hart	Marilyn Rouse
Kelly Baker & family	Martin Huber	Ralph Rouse
John Baltzell	Carol Ivy	Gene Russ
Robert Baltzell	Sissy Jones	Diana Schwanhausser
Christie Barron	Connie Kitchens	Tina Shepard
Helen Bates	Brian Langley	Russ Shorts
Donna Barnett	Colby Lee	Janice Smithy
Rebecca Bissing	Nancy Martinez	John Smithy
Lee Blankenship	Jimmy McBurnett	Kathy Tanner
Luther Bridgers	Danny McCauley	Steven Taylor
Stephen Browning	Bubba Milam	Johnny Villareal
Bobbie Bullock	Vaire Mitchell	JoAnn White
Mary E. Calhoun	Logan Mondragon	Dawson Whiteside
Alvaro A. Cano	Jerry Newton	Connie Smith
Lynn Connor	Barbara Pearson	
Whitney Crutchfield	Annetta Richter	
Janene Davis	Philandes (Pete) Robin-	
Dick Deviney	son	
Mindy Everetts	Brandon Rhoden Tom	