

Lakeside
870-534-6241
lakesidepb@arumc.org
Mi Casa
870-850-0142

Reverend Judy Rudd
Senior Pastor
501-607-0889
judy.rudd@arumc.org

Jennifer Fox
Administrative Assistant
lakesidepb@arumc.org
870-489-0790

Children & Family Minister
jenniferfox57@yahoo.com

Rebecca Phillips, Coordinator
of Congregational Ministries
rebeccalumc@gmail.com

Carolyn Hamilton, Church
Treasurer
lumcfinance@outlook.com

Vanessa Hernandez-Valdez,
Mi Casa Hispanic Ministry
Director
micasa.hispanicministry@gmail.com
870-850-0142

Ann Tibbs, Director of Music

Kimberly Mercado Brown,
Nursery

Edith Valdez Castro &
Ernestina Beltran, Custodians

Humberto Solis, Security



If you are a Facebook
user, like us at [https://](https://www.facebook.com/LakesidePB/)
[www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/LakesidePB/)
[LakesidePB/](https://www.facebook.com/LakesidePB/)

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

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, June 7
8:30 Project Transformation
9:30 LAAF
10:00 Staff Mtg .
Thursday, June 8
8:30 Project Transformation
Friday, June 9
Office closed
Saturday, June 10
8:00 Men's breakfast
Sunday, June 11
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday school
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

Monday, June 12
8:30 Project Transformation
Tuesday, June 13
8:30 P.T
Wednesday, June 14
8:30 P.T
9:30 LAAF
Thursday, June 15
8:30 P.T
Friday, June 16
Office closed
Saturday, June 17
Sunday, June 18
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

The Lakeside Messenger

Lakeside United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601
Volume MMXXII, Issue 22, June 7, 2023



Recently, I overheard a conversation about the UMC. People were expressing their emotion-tinged opinions about the people and the churches disaffiliating. I chimed in with a snarky remark and turned to leave. Then I remembered the passage from Acts when Peter and the apostles were arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin for proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. A respected Pharisee on the Council, Gamaliel, cautioned the assembly. ³⁸ . . . *I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them—in that case you may even be found fighting against God!*" (Acts 5:38-39) I turned back to the group and said, "If this is what people need, then God bless them and their ministries."

Fighting against God? Ouch! It has been difficult to imagine that the harm that has resulted from this disaffiliation process is from God, but if the ultimate result is a new denomination where people grow in Christ and serve and love as Christ commanded, do we really want to continue harboring resentment and animosity against God's work? Jesus told us "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. (Matt. 5:44) That sounds just like Jesus, doesn't it? We are having a hard time with someone or something that has caused us pain and suffering, and Jesus wants us to respond with love and prayer. Such a tall order!

But what if we are obedient to Jesus' commandments to love and pray? What happens? Will anything change? Will Jesus restore the churches and relationships that have been damaged and destroyed? Will Jesus reunite the United Methodist Church and restore it to its former glory? Will Jesus heal the wounds and broken hearts that people are bearing because of this process? The answer is yes, but not in the way that we might expect or desire. God answers our prayers with "yes," "no," and "not yet." As people who live in an instant gratification world, "no" and "not yet" are not what we want to hear from God. Often, we pray with a specific outcome in mind. Rarely do we take the time to sincerely and earnestly pray, "thy will be done." But that is exactly how Jesus taught us to pray. So why pray?

We pray because Jesus taught us to pray. We pray because we desire a closer and more intimate relationship with Jesus. We pray because prayer changes things – mostly ourselves. I recently ran across a quote from John Wesley's journal about prayer that was a good reminder of why we pray. "The end of your praying is not to inform God, as though he knew of your wants already; but rather to inform yourselves; to fix the sense of those wants more deeply in your hearts, and the sense of your continued dependence on Him who is only able to supply all your wants. It is not so much to move God who is always more ready to give than you to ask, as to move yourselves, that you may be willing and ready to receive the good things he has prepared for you." Yes, prayer is to change the pray-er: you and me. It is to recognize God's goodness in the world. Let us give ourselves to prayer in this time of transition so that we will be able to discern and embrace the movements of the Holy Spirit for the people of God called Lakeside UMC moving forward.

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.

Walking the Mourner's Path Facilitator's Training

June 15-16 @Pulaski Heights UMC with a 2 hour Zoom meeting the week before.

Walking the Mourner's Path is a grief group that was founded out of the need to answer the question, "Where is God in my pain?" Learn how to facilitate these 8-week session grief groups to help your congregation. Lay people and clergy will be trained in each of the workshops.

The Training includes:

- Effective listening and facilitating skills
 - How to minister to the grieving
 - Exploring grief in culture, faith, and families
 - About each of the eight workshops and how to implement them in a faith community
 - Hands-on experience of facilitating a workshop
- Sign-up [PHUMC.COM/MOURNERS-PATH](https://www.phumc.com/mourners-path)
Or call 501-664-3600

All of us experience grief at different times in our lives. Often, we recall a person who walked beside us during our times of loss. Caring and loving support in times of mourning can make all the difference. If you or someone you know would like to be that person for others, you are encouraged to participate in the Walk the Mourner's Path training with Pastor Judy.

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.

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

A supply list is available in the office.



We pray for the sick:

Erica Best, Katie Watson, Glenn Babb, Elizabeth Sadler, Mary Catherine Kyle, Sandy Bobo, Dianne Robinson, LaRon Braswell, Ken Theis,

We pray for the grieving:

Halie Ramirez Family

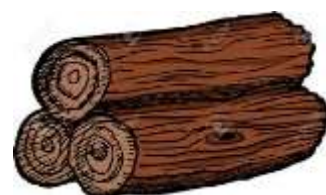
Sheridan Healthcare Rehab: Don Massey **Woodland Heights Senior Living:** Billie Doster ;**Woodland Heights Memory Care:** Wannie Pope; **Lakeside's Hispanic Ministry; Young People around the world; Families in trouble; City Council members & Mayor; Students of all ages; Teachers, First Responders.**

Memorials

Memorials were recently given in memory of Dr. Clyde Tracy by Ricky and Leslie Beatty, Marlyn Blackwell, Dan and Barbara Chambliss, Charles (Buzz) and Christine Rankin, and Suzanne Hulse.

Project Transformation 2023 Interns

(l. to r.) Brianna Marshall, McKenzie Allmond, Kaliyah Robinson, Plum Harris, Taelon Smith, Jake Muse, and Rev. Tamira Valley-Program Director.



Special Thank You.....

Thank you to Robert Weaver of Weaver's Tree Service for getting rid of the logs that were donated to the church parking lot.



Sunday, June 4, 2023

8:30 Chapel Worship -13
9:15 Sunday School -29
10:30 Worship - 115
Online Worship -13

Our Weekly Service at Church

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Laura Richards
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox
Scripture: Ruth 1:19-22

Sermon Title: Names We Give Ourselves

Sermon Series: What's in a Name?

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

June 12 Brass Polishers: Bobby and Sharon Wyatt

June 12 Counters: Shelby Stone 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



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 games, grilling, decorating, and being a part of the fun!



Latest Sunday School News

Discovery Class: *Why?* book study. Discussion this Sunday will begin on pg. 48. It's never too late to join.

Wesley Class: Join us this Sunday at 9:15a.m. We'll be considering help for the struggles of life. All are welcome.