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Paul writes to the Ephesians, “*I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.*” Ephesians 4:1-6

As Paul traveled planting churches throughout the Mediterranean and beyond, he encountered nay-sayers, antagonists, dissenters, enemies and persecutors. The Gospel message of Jesus’ witness, crucifixion for sins and resurrection was radical news in the first century. (It is still radical news today!) Paul’s epistles are full of apologetics, or systematic arguments defending and explaining the divine origin of Christianity. As churches were planted and church members became family, they encountered difficulties and differences of opinion. Many of Paul’s letters either gently or emphatically teach these new families what it means to be a Christian family.

The passage above is one such passage. Paul was reminding the Ephesians of their calling as followers of Jesus Christ. He is reminding them, in so many words, to love God and love one another as Jesus loved them. He is impressing upon them that as people who are called to follow Jesus, there is one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God and Father of all who binds us all together. Cherishing our unity in the bond of peace is vitally important as we move through the next few months.

You may have heard that the 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC) was postponed from September of 2022 until 2024 because delegates from other countries were unable to obtain travel visas to the United States this year with the lingering Covid concerns. The newly formed Global Methodist Church (GMC) immediately announced its launch of an alternative Methodist denomination on May 1st. Since General Conference is the only body that can make decisions for the UMC, no plan or parameters for division can be made by the UMC until 2024. In the meantime, individual churches and perhaps conferences will decide if they will disaffiliate from the UMC and join the GMC.

So, what does this mean for Lakeside and the other churches in the Arkansas Conference? What does it mean for the individual members within each of these churches? The short answer is: we don’t know. Bishop Mueller is holding informational meetings in March for clergy and laity leaders to give guidance and assurance to the churches in the Arkansas Conference.

Let us remember Paul’s words to the Ephesians: one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God and father of all who is with us. Please remember to pray every day for the pastors, laity leaders, and churches of the Arkansas Conference and the United Methodist Church as we seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance and direction moving forward.

Pastor Judy

What’s Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 16

3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
Mid Week Manna
5:30 Meal
6:00 Tutoring

Thursday, March 17

Friday, March 18
Office closed

Saturday, March 19

Sunday, March 20
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
Baptism of Charlotte Hull

Monday, March 21

5:30 Leadership Board meets

Tuesday, March 22

Wednesday, March 23

1:00 Trinity Village Board of Directors meet in Fellowship Hall
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
Mid Week Manna
5:30 Meal
6:00 Tutoring

Thursday, March 24

Friday, March 25
Office closed

Saturday, March 26

Sunday, March 27
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!



When I get the Sunday bulletin I enjoy seeing the “In honor of...”, “In memory of...”, “In celebration of...”, and other notes regarding the gift of the altar flowers. It is a shared confirmation of the love and caring of the Lakeside family.

I am a little disappointed though when the note is “The flowers are given to the glory of God” which tells me the Church had to use the silk altar flowers because no one had offered to provide flowers that Sunday.

There are still a number of dates open for altar flowers. Please take the opportunity to share your love and your memories with your Lakeside family. Call the church office (534-6241) and select a date for your altar flowers.

Terry Wynne



Advancing Health Literacy Spring Health Fair

Free health screenings and medical information. COVID-19 vaccines are also available for all ages. Everyone who receives a 1st, 2nd or booster dose will receive a \$25.00 gift card. March 24, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. at the Pine Bluff Convention Center.



March 20 - Baptism of Charlotte Ann Hull during the 10:30 service.

March 23 - Order forms for Easter Lily in Newsletter & Bulletin.

April 10 - Palm Sunday.

April 14 - 5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday service at First UMC.

April 15 - 5:30 p.m. Good Friday service at Lakeside UMC.

April 17 - 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Good Faith Carr.



Just Born!

Alvaro (Chevy) Alfaro and Noel Cooper announced the birth of a daughter. Hadley Renee Alfaro was born March 14, 2022 weighing 8 lb, 4oz at Baptist Health in Little Rock. Hadley Renee joins big brothers Lukas and Liam. Welcome to the world Hadley!



We pray for the sick: Beth Rickels
Nancy Hammersla

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



Mi Casa Hispanic Ministry

Our Wednesday night activities got off to a good start this past week with an attendance of 23.

Midweek Manna begins at 5:30 with a meal served and then classes beginning at 6:00.

We continue to ask you to consider volunteering to be a tutor to help children learn. Currently we have four volunteers, but a one-to-one experience is the most effective.



Our call was answered; 12 volunteers came to help prep last Wednesday and 10 showed up for the food distribution on Thursday. Together we prepared and handed out 50 units (boxes or bags) of food, totaling only \$27.69 per unit, and yet they received items from most of the food groups like fresh meat and milk. Our neighbors in the community are looking to Lakeside for resources to help bring food to their table during these hard times. We are changing the lives of those in need through our feeding ministries, so, please, continue participating in our distributions. We have all sorts of jobs to accomplish ranging from super easy to hard (lifting). Keep us in your prayers so that we continue serving our neighbors in the name of Jesus through this wonderful ministry.

****We are in need of medium-sized boxes, approximately 18x12x11, but no more than 20 inches deep, to use for packing food items for our food distribution. Please, give Mi Casa a call if you come across some of these sturdy, useful, empty boxes.**

Easter is one of our ministries most expected by children. We have already begun to collect the plastic fillable eggs and the individually wrapped candy for our Lakeside Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt, on Saturday, April 9th at noon. You may bring your contributions by the church office and leave them in baskets in the lobby, and **Thank you from all of us!**



Mi Casa



Wednesday, March 9, 2022 - 23

Sunday, March 13, 2022
8:30 Worship Service - 14
10:30 Worship Service - 51
9:00 Sunday School - 24

Our Weekly Service at Church Sunday, March 20, 2022

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; Liturgist: Tommy Brown

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

Sermon Title: "If It Bears Fruit"; Scripture: Luke 13:1-9

Sermon Series: Gathered Up in Jesus

Flowers: The Fred Reed Family

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

March 21 Brass Polishers: Penny Whitener and Susan Brown

March 21 Counters: Shelby Stone and Laura Richards

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<https://www.facebook.com/LakesidePB/live/>

Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website

www.lakesidepb.org

The Lakeside Story Continues

Do you know;

Who donated the land for the site of Lakeside church?

What was the most outstanding feature of the present sanctuary when it was built?

Answers to last week's questions:

When was the first sanctuary built? Answer: 1889

When was the current sanctuary built? Answer: 1912

Watch next week for answers and more!

Psalm 122:1 *I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the LORD.*