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

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 12

9:30 LAAF
12:00 N2N
1:00 Lenten Study
3:00 Zoom F & F
4:00 Mid-Week Manna
6:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, Mar. 13

Friday, Mar. 14

Office closed

Saturday, March 15

8:00 Men's Breakfast
Sunday, Mar. 16
8:30 Chapel Worship
8:45 Handbells
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
11:30 Town Hall Mtg. and Potluck

Monday, Mar. 17

Tuesday, Mar. 18

1:30 DAR

Wednesday, Mar. 19

9:30 LAAF
1:00 Lenten Study
3:00 Zoom F & F
4:00 Mid-Week Manna
6:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, Mar. 20

5:30 Leadership Board Mtg.

Friday, Mar. 21

Office closed

Saturday, Mar. 22

Sunday, Mar. 23

8:30 Chapel Worship
8:45 Handbells
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

The Lakeside Messenger

Lakeside United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601

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The patriarchs, prophets, Jesus and apostles tell us to fear. “Fear not” and “do not be afraid” are recurring messages in the Bible. Since fear is a natural reaction to danger, I wonder why God reminds us so many times not to fear!

Some experiences of fear like when an oncoming car crosses the center line or a ferocious dog approaches our children evokes a healthy fight, flight or freeze response. God gave us instincts to react in a way that helps to ensure our preservation. However, there are other types of nagging fears and worries when we face prolonged change or hardship that act like an illness eating away at our joy, our faith, our perception and our overall well-being. This is the kind of fear that God warns us not to invite in our lives and entertain.

Refusing to entertain fear and let it take up residence in our lives requires us to choose faith in God’s love and grace. The prophet Isaiah comforts us with God’s assurances, “do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10) God promises to help us choose God’s love and grace!

One of my favorite verses about fear is found in the fourth chapter of the first of John’s letters to the churches in Asia Minor. He is cautioning the church to test the spirits to make sure they are from God. He explains that God is love and everyone who abides in love abides in God. Then John makes the connection between fear and love. “There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.” (1 John 4:18a, 21)

Lakeside family and friends, we have many of our Hispanic neighbors who are living in fear of being arrested and separated from their children and families. Some fear that this may happen in our church. Our love and support can help relieve some of the fears that our families are living with every day.

Your Leadership Board is considering an ICE protocol for our church to ensure the safety and protection of the rights of all our Hispanic ministries. This protocol will be presented this Sunday at the Town Hall meeting for your consideration. May God guide us in the best way to love our neighbors and cast our fear.

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!

Missions /One More Question Meeting

Tuesday, March 18th at 5:30pm.

Please mark your calendar to attend this meeting if you are currently serving on the Missions team, if you would like to start serving on the Mission team or if you have attended any of the One More Question meetings.



Partners in Transformation Dinner

aka PT Arkansas

Thursday, March 27, 2025 from 6:00-7:00pm
Lakeside United Methodist Church
1500 S. Olive, Pine Bluff

Join Project Transformation Arkansas for a one-hour fundraising dinner to share our mission and impact, while inspiring people to support our work.

You'll hear from supporters who will share their stories of transformation. Enjoy a meal, entertainment, and fellowship all while supporting a great cause.

Contact Rev. Sam Meadors to reserve your table or spot.
501-650-0565 or email smeadors@ptarkansas.org.
Tickets are \$20.00 and may also be purchased in the office.

Know Your Rights Training, April 1

Pulaski Heights UMC is hosting a Know Your Rights training on Tuesday, April 1st from 10-11 a.m. in-person (Wesley Hall) and via Zoom. Registration can be found at phumc.com/kyr, or by calling the church office at [501-664-3600](tel:501-664-3600).

This training will be for volunteers who have ministries (food pantries, etc.) on their property that reach immigrant communities. They'll receive tools and guidance for making sure that immigrants feel safe when coming to their buildings for care as well as what church volunteers can and should do if Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shows up at their churches. They'll also learn about ways to support and advocate for immigrants in their community.

Registration is required and will remain open until Sunday, March 30. Any questions can be directed to Rev. Katy Chambers

Help Wanted!

Do you know of anyone looking to work a few hours a week?
A nursery attendant is needed.
Call the office for more information.

Upcoming Food Distributions

April 2-3 and May 7-8.
Call Sandy Bobo at 870-540-7099 to volunteer and for more information.



We pray for the sick: Frances Smith, Dave Richards, Valerie Morgan, John Ed Ray, and Mike Boyd.

Please pray for those that are sick with the flu and covid.

Pray for the congregation of St. Paul UMC, Malvern

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

March 16th Town Hall Meeting and Potluck

Following the 10:30 service, plan on staying for lunch and the quarterly town hall meeting where updates and future plans will be shared.

Bring your favorite side-dish and/or dessert.

There is always plenty to eat so make plans to stay for lunch.



Ash Wednesday Service

Thank you to those that helped lead during our Ash Wednesday services and for all of you who came to experience a service of reflection and preparation for the beginning of Lent.

New Directories

Updated directories will be made soon. If any changes have been made in the past year such as telephone or email, please let the office know. Deadline is March 14th.

Altar Flowers

Don't forget to reserve your Sunday. Providing the altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor or celebrate a loved one or a special occasion. Please call the office to reserve.



Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:30 Worship - 16
Sunday School - 46
10:30 Worship - 79
Online Worship - 24
Ash Wednesday (2 services) - 100

Our Weekly Service at Church March 16, 2025

Sermon: Rev. Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Rev. Sam Meadors
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox
Scripture: Matthew 5:1-2; 7:28-29
Sermon Title: Words of Life
Sermon Series: Our Family Tree: Jesus ~ The Way, The Truth, The Life

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

March 17 Brass Polishers: Ann and Laura Nixon
March 17 Counters: Linda LaClair and Mike Frye

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live and You tube. Join us online for worship at:

www.facebook.com/lakesidepb
www.youtube.com/@lumc_pinebluff

Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website
www.lakesidepb.org

Latest Sunday School News March 16, 2025 9:15am.

Discovery Class: Discussion will begin on pg.101 of Robert Schuller's The Be (Happy) Attitudes.

Wesley Class: This week's discussion- From Grief to Joy.

Open Door Class: is studying Matt Rawle's book, The Faith of a Mockingbird. Led by Sam Meadors, this class meets in the Youth area on the 3rd floor.

Children's Class: Come learn more about God and the Bible with Miss Jennifer
Nursery/Preschool:

Missions News

Items needed for ongoing ministries

Broadmoor Backpack Ministry: cans of ravioli, spaghetti-os, boxes of Mac & Cheese.

Neighbor to Neighbor: tuna; **Blessing Box:** non-perishable items

Trinity Village: Personal hygiene items

Opportunity House: Personal hygiene items, socks, towels.
Items may be placed in the baskets by the elevator or brought to the office.



New Prayer Request Policy

"My house will be known as a house of prayer for all peoples, says the Lord God." Isaiah 56:7

Prayer is the foundation for a Christ-centered, healthy and vital church. Prayers for:

- 1) Grief and birth notices will be included for 2 weeks;
- 2) Chronic conditions will be rotated off after 6 months if not renewed
- 3) All other requests will rotate off after 30 days if not renewed.

Everyone is encouraged to keep his/her prayer requests updated. Names will rotate off unless a request to continue is received in the office either by email- lakesidepb@arumc.org or a phone call 534-6241.

Immediate/Pressing Concerns: Frances Smith, Dave Richards, Valerie Morgan, John Ed Ray, and Mike Boyd.

Community Focus: This week, we pray for Sequoyah United Methodist Church.

Pray for the congregation of St. Paul UMC, Malvern

Ongoing Prayer Concerns March 12, 2025

Glenn Babb (6/12/24)
Christie Barron (6/12/24)
Carol Burckhalter (6/12/24)
Lynda Pickler (6/12/24)
Violet Ross (6/12/24)
Logan Mondragon (6/19/24)
Caroline Coles (7/17/24)
Nathan Baltzell (6/27/24)
Buddy Cheshier (9/15/24)
Martin Huber (9/15/24)
Jerry Newton (9/15/24)
Laura Sparks (9/15/24)
Jerry Ingram (12/4/24)
Kashimi Elkins (12/24)
Betty Coles (12/24)

Josefina Alfaro Esquivel (1/25)
Jean Hudson (3/25)
Dianne Robinson (3/25)
Earle Phillips (3/25)
**Homebound &
Assisted Living**
Carolyn Theis
Ken Theis
Mary Catherine Kyle
Dilcy Glien
Billie Doster
Bob Castleberry
Marilyn Rouse
Ralph Rouse
Bill Wilcox