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Recently during a discussion in a Church COHORT group (with whom I meet regularly through Zoom), I shared my personal experience as a student in Lakeside's Tutoring Program. I was very pleased to hear that my story is the type of story that many sister churches are hoping to tell as a result of their literacy programs. This led me to stop and reflect on the true impact of our church's literacy program in my life. I was further pleased and flattered when someone in the zoom group seemed particularly interested in my story. Days later, much to my surprise, I received an email asking if I would allow the Communications Team from the Arkansas Conference Office to video an interview with me that would be shared at this summer's Arkansas Conference in Hot Springs! Needless to say, I was honored to accept. Although this is my testament it is not about me, it is about the fabulous God-driven work that is being done right here in our own church. To my knowledge, in previous years, the time allotted to churches to promote their programs on the Conference floor was limited to one or two programs. This is indeed a privilege to represent Lakeside in this way.

As a child, I was one of several students that Lakeside hosted for tutoring. Tutoring began here around 1999 with Ms. Sandy Bobo and Mrs. Mary Whiteaker. In 2001, while in the 6th grade at White Hall's Taylor Elementary I joined the tutoring program. Mrs. Mary Whiteaker would provide us with transportation from Taylor to Lakeside. Once at Lakeside, we enjoyed a snack and began our program. During this time not only did we go over homework but for those of us who didn't speak English, we learned through fun and educational games. It is a pleasant memory to look back upon.

Our members' dedication has made a great impact on our lives. The many hours they invested in our future are very rewarding and appreciated. Due to the inspiration planted by this great program, some of the kids that benefited from it have grown up to have successful careers; including but not limited to teachers and doctors or are currently in school to do so. It is not very common to see an individual who was once a student in a tutoring program become one of its leaders.

I am proud to serve as one of the leaders to this great ministry, Midweek Manna. Lakeside's 4 current volunteer tutors are serving approximately 12 students from our local schools. Tutoring is most beneficial to the child when they can have a one-on-one experience. You can see by our numbers that we are in need of more tutors. You do not have to have an educational background to tutor! All it takes is caring and giving time for the children who need help in school.

Consider changing a child's life by sharing your precious time, dedication, and your gifts with a child. You may respond to this newsletter request, through text message, or a phone call with your name and phone number. This is a God-led ministry for which you will be volunteering, and may God bless you for it.

Many Blessings to you all.

Geraldin Alfaro Mondragon

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 23

1:00 Trinity Village Board of Directors meet in The Center
1:30 Beth Rickels Visitation
3:00 Funeral Service for Beth Rickels - Graveside Service to follow immediately after

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

Monday, March 28

Tuesday, March 29
6:00 Project Transformation Information Mtg.

Wednesday, March 30

3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

Mid Week Manna

5:30 Meal

6:00 Tutoring

Thursday, March 31

Friday, April 1

Office closed

Saturday, April 2

Sunday, April 3

8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

Monday, April 4

5:00 Mi Casa Board meeting
6:00 Ministry Team meeting-

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!

The Lakeside Story Continues
Our history on video
Based on the book *The Lakeside Story*
by Nola Anderson



Created by Lakeside member George Mitchell, the video will be shown following the 10:30A.M. worship service, April 10th. Lunch will be provided. Please join us.

INVITATION

Arkansas Bishop Gary Mueller recently invited all church leaders to a Zoom conversation about the future of our denomination. "A great deal is transpiring in our beloved denomination. We need to gather together as sisters and brothers in Christ in the midst of profound differences and significant anxiety to pray, reflect and talk about how we are going to move into the future." The southeast district Zoom meeting is Tuesday, March 29th at 6:00pm. If you want to attend, the link is: <https://arumc.zoom.us/j/9234567890>. As we do each week, let us continue to pray for our United Methodist brothers and sisters around the world.



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.



Debbie and David Owens announce the birth of a granddaughter! Violet Starr Owens was born March 18th weighing 7pds 11oz. in Germantown, Maryland. Her parents are Curt and Marisa Owens. Her big brother is Teddy Owens. Welcome to the world, Violet!



We pray for the sick: Roy Whitaker (knee surgery)
Grieving: The Beth Rickels Family
 The Maria Dolores Munoz Family (Humberto's mother)
 The Barrett Scriber Family
 The Blake Rich Family

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

A Gift Has Been Received in Memory Of:

Ashley Barrett Scriber by: Lynda Pickler



Coffee With the Pastor is cancelled this week because of the Funeral Service for Beth Rickels.



Project Transformation Is Coming to Lakeside!

Transformation is coming to Lakeside this summer: transformation of children grades 1-5, transformation of college-aged interns, and transformation of our church. This ministry needs a village, and you are invited to be a part of that village. We need prayer warriors, literacy helpers, food preparers, greeters, party planners, and many others! We have a unique opportunity to share Christ's love with participating children, families, and interns.

Please plan to attend an informational meeting on **Tuesday, March 29th at 6:00 pm in The Center** to learn how you can be a part of this exciting ministry at Lakeside. If you want additional information on Project Transformation, you may pick up a packet after church or stop by the office.

Together we are the hands and feet of Christ who live and love like Jesus in our community!



April 9th is only two weeks away, we are short of our goal of 2000 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring your donations to the church by Wed, April 6th. We are asking for individually wrapped candy and fillable, plastic eggs, preferably pre-filled.

*10 Volunteers needed at 6:00 p.m. for filling eggs on Wednesday, April 6th
 *5 Volunteers needed @ 10:00 a.m. for setting up on Saturday, April 9th
 *10 Volunteers needed @ 11:00 a.m. for hiding eggs on Saturday, April 9th



Wednesday, March 16, 2022 - 28

Sunday, March 20, 2022
 8:30 Worship Service - 10
 10:30 Worship Service - 65
 9:00 Sunday School - 28

Our Weekly Service at Church

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; Liturgist: Terry Wynne
 Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; Children's Moments: Laura Richards
 Sermon Title: Lost and Found; Scripture: Luke 15: 1-3; 11b-32
 Sermon Series: Gathered Up in Jesus
 Flowers: The Christian Martinez Family
 Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson;
 March 28 Brass Polishers: Laura Richards, Jane Neely & Laura Nixon
 March 28 Counters: Gerald Majors & Elaine Vaccaro

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

The Lakeside Story Continues

Do you know;

Who designed and created the Alleluia banner in the sanctuary?

What does the design on the pulpit chairs represent?

Answers to last week's questions:

Who donated the land for the site of Lakeside church?

Answer: Mr. W.L. DeWoody

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

Answer: The dome with stained glass windows and a large angel on top

Watch next week for answers and more!