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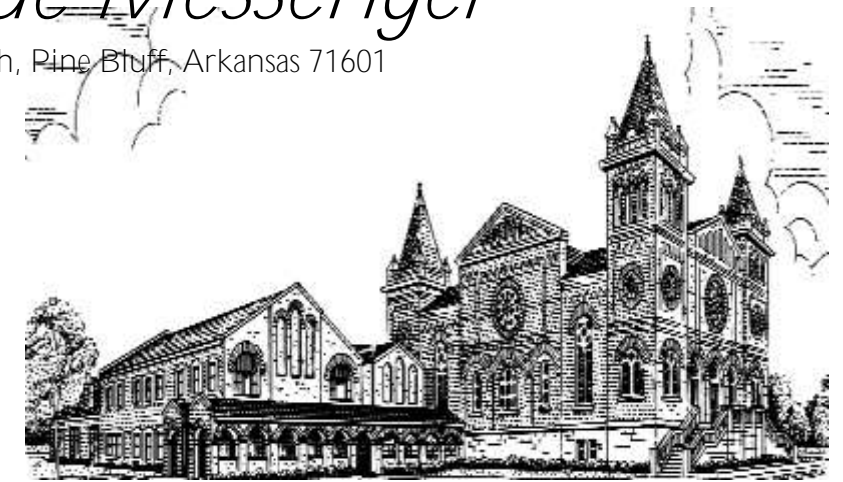
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I recall in 2005 hearing on a Walk to Emmaus that I was a priest. A lay person was giving a talk about the priesthood of all believers and told us that we were all priests! Now perhaps, I had heard a preacher or small group leader tell me that we are all priests before, but it had never hit me the way that it affected me that day. Being a priest is a big responsibility!

“⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”
(1 Peter 2:9–10)

With Jesus Christ as our great high priest (Heb. 6:20; 7:23-28), all believers in Jesus Christ, both clergy and laity, are called to be priests. As priests, we are called to represent Christ and share his love and grace with one another. All believers are one in Christ (Gal. 3:27-29), and no believer is any more or less important than another believer (1Cor. 12:12-27). I know, it is challenging to wrap your head around the fact that you are a priest, called by God to represent Christ’s love and grace to others! But it is also exciting that God is counting on using you!

While we are all ministers, we are not all called to vocational ministry. Individuals who sense God’s call to a set apart ministry and whose calls are affirmed by the church to serve the body of Christ are ordained as elders and deacons or are licensed as local pastors. Recently, Sara Andrews, a second-year seminary student at Perkins School of Theology, approached Lakeside about partnering with her as she answers her call to vocational ministry as an Elder in the United Methodist Church. The Leadership Board enthusiastically accepted Ms. Andrews’ proposal to serve as a part-time intern during her third year of seminary from August 2023 through May 2024!

Ms. Andrews currently works for the Arkansas Conference and will continue her work as an intern there for thirty hours per week. Additionally, Ms. Andrews will serve ten hours per week at Lakeside on a small additional stipend. During her time at Lakeside, Ms. Andrews will help lead worship on Sundays, assist with Wednesday evenings and attend leadership meetings. Her involvement in these areas at Lakeside will provide opportunities to develop her gifts and graces as she answers her call to Word, Sacraments, Order (of the church) and Service as an Elder. The Leadership Board was eager to support the next generation of United Methodist pastors!

Having served as an intern while in seminary and as an associate pastor for several years, I cannot begin to convey the honor it is for Lakeside to be chosen as an internship site! It reflects your dedication to excellent faith development and connectional ministries in the community. Your support and encouragement of a person’s call into vocational ministry will form and shape his or her experience of ministry for years to come.

Please be in prayer for Sara and her family as she completes this year of studies and prepares to serve at Lakeside in the fall.

Pastor Judy

What’s Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, May 10

9:30 LAAF
MID WEEK MANNA
3:10 – 3:30 Children picked up
4:00 – 5:15 Snack and tutoring
5:30 – 6:00 Meal for All
6:00 -7:00 Children and adult activities

Thursday, May 11

Friday, May 12

Office closed

Saturday, May 13

8:00 UM Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 14 Mother's Day

8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday school
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

Monday, May 15

3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

Tuesday, May 16

5:30 Leadership Committee

Wednesday, May 17

9:30 LAAF
10:30 Staff mtg.
Mid Week Manna (last one until fall)
3:10 – 3:30 Children picked up
4:00 – 5:15 Snack and tutoring
5:30 – 6:00 Meal for All
6:00 -7:00 Children and adult activities

Thursday, May 18

Friday, May 19

Office closed

Saturday, May 20

Sunday, May 21 Graduation Sunday

8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday school
9:15 Graduation Breakfast
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
3:30 Southeast District Conference

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!

Graduation Breakfast

Come celebrate our 2023 Graduates Alonzo Antonio and Jesse Martinez **Sunday, May 21 from 9:15-10:15am** in Fellowship Hall.



We pray for the sick:
Clyde Campbell, Chris Mitchell,
Drew Tanner, Duke Wheeler,
Earl Phillips, and Mary Catherine Kyle.



Sunday, May 7, 2023
8:30 Chapel Worship -10
9:15 Sunday School -25
10:30 Worship -67
Online Worship -14

Everyone is invited to drop by during the Sunday school hour and congratulate these two graduates.

Methodist Family Health Foundation

MFHF is asking for donations to send kids to Camp Tanako and to provide bibles for those attending camp. \$200.00 will buy 10 bibles and \$350.00 will send a kid to camp. You may donate online at www.methodistfamily.org or call Christy McCreight at (501)906-4201.



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;

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE for the good people of Lakeside

Open Hearts and Open Doors

A little bird took those words to heart Monday. Thank you to Susan Coles, Ramona Harkins, and Deborah Whitaker for reminding one of God's creatures that he would be better off outside.



Project Transformation June 5-July 28

Summer is Within Reach!

Our theme this summer is PT Superheroes. All superheroes have a utility chest to store all their tools. On P.T's website, you'll find a utility chest chock-full of ways to give, share, and volunteer with PT this summer. www.projecttransformation.org/arkansas/

There are lots of ways that you can help this summer be a success.

- *Purchase from P.T's wish lists on Amazon.
Books, classroom and recreational supplies are needed for this summer's camp.
- * Be a reading buddy (mostly Tuesdays and Thursdays)
- * Drive the bus or be the second ride-along
- * Prepare or deliver intern meals
- * Be a prayer hero!

You can volunteer on line at the website above or call- Ellen Wyatt to sign-up for meals 870-329-6001. Jennifer Fox to be a reading buddy 870-489-0790 or 534-6241. Linda LaClair 870-329-7753 to become Safe Gatherings certified.

*You need to be Safe Gatherings Certified to be around the campers. Once certified, this is good for 3 years.

Mid-Week Manna

Our Wednesday night program will be ending for the summer with a pizza party next week. I'd like to thank all those who have tutored, prepared meals, driven the bus and cars for school pick-ups, greeted, and volunteered during the discipleship hour.
You are a blessing to this church and community.

Our Weekly Service at Church
Sunday, May 14, 2023
Guest Preacher, Rob Wyatt; **Liturgist:** Judy Rudd; **Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox
Scripture: Genesis 1

Sermon Title: Not Your Typical Mother's Day Sermon
Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

May 15 Brass Polishers: Shelby and Pete Stone

May 15 Counters: Linda LaClair and Mike Frye

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

Altar Flowers

There are multiple dates available to provide altar flowers.

May 28, July 2, 9,30, Aug. 6, 13, 20

are just a few Sundays that are available.

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



Latest Sunday School News

Discovery Class: *Why?* book study. Discussion will begin on page 19. It's not too late to join, there are books still available.

Wesley Class: As Christians how are we to honor the commandment to "Remember the Sabbath and treat it as holy "(Ex20:8)?

The Wesley Class invites you to join us as we seek the answer to this question. The scripture for Sunday is Psalm 23. Take the elevator to the third floor and follow the signs.