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As churches completed the disaffiliation process last fall, the Arkansas Conference recognized the need to provide for the United Methodists who were left without a church home. On September 9, 2022, Bishop Mueller appointed Rev. Dr. Michael Roberts as Director of the Arkansas ReStart Initiative for the Arkansas Annual Conference. Rev. Dr. Roberts began meeting

with United Methodist members, who were disenfranchised (or exiled as some call it), to offer emotional and spiritual healing as well as practical support as these members struggled to discern their place as orphaned United Methodists.

In addition to providing pastoral care and worship resources to numerous United Methodists across the state, Rev. Dr. Roberts began working with Bishop Merrill and the cabinet earlier this year to envision a plan to provide safe places of healing and worship for those who have been left without a church home. Their vision has taken the shape of Beacon churches.

Since Lakeside is already known for its generous hospitality to all who enter our doors, your Leadership Board eagerly accepted the opportunity to become a Beacon church in our community. Please read the article below to learn more about what it will mean for Lakeside to be a Beacon church.

As United Methodist Christians, we are called to be beacons (Matthew 5:14-16) for all seeking God's saving grace and life-giving love. During this season, when some find themselves without a church home due to closure or disaffiliation, there are congregations that will be making a special commitment to be a place of hospitality and a haven of hope.

You might have heard of the "Lighthouse Network" of churches that the North Carolina Conference has recently developed. We are adapting that ministry to fit the context of the Arkansas Conference with the purpose of providing a welcoming space, opportunities for local ministry, and remaining connected to District and Conference resourcing.

If you want to learn more about what it means to be a Beacon church, you are invited to attend any of the informational zooms happening on Thursday, May 4, 2023.

Thursday, May 4, 9 am – 10 am [Zoom link](#) Thursday, May 4, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm [Zoom link](#)

May Lakeside United Methodist Church be a beacon of hope, a safe sanctuary of radical hospitality and an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus to all who enter its doors.

Pastor Judy

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, May 3

9:30 LAAF
10:30 Staff Mtg
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 4

Friday, May 5

Office closed

Saturday, May 6

Sunday, May 7

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

Monday, May 8

3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

Tuesday, May 9

10:00 UMWIF- Trinity Village

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

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!

SUMMARY OF APRIL 25, 2023 LAKESIDE LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

- The Consent Calendar consisting of the trustees report, memorial report, financial report and March 2023 minutes was approved.
- Amendments were made to the budget to better align the budget with our anticipated non-pledge offerings and current staff salaries.
- A fundraiser was approved to raise funds for refurbishing the offices on 15th Street to house the Southeast District Superintendent and District Administrator. The needed refurbishing includes replacing the air conditioner, repairing, painting and installing a magnetic lock on the exterior door, cleaning the carpets, purchasing or replacing blinds, and installing security cameras. The painting expense included painting all the church's exterior doors. The total cost came to approximately \$17,431.00. It was suggested that this might be called the Bea Robey Office Suites in memory of Bea Robey.
- Sara Andrews, a third year Perkins Seminary student, was accepted as an intern for 10 hours per week, to include Sundays and Wednesday evenings, from August 2023 through May 2024 for a stipend of \$3000.
- A motion for Lakeside to become a "Beacon Church" which welcomes and offers a safe place for United Methodists displaced by the disaffiliation of their home church was approved.

Project Transformation

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
- * Drive the bus or be the second ride-along
- * Prepare or deliver intern meals
- * Be a prayer hero!

You must be Safe Gatherings Certified to be around the campers. Please contact Linda LaClair at 870-329-7753 for more details.



We pray for the sick:

Clyde Campbell, Chris Mitchell, Drew Tanner
Kelly Nordurth, Dawn Richards, and
Duke Wheeler, Dick DeViney

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.

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE for the good people of Lakeside

It takes a village or at least a fleet of cars...

Our bus is back in business after weeks of being at the repair shop. During that time, we had some very devoted and generous volunteers who picked up children from different locations for our Mid-Week Manna program.



Many thanks go to: Gerald and Sue Majors, Mike and Alicia Frye, Sue Cheshier, Nancy Paschal, Nathan Baltzell, Sandy Bobo, Julianna Bobo, Jo Stanfield, George Mitchell, and Vanessa Hernandez-Valdez.

We can't thank you enough for your time and dedication that help make this program a success.

Thank you, thank you to Mike Webb and Deborah Whitaker for taking boxes of paper to be shredded. Mike took **10 boxes** of old documents from the Financial Secretary's office. Carolyn can now move about her office. Thank you Deborah and Mike!

A special thank you....

I would like to thank all of Lakeside for helping me through this new hip! Three weeks out and I am on the mend. I couldn't have done it without all the prayers, calls, texts, cards, food, and visits. Belonging to Lakeside is certainly the place to be. "Thanks!!!"

Linda McNulty



Sunday, April 30, 2023

8:30 Chapel Worship -12

9:15 Sunday School -31

10:30 Worship -81

Online Worship -10

Our Weekly Service at Church

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Deborah Whitaker

Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox

Scripture: John 21:15-19 (20-22)

Sermon Title: Do You Love Me?

Sermon Series: Love That Will Not Let Us Go

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

May 8 Brass Polishers: Ramona Harkins, Sandy Bobo, and Susan Coles

May 7 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

Methodist Family Health Foundation

MFHF is asking for donations to send kids to Camp Tanako and to provide bibles for those who are attending camp this summer. \$200.00 will buy 10 bibles and \$350.00 will send a kid to camp.

You may donate online at www.methodistfamily.org

Altar Flowers

There are multiple dates available to provide altar flowers.

May 14 and 28, June 4,11,18,and 25

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...

It's not too late to start asking "Why?" The Discovery Class just started this new study by Adam Hamilton. Books are available in the class or in the Church office. Sunday's discussion will start on page 6.

Check this spot each week for lesson updates.