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What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, November 15
9:30 LAAF
Food Distribution sorting
1:30 DAR
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
4:00 Mid-Week Manna
6:00 Choir Practice
Thursday, Nov. 16
8:00 Food box deliveries
4:00-6:00 Food Dist. Pick-up
Friday, Nov. 17
Office closed
Saturday, Nov. 18
Sunday, Nov. 19
Commitment Sunday
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
12:00 Potluck and Town Hall Mtg.
Monday, Nov. 20
Tuesday, Nov. 21

Wednesday, Nov. 22
*No activities &
office will close at 1:00.*
Thursday, Nov. 23
Office is closed for Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov. 24
Office closed
Saturday, Nov. 25
Sunday, Nov. 26
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

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Some habits and mindsets are difficult to change. When I was a young girl, we usually bought soft drinks on Labor Day, Fourth of July and other holidays when they went on sale. My father would take us to Safeway or Skaggs Albertson where we would load up a couple of buggies with cases of sodas. We stocked up on the family favorites which we stored in the storage room. We didn't want to run out! It was the same way with paper towels and toilet paper. Whenever necessities went on sale, we would stock up. I recall a half dozen or more paper towels under my bathroom sink and packages of toilet paper in some of the bathroom closets. Maybe it is no surprise to you that I did not have to worry about toilet paper when the pandemic hit!

It was the same way with food. Whenever our family's favorite meats went on sale, we would buy them in bulk. Remember, this was before Sams and Costco! We even had a butcher paper dispenser so we could wrap the amount of meat that we needed to freeze in individual packages. I still have and use that butcher paper dispenser. Old habits and mindsets die hard!

While these practices are certainly responsible and lend themselves to "earning all we can" and "saving all we can," they don't readily translate to "giving all we can." In fact, earning all we can and saving all we can, may produce the opposite result from giving all we can. We might find ourselves keeping all we can rather than giving all we can. As we accumulate, we acquire a false sense of "enough" creating the need for "more." When we focus primarily on what we don't have, it can be challenging to have a spirit of abundance that frees us to "give all we can."

The disciples had similar difficulty in all four of the Gospels when Jesus told them to feed the 5000 people who had gathered. The disciples looked at what they did not have – enough food to feed 5000 people. They were suffering from a mindset of scarcity. Jesus looked at what they had – 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. He was looking at it from the perspective of abundance and God's provision. Jesus blessed the food and instructed his disciples to give it to the crowd. After everyone had received his or her fill, there were still baskets of food leftover.

Fear prevents us from living lives of faith. It robs us of the spiritual gifts of joy, peace and generosity. We profess our faith in the God who sent His only Son that we – you and I – might be saved through him. Jesus was sent while we were yet sinners without hope or indication that we would accept him as Lord and Savior. We worship our God of abundance!

As you give thanks in this season when we focus on Thanksgiving, take note of your great abundance. Thank God for all that God has provided for you and your family and the many ways that God tends to both your needs and your desires. When you consider your financial commitment to God's work through Lakeside in 2024, please do so with a thankful heart of abundance for all that God has given you. If you are able, please consider increasing your gift that Lakeside may continue to be Christ's hands, feet, heart and voice in the world.

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!



Commitment Sunday

This Sunday, you will have the opportunity to bring forward your 2024 commitment card. We will celebrate with a potluck and Town Hall meeting at noon.

Please make plans to attend.

Chicken and ham will be served so bring your favorite side-dish and/or dessert.

If you are unable to attend this Sunday, please turn in your card to the office as soon as possible.



We pray for the sick:

Jane Nixon, Ken Theis, and Helen Hudson-Holtzen.

We pray for the grieving:

The Charles Morgan Family.

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.



Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023

8:30 Chapel Worship - 15

9:15 Sunday school - 27

10:30 Worship - 84

Online Worship - 20

Our Weekly Service at Church Sunday, November 19, 2023

Senior Pastor: Rev. Judy Rudd; **Pastoral Intern:** Sara Andrews;
Liturgist: Terry Wynne; **Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs;

Children's Moments: Jennifer Fox

Scripture: Malachi 3:7-10

Sermon Title: Why United Methodists Tithe.

Sermon Series: Why United Methodists _____.

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

November 20 Brass Polishers: Linda LaClair and Linda McNulty
November 20 Counters: George Mitchell and Deborah Whitaker

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

Charge Conference Notice

Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00pm.

St. Luke UMC 32 School St. Pine Bluff
(off of Dollarway)

This will be a cluster meeting with St. Luke, White Hall, and St. James.

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

Make sure that you've checked next week's calendar. There are some changes due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Gifts Given to Lakeside UMC

In memory of Hope Clement by Frances Smith
In memory of Charles Morgan by Robert and Sue Smith, Nancy Paschal and Family, Sandy Bobo, Marlyn Blackwell, and Dr. and Mrs. David Nixon.

Let's Support Sara's Education!

Please drop by and visit with Sara Andrews on Sunday morning during the Hospitality Hour from 9:15-10:15am to help Sara with her pastoral education. She only needs a few minutes of your time to learn more about her ministry context and our fabulous congregation and community.

It's Back!!!

United Women in Faith is hosting a Christmas Brunch for all women and guests at Lakeside on December 9th at 11:00am.

SAVE THE DATE!

Tickets will go on sale shortly



November Food Distribution

Our November distribution is **Thursday the 16th**. I need volunteer help with the following:

- Help load boxes for delivery on Thursday at 8:00am.
 - Help with box pick-up from 4-6pm.

If you are able to help, please call Sandy at 540-7099.

Enchanted Land of Lights and Legends

November 21-December 31 from 6:00-9:00pm.

Drive through one of the largest light displays in Arkansas and make sure to keep an eye out for the Cross and Flame, sponsored by Lakeside.

Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata

The choir will present a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 17th during the 10:30 service. If you'd like to sing with the choir but can't commit to every Sunday, we'd love to have you for this special time of worship. Choir practice is from 6-7pm on Wednesday evenings. The cantata will be rehearsed first and then you are welcome to leave.

New Nursery Hours

Due to not having a staff nursery attendant, the nursery will only be available during the 10:30 service.

If you'd be interested in helping out in the nursery or know of someone that would like part-time job, please contact Sandy Bobo or the office.

Central Presbyterian Bake Sale

If you are in need of some home baked items for your Thanksgiving table, stop by Central Presbyterian 6300 Trinity Dr November 18 from 9:00-noon. Proceeds will benefit their Women's Ministry.

Neighbor to Neighbor Holiday Baskets

Don't forget your green beans for Christmas baskets. Please bring to the office or place in the basket outside the elevator by November 28.

Time to Claim Your Spot!

Lakeside has been asked to ring the bell for this year's Salvation Army Kettle Drive, Friday, Dec. 8 from 10am-6pm.

We need people to be at both doors at Walmart. If you would like to volunteer an hour or more, please call the church office or Bill Nuckolls at 870-329-2726 to pick your time slot.



Latest Sunday School News November 19, 2023 at 9:15am.

Discovery Class: Discussion on the New study, *Forgiveness*, will begin on page **101**. It's never too late to join in the study.

Wesley Class: This week's discussion- Relating to Others and to God. All are welcome to join.