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What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, November 22

Office will close at 1:00

Thursday, Nov. 23

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, Nov. 24

Office closed

Saturday, Nov. 25

Sunday, Nov. 26

8:30 Chapel Worship

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

11:30 Decorate the church

Monday, Nov. 27

Tuesday, Nov. 28

6:00 Charge Conference @ St. Luke

Wednesday, Nov. 29

9:30 LAAF

3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

4:00 Mid-Week Manna

6:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, Nov. 30

Friday, December 1

Office closed

Saturday, Dec. 2

Sunday, Dec. 3

8:30 Chapel Worship

8:45 Handbells

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

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How is it that we are already in the holiday season? November and December have always been my favorite time of the year. I love the cooler temperatures mixed with the rain and the fogginess in the early morning. Orange, red, yellow, brown, and fading green leaves dancing across yards to the fiddling of the baring branches. The warm embrace of the rich earthy, smokey, and woody scents with hints of peppermint, warm spices, and fresh baked goods tickling your nose. The delightful filling of family, friends, gratitude, and cheerfulness; Good company, books, Christmas movies and countless celebrations. These are all wonderful aspects surrounding this time of the year but sometimes it's hard to concentrate on the positive side of the holiday season. As adults, the stress and pressure to get everything just right and prepare for family or coordinating travel plans, the strain on our mental health, and the financial burden sometimes overwhelm us making us look forward to the end of the season instead of embracing the now.

On the other hand, most children are counting down to their Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. They are excited about their Thanksgiving lunches, Christmas activities, and class parties at school. They look forward to seeing their family together and staying up late on Christmas Eve and waking up bright and early on Christmas morning, and then staying up late again on New Year's Eve to watch the time change.

In the past, Lakeside has been able to be a part of that excitement during the Holiday season through Food Distributions, Las Posadas, the Midweek Manna Christmas party, and Christmas kids thanks to the dedication of our members and the Grace of God. With your help we would love nothing more than to continue to bring that joy to Lakeside! Seeing the bright eyed faces and toothy smiles of the children we impact tugs at my heart and brings tears of joy to my eyes. It reminds of all the adults that have and continue to impact my life, which has so much to do with the kind of person I strive to be. This year two of our events will merge together on Wednesday, December 13th. Las Posadas and our Midweek Manna Christmas party will be combined in order to include all of our Midweek Manna participants. We hope to learn together about a Latin American tradition, most of us including myself for the very first time, and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Be on the lookout for more information about this very special event in the Lakeside Newsletter!

Happy Holidays,
 Vanessa Hernandez- Dir. Mi Casa Hispanic Ministry of Lakeside UMC

It's Christmas Kids Time!

We could use your help in blessing 45 children this year. There are a number of ways you can help make this Christmas Blessing happen.

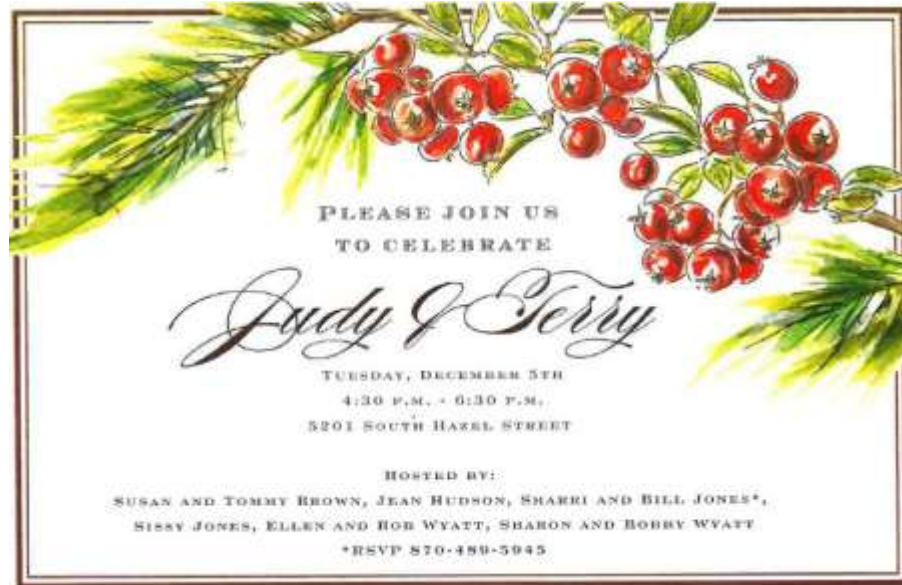
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| <u>Donate</u> | <u>Shop</u> | <u>Donate Wrapping Paper and Ribbon</u> | <u>Wrap</u> |
| Donations are tax deductible | Pick a name from the tree | We will need lots of supplies. Paper, tape, ribbons and bags | Help us wrap after church on Dec. 17 |

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!

Advent Begins Dec. 3

- There are several ways to help celebrate the season.
- * Help decorate the church following the 10:30 service Nov. 26.
- * Order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone.
- * Attend our Blue Christmas service Dec. 10 at 3:00p.m
- * Help with or attend Las Posadas Wednesday, Dec. 13.
- * Join the choir for the season... extra voices for the Cantata and Christmas Eve Services are always welcome.
- * Help with a Christmas Kid ministry.
- * Be an Advent wreath reader

Keep an eye here for more details coming in the next couple of weeks.



Due to limited space, this will be for adults only.

Commitment and Covenant Cards 2024

Cards have been sent out. If you did not receive one, please contact or come by the office. These need to be returned as soon as possible as preparations are being made for next year's budget.

United Women in Faith Christmas Brunch December 9, at 11:00am.

Brunch tickets are available in the office for you. There are packs of 5 tickets to sell or you can purchase your own tickets at the office for \$10.00 each. Entertainment will be provided by our very own Barry Bates and Donald Warren along with Christmas music by Ann Tibbs.

I hope many of you will come and bring a guest.
- Sandy Bobo, United Women in Faith, President.



We pray for the sick:

Barbra Tracy, Jane Nixon, Ken Theis, David Andrews, Mike Webb, and Helen Hudson-Holtzen.

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.

Gifts given to Lakeside UMC

In memory of Hope Clement by Ted and Linda McNulty, Pat McIntyre and Janet Ford.

In memory of Charles Morgan by Jim and Dixie Webb, Pete and Shelby Stone, Leslie Beatty, Catherine Anne Atkinson, and Dan and Barbara Chambliss.

Lakeside's Christmas Kids

A tree has been set up outside the elevator. There you will find names of children and their Christmas wishes. Please consider making this holiday a little bit brighter for a very deserving child. Contact Vanessa at 870-939-9411 or Jennifer at 534-6241 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. Ways to help are listed beneath this week's article by Vanessa.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If you are a new(er) member, please take a moment and send the office your dates for our files.

Birth Announcement!

Congratulations to Kimberly Mercado and Adrian Brown on the birth of their son, Andrew Adrian Brown. Proud big brother is David. Adrian was born November 14.



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.



It's the Little Things

Thank you for pew pencils. It has not gone unnoticed!



Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023

8:30 Chapel Worship - 12
9:15 Sunday school - 20
10:30 Worship - 84
Online Worship - 11

Our Weekly Service at Church Sunday, November 26, 2023

Senior Pastor: Rev. Judy Rudd; **Pastoral Intern:** Sara Andrews;
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:10-13

Sermon Title: Grateful for Patience

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

November 27 Brass Polishers: Sharon and Bobby Wyatt

November 27 Counters: Ramona Harkins and Ellen Wyatt

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

Extra Day to Ring!

Dec. 8th slots filled quickly so Monday, November 27th has been added from 10am-6pm.

If you would like to volunteer an hour or more to ring the Salvation Army Kettle bell, please call Bill Nuckolls at 870-329-2726.



Latest Sunday School News November 26, 2023 at 9:15am.

Discovery Class: Discussion on the New study, *Forgiveness*, will begin on page 113. It's never too late to join in the study.

Wesley Class: This week's discussion- Jesus, The Living Word. All are welcome to join.