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Below is the testimony that Sissy Jones gave before the Lakeside congregation on November 13, 2022. It is being printed here for the benefit of all who did not hear it in worship. Thank you Sissy and the Jones family for your love of Lakeside UMC and your continued faithfulness.

Good Morning,

I asked Reverend Judy to let me speak because I want to share my witness to a recent Holy Spirit nudge and offer a challenge to our congregation.

During a time of recent hospitalization, Reverend Judy visited me. She listened as I expressed concern over several situations in my life. After praying with me and reminding me of my need to trust God, she said to me, "Sissy, God's got this." I haven't forgotten those words, "God's got this." I've witnessed God working out several things in my life over the last couple of weeks.

Then I sensed a Holy Spirit nudge to speak to our congregation about Lakeside's financial situation. Like most of you, I received a letter from Tommy Brown, our Financial Committee Chair, last week. I was surprised and saddened to learn that our church was having financial difficulties. I believe that God's got Lakeside's financial situation, but I also believe that God uses each of us to carry out God's will.

Our financial support of our church is important and reflects our commitment to our Christian growth. Generosity is one of the fruits of the Spirit. "To whom much is given, much will be required." We all have different abilities to give. The important thing is that we make a commitment to give regularly to the church. My mother used to tell me, "the pennies grow into dollars." I believe we can grow our pennies into dollars into hundreds and thousands of dollars to support our beloved Lakeside.

I have been a member of Lakeside since we moved here in 1960. Yes, that is 62 years. My family was raised here: my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren baptized here. I have supported this church with my presence, gifts, and prayers and also my service as long as I was physically able. I have watched and supported Lakeside serving our community and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. I want Lakeside to continue helping children and families, feeding the poor, and being here for future generations. The last letter from Lakeside [in the November 9, 2022 Messenger] I have shared with so many people about all the wonderful things Lakeside is doing and will continue to do.

That is why I am here to make a plea to you. For every dollar you contribute to the church for the remainder of the 2022 budget, the Jones family will match it dollar for dollar up to \$75,000. We have prayerfully considered this. We want Lakeside to finish the year strong, so we can continue to care for one another and share the Good News of Jesus' Christ salvation and love.

As it says in Proverbs 16:3 "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." Let us give generously, as each is able, and commit our gifts to the Lord.

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, November 23

No Activities

Thursday, November 24

Office closed



Friday, November 25

Office closed

Saturday, November 26

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 Chapel Worship

9:15 Sunday school

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

Monday, November 28

8:30 Fire Alarm Testing

Tuesday, November 29

Wednesday, November 30

9:30 LAAF meets in The Center

3:00 Coffee with the pastor

5:30 Mid Week Manna

6:00 Tutoring & ESL

6:00 Choir

Thursday, December 1

5:30 Young Disciples meet

Friday, December 2

Office closed

Saturday, December 3

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 Chapel Worship

9:00 Christmas Fundraiser meal (see

info on inside page)

9:15 Sunday school

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

11:30 Christmas Fundraiser meal

(see info on inside page)

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!



As the year comes to and end I cannot thank you enough for walking with me through this wonderful journey of ministry. Its pleasure to have work with individuals willing to go an extra step to serve others. May God continue to provide and bless your lives so that you can continue sharing your wonderful gifts, dedication and love for ministry.

Geraldin



Sunday, December 4 at 3:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church at 717 W 32nd Avenue, presents the Arkansas Chamber Singers in Concert. The concert includes a variety of traditional holiday tunes, both classical and popular, as well as a few new additions from the vocal jazz repertoire. Free and open seating.

Virtual or Real Poinsettias?



It's that poinsettia time of year again! You may choose whether you want to donate a virtual or real poinsettia in honor or memory of someone.

The cost for either one is \$17.00. You may order one by calling the office and designating the number, the honoree(s) or memorial(s) and whether you want a virtual or real poinsettia, or perhaps one of each, or fill out the order form and drop it in the offering basket on Sunday. You may mail or drop off your donation or submit it online.

The deadline for ordering a real poinsettia is December 12, until 5:00 p.m. Please take your real plant home with you at the conclusion of either the 3:00 Chapel or the 5:30 Sanctuary Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Memory of:

Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Real: _____ Virtual: _____ Number of Plants: _____



We pray for the sick:

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



IT'S CHRISTMAS KIDS TIME!

There are a number of ways YOU can help make this Christmas Blessing happen.

- DONATE: Make a monetary donation denoting 'Mi Casa Christmas'.
- Help Sandy Bobo on Sunday, December 4th during the Fund Raiser spaghetti lunch.

- DO THE SHOPPING! Pick up a wish list from the Christmas tree by the elevator on the first floor (please let us know which number(s) you picked from the tree) and purchase gifts yourself and bring them (wrapped or unwrapped) to us to do the delivering no later than Monday, December 12th!

- WRAP GIFTS! Help us get the gifts wrapped on Sunday, December 18th after 10:30 a.m. worship service. We need one volunteer to ensure we have all the necessary supplies.

If you have questions or need more information in order to purchase gifts, call or leave a message at 870-939-9411 or email us at Micasa.hispanicministry@gmail.com



December 4 - Christmas Fundraiser for Lakeside's Christmas Kids Ministry- **Individual** Chicken spaghetti **meals** in "to go" boxes for dine in or to go may be picked up after the first and second service in Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will go to provide Christmas for children in need.

Christmas Kids Deadlines:

- Monday, December 12th - last day to drop off Christmas gift purchases
- Sunday, December 18th- Gift wrapping, immediately after worship service. Lunch will be provided
- Monday-Wednesday, December 19th-21st parents pick up Christmas gifts.



Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Midweek Manna -

Sunday, November 20, 2022

8:30 Worship Service - did not meet

9:15 Sunday School - 8

10:30 Worship Service - 52

Online Worship - 10

Our Weekly Service at Church

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd;

Liturgist: Tommy Brown; **Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs

Children's Moments: Alicia Frye

Sermon Title: Peace; **Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon Series: Are We There Yet?

Advent Wreath Lighters:

8:30 Andy & Elaine Vaccaro

10:30 Etoyle Mouser & Scott Mouser

Flowers: Carol & Dr. Joe Luebker

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

November 28 Brass Polisher: Deborah Whitaker

November 28 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**



Lakeside will have 2 Candlelight Christmas Eve services this year.

The first service will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel.

The second service will begin at 5:30 in the sanctuary.

We hope to see you either at 3:00 or at 5:30 on Saturday, December 24th.



Food distribution for December is as follows:

Prep day- Wednesday, December 14, 10:00-12:00 p.m.

Distribution day- Thursday, December 15, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

I'm looking for a volunteers to lead this specific distribution, instructions will be provided.

Medium size boxes are needed, drop them off on Sunday after church or any day Monday -Thursday in the front office.