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# The Lakeside Messenger

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Recently I had the opportunity to attend The “Black Church Summit” meeting in Little Rock. It was an opportunity for Black congregations, people who attend primarily-white churches, and white-minority congregations to come together in prayer to share our successes, challenges, and opportunities we face. The summit was sponsored by the Conference and held at Highland Valley United Methodist Church in Little Rock. It was wonderful to see so many people from all parts of Arkansas come together in faith.

After a warm greeting by our host, Reverend Mark Norman and Bishop Merrill, prayer and singing, we shared the life of our own churches. My small table group session was very enlightening and insightful. We talked about the challenges for our United Methodist Church now and in the future. How do we stay connected and how do we work on the extraordinary challenges we face in our communities, country and the world? What was so heartening to see is that while Black United Methodist congregations have unique challenges and opportunities, we also discovered that all churches, despite the differences, share many of the same challenges for the future. These include declining populations, economic and demographic changes, and the absence of youth and young adults in our congregations. We are all grappling with the opportunities of meeting spiritual needs and growth in ways that may take us way out of our comfort zone. We are all coming to the realization that how best to meet the needs of people will include; asking rather than telling and giving them what we think they need, and changing the ways of where, how and when we come together to worship God. And for those of you who, like me, are way not tech savvy, we will need to ask which technologies will best serve their needs.

We are not alone! One church had to face the challenge of having a church with no building. Rather than meeting in their own homes, they are actually out on the streets, reaching out to others to be an active part in the ministry of an “unhoused” church.

Finally we were able to network with each other, establish links and really begin to understand the importance of working together. Whether it is in our own cities, across the state, or throughout the entire United Methodist connection, we remain faithful to our mission and purpose, to serve the Kingdom of God.

We closed with reflections from Bishop Merrill, the gift of Holy Communion, and prayers for safe travels home. While we may be discouraged by current events in our churches, communities, country, and world, we feel the calling to remain connected to God and our never-ending work to serve Him, as He would have us serve, in our world.

Thank you church family,

Yvonne Glien

## What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

**Wednesday, Nov. 27**

*No Activities*

**Thursday, Nov. 28**

*Office is closed for Thanksgiving*

**Friday, Nov. 29**

*Office closed*

**Saturday, Nov. 30**

**Sunday, Dec. 1**

8:30 Chapel Worship

9:15 Sunday School

Chicken spaghetti fundraiser

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

2:00 Advent Study with Pastor Sam

4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

**Monday, Dec. 2**

**Tuesday, Dec. 3**

**Wednesday, Dec. 4**

9:30 LAAF

10:00 Staff Mtg.

1:00 Discipleship Class

3:00 Zoom F & F

4:00 Mid-Week Manna

6:00 Choir

**Thursday, Dec. 5**

**Friday, Dec. 6**

*Office closed*

**Saturday, Dec. 7**

11:00 Women's Brunch- F.Hall

**Sunday, Dec. 8**

8:30 Chapel Worship

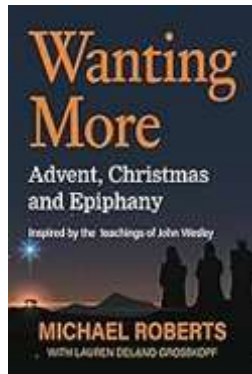
8:45 Handbells

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

2:00 Advent Study with Pastor Sam

*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 Study

Does your heart yearn for a holy journey through Advent this year? Do you want to balance the family and friends Christmas celebrations with some soul nurturing? Rev. Sam Meadors may have just what you need!

Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, Sam will be leading a study at 2:00 pm on Sundays in the library entitled “Wanting More.” It is written by our very own Rev. Dr. Michael Roberts of the Arkansas Conference. Rev. Dr. Roberts was the voice of hope and healing as the Restart Ministries Director during disaffiliation and now pastors First UMC in Jonesboro.

This small group study will meet from December 1<sup>st</sup> through January 5<sup>th</sup> in the library. If you want to participate and get to know Sam, please pick up a book in the office. The suggested donation for the book is \$22.

### Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettia orders may now be made to honor or memorialize a loved one. The poinsettias will adorn our Sanctuary on Sunday, Dec. 22nd and at both the noon and 5:30 Christmas Eve services. Please fill out a form found in your Sunday bulletins, email the office or come by and fill out a form.



Real or virtual plants are \$20.00 and proceeds will go to help sponsor special projects and celebrations at our partner school, Broadmoor Elementary.

Deadline to order is Monday, Dec. 16th by 3:00pm.

### Lakeside Bus Drivers— past and present

The Miracle Sunday Bus Fund was given a generous gift in honor of present and past bus drivers. Below is a fun attempt to list some identified drivers.

Since the current bus is almost 24 years old, the list of drivers is long. If you know a past driver(s) not on this list, let that person know or remember them in appreciation.

Gerald Majors	Ellen Wyatt	Pete Stone
Mike Frye	Joe Coles	Cliff Matthews
Barrie Hardin	Reggie Smith	Roy Whitaker
Danny Tibbs	Jesse Rocha	David Nixon
Linda LaClair	Chuck Seel	Margaret Ratliff
Alicia Frye	Dave Sadler	Scott Howard

All pastors of Lakeside in the last 20 years....



*We pray for the sick:* Molly Tibbs Duensing, Jim Webb, Valerie Morgan, Jerry Ingram, Nathan Baltzell, Etoyle Mouser, Betty Coles, Carol Luebker, Wilda Chadick, Bill Wilcox, Lee Blankenship, and Juanita Cano de Alfaro.

Pray for the congregation of St. Paul UMC, Malvern

**Woodland Heights Senior Living:** Billie Doster; **Woodland Heights Memory Care:** Wannie Pope. **Stonebridge Senior Living:** Bob Castleberry **Lakeside's Hispanic Ministry, Young People around the world, Families in trouble, City Council members & Mayor, Students of all ages, Teachers, and First Responders.**

### Chicken Spaghetti Fundraiser

**This Sunday, December 1**

Sandy is making her world famous chicken spaghetti to raise funds for this year's Christmas Kids ministry.

Dinners will be available for carry-out only from 9:15-12:00.

Donations may be made in cash or check.

### Lakeside's United Women in Faith Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 7 at 11:00am in Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$ 10:00 available in the office or contact Sandy Bobo.

Special holiday music by Eudora Evans and Ann Tibbs.

### Las Posadas

Wednesday December 18 from 5:30-7:00pm

Come along with Mary and Joseph as they travel, searching for a place to stay. This is an evening full of Christmas fun and we hope that you will be a part of it. A light supper will be served, crafts will be available in addition to the “journey.”

If you'd like to help in any way such as providing a craft or supervising a table, helping to serve the meal or take part in the journey, please let Jennifer know.

### November Thanksgiving Food Distribution

A total of 35 food boxes were assembled and delivered, or made available for pickup, to provide Thanksgiving meals to families in need. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sandy Bobo, Linda LaClair, Vanessa Hernandez, Pete Stone, Nancy Gieringer, Danny Tibbs, and Clyde Campbell for their generous commitment of time to this important ministry.

If you'd like to assist with the December Christmas Food Distribution, please contact Sandy Bobo at 870-540-7099. Those dates are Dec. 18-19.



### Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024

8:30 Chapel Worship - 13

9:15 Sunday school – 27

10:30 Worship - 75

Online Worship - 25

### Our Weekly Service at Church

**December 1, 2024**

**Sermon:** Rev. Judy Rudd **Liturgist:** Deborah Whitaker

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

**Sermon:** I Will Fulfill the Promise

**Sermon Series:** Our Family Tree– The Story of God's Love

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

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

**Dec. 2 Brass Polishers:** Shelby and Pete Stone

**Dec. 2 Counters:** Linda LaClair and Mike Frye

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live and You tube. Join us online for worship at:

[www.facebook.com/lakesidepb](http://www.facebook.com/lakesidepb)

[www.youtube.com/@lumc\\_pinebluff](http://www.youtube.com/@lumc_pinebluff)

Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website

[www.lakesidepb.org](http://www.lakesidepb.org)

### Latest Sunday School News

**December 1, 2024 9:15am.**

**Discovery Class:** Adam Hamilton's Words of Life– Jesus and the Promise of the 10 Commandments. Sunday's discussion will be begin with page 182.

**Wesley Class:** This week's discussion– Jesus Is the Reason.

All are welcome to attend.

### Lakeside Christmas Kids

The tree is up and envelopes are ready for the choosing. Each envelope has instructions and information about the needs and wants of a child.

\$75.00 max. spending limit. Gifts may be brought back to the church office by December 9th wrapped or unwrapped (we can do that for you!)

Please keep packages for each child together and marked with the envelope number.

Help make Christmas a little brighter this year for a very deserving child.

# December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> 8:30 Chapel Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Sanctuary Worship Spaghetti Fundraiser 2:00 Advent Study 4:00 Trinity Village Vespers	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 9:30 LAAF 10:00 Staff Mtg. 1:00 Discipleship Class 3:00 Zoom F & F 4:00 Mid Week Manna 6:00 Choir	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Office is closed	<i>7</i> 11:00 United Women in Faith Christmas Brunch 2:00 SAR– Library
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<i>22</i> <b>Lessons in Carols</b> 10:30 One Service- Sanctuary	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> <b>Christmas Eve Communion Services</b> 12:00 Chapel 5:30 Sanctuary	<i>25</i> <i>Merry Christmas!</i> Office is closed	<i>26</i> Office is closed	<i>27</i> Office is closed	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i> 10:30 One Service- Sanctuary	<i>30</i> Office is closed	<i>31</i> Office is open 12:00-4:00	<i>Jan. 1</i> Office is closed	<i>2</i> Office is open 9:00-4:00	<i>3</i> Office is closed	

## December Birthdays

1 Rob Wyatt	22 Dan Chambliss
5 Tiff Bobo	Carol Ford Jones
Sulema Ruiz	23 Jim Webb
7 Don Graves	25 Janey Boatright
Juannita Morales	Sue Cheshier
8 Wyatt Jones	Erik Estrada
Donna Massey	Lee Hardin
9 Jose Alfaro	26 Emily Magaña
Buddy Cheshier	Estela Moctezuma
Rosa Trujillo	27 Emerson Palmerin
10 Cristen Barnett	28 Daniel Hernandez
Eli Cheshier	Paula Thomasson
Paige Wyatt	29 Ama Boyd
13 Stuart Jones, Jr.	Curt Owens
Christine McKissack	30 Zabdiel Palmerin
Peggy Swob	Earle Phillips
14 Briana McNeill	
15 Ivan Magaña	
19 Harrison Reed	
21 Margaret McNulty	
Shelby Stone	
Andy Vaccaro	

## December Wedding Anniversaries

	Day	# of Years
Patrick and Sarah Enoch	3	8
Matt and Ellen Hillis	18	20
Dan and Barbara Harris Chambliss	21	7
David and Ann Nixon	27	49



## December 2024

*We pray for the sick:* Jim Webb and Lee Blankenship.

## Continued prayers for the following:

Glenn Babb (6/12/24)  
 Christie Barron (6/12/24)  
 Carol Burckhalter (6/12/24)  
 Lynda Pickler (6/12/24)  
 Logan Mondragon (6/19/24)  
 Caroline Coles (7/17/24)  
 Nathan Baltzell (7/17/24)  
 Mary Lee Hall (8/26/24)  
 Jerry Newton (8/26/24)  
 Laura Sparks  
 Martin Huber  
 Violet Ross  
 Kashimi Elkins  
 Carol Luebker  
 Jerry Ingram  
 Etoyle Mouser

## **Homebound/Assisted Living**

Carolyn Theis  
 Ken Theis  
 Mary Catherine Kyle  
 Dilcy Glien  
 Bob Castleberry  
 Marilyn Rouse  
 Ralph Rouse  
 Bill Wilcox  
 Billie Doster  
 Wannie Pope

## **New Prayer Request Policy**

*"My house will be known as a house of prayer for all peoples, says the Lord God." Isaiah 56:7*

Prayer is the foundation for a Christ-centered, healthy and vital church.

Prayers for:

- 1) Grief and birth notices will be included for 2 weeks;
- 2) Chronic conditions will rotate off after 6 months if not renewed
- 3) All other requests will rotate off after 30 days if not renewed.

Everyone is encouraged to keep his/her prayer requests updated. Names will rotate off unless a request to continue is received in the office either by email- [lakesidepb@arumc.org](mailto:lakesidepb@arumc.org) or a phone call 534-6241.