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Below is the 2022 Charge Conference Pastor's Report filed with the Southeast District in which we celebrate Lakeside's ministry over the last year. Well done good and faithful servants!

This last year of ministry with the wonderful people of Lakeside United Methodist Church has been an honor, privilege and blessing. You have exemplified the meaning of perseverance, faithfulness and ingenuity as you adapted to yet another surge in the Covid pandemic. Despite Covid restrictions and safety precautions, you have found ways to be the church to the community and to one another.

You have continued with and expanded your outreach ministries of Fiesta de Colores, Trunk or Treat, Christmas gifts for dozens of children, Easter Egg Hunt, and your Back to School Bash. You served over 300 families with your Back to School Bash this year in spite of the fact that it had to be transitioned to an indoor event at the last minute! You have also continued to faithfully stock the Blessing Box, the Lending Library, support Neighbor to Neighbor with monthly tuna and holiday basket necessities, as well as offer over a half dozen food distributions that fed from 50 to 200 families. United Methodist Women and other volunteers shared our Lakeside love with the Broadmoor Elementary teachers with words and gifts of encouragement throughout the year. While you have done many of these ministries with your own resources, you have also collaborated with other churches to be the hands and feet of Christ in our Pine Bluff community.

As if all of this wasn't enough, you hosted PT Arkansas this summer. You read with the children, provided meals and encouragement to the interns, you hosted two incredible Family Fun Nights for the children and families, and you offered your warm, loving Lakeside hospitality to underserved children in our community.

While being the hands and feet of Christ in our community, you did not neglect caring for one another. You have delivered meals and flower arrangements; you have offered Vesper services once a month at Trinity Village; you have held one another in prayer; and you have kept in touch with people who cannot actively participate in the life of the church. You have continued to gather via Zoom on Wednesdays for Coffee with the Pastor which has not only encouraged local members who are unable to attend church but also has encouraged members who have moved out of the vicinity.

Perhaps the one story that touches my pastor's heart the deepest is how you have embraced one of the boys in our neighborhood. When he and his mother reconnected with the church during our first PT Arkansas Family Fun Night, you embraced him as one of your own. Each time he makes an appearance at the church, you greet him by name and invite him to join us. Because of your Christlike hospitality, this young man feels like Lakeside is his home too!

I know I have overlooked some of your ministries, but all I can say is "Well done, good and faithful servants!"

I am aware that your important kingdom work comes with a price. Over the last several months, I've had several people remind me that we are an aging congregation who find it increasingly difficult to keep up with the physical demands of some of our ministries. I've also been made aware that some of servants

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, November 9
9:30 LAAF meets in The Center
10:00 -12:00 Food Prep
12:00 Neighbor to Neighbor
3:00 Coffee with the pastor
5:30 Mid Week Manna
6:00 Tutoring & ESL

Thursday, November 10
4:30 Food Distribution
5:30 Young Disciples meet

Friday, November 11
Office closed



Saturday, November 12
12-12:30 Prayer Circling Pine Bluff

Sunday, November 13
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Celebration Brunch
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

Monday, November 14

Tuesday, November 15
1:30 DAR meets in The Center

4:30 Ministry Team Meeting
5:30 Leadership Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 16
9:30 LAAF meets in The Center
10:30 Staff Meeting
3:00 Coffee with the pastor
5:30 Mid Week Manna
6:00 Tutoring & ESL

Thursday, November 17
5:30 Young Disciples meet
6:30 Charge Conference

Friday, November 18
Office closed

Saturday, November 19

Sunday, November 20
8:30 Chapel Worship **will not meet**
9:15 Sunday school
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
11:30 Putting up Chrismon Tree and
Christmas decorations.

**One worship service only at 10:30 on
November 20.**

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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!

have grown weary of being responsible for the same ministries for far too long. One of the challenges facing us is envisioning new and vital ways to carry out the mission of the church. How can we invite new people into some of these ministries? How can we partner with other churches and organizations to ensure the continuance of ministries upon which folks in our community depend? (I'm proud to say that some of you have already begun to do this!)

An easy answer is to discontinue these ministries, and perhaps that is needed for some of the ministries which no longer fulfill our mission. But perhaps, this is also an invitation from the Holy Spirit to expand our imaginations beyond our current frames of reference and see where we can connect with the work of the Holy Spirit. Part of this process is knowing and discerning what is ours to do. What ministries is Lakeside uniquely called to do in the Pine Bluff community?

It is quite evident that the Holy Spirit is moving in our midst. We have made it through 2½ years of Covid. We have made it through a lengthy time of conversation and discernment around the issue of disaffiliation to reach a strong consensus to not vote, remain United Methodist and wait to see what happens at General Conference in 2024. We are committed to remaining together as a Lakeside family, honoring one another and loving our neighbors. I am eager to see what the Holy Spirit has in store for us in this next year.

Pastor Judy



It's hard to believe, but it's time to get Lakeside ready for Advent!!

On November 20, following the 10:30 service, we will be putting up the Chrismon Trees and Advent Wreaths in the chapel and sanctuary. The windows in the sanctuary will be decorated, the balcony garland will be put up, outside wreaths need to be hung and the elevator foyer will also get some attention.

The Discovery Class could use help from the congregation. We invite you to stay after church and help. The more that help, the quicker the jobs are accomplished.

The 1st Sunday of Advent is November 27!!



United Women in Faith

Remember to send your UWF World Thank Offering by November 26th to:

Dixie Webb, UMW Treasurer
2823 Riverside Dr.
Pine Bluff, AR 71602



We pray for the sick: All those on the monthly list

Grieving:

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



Let's Finish the Beans!

We need 13 more cans to fulfill our November 30th quota. Any brand of beans will be welcome. You may bring them to the office or leave them in the basket by the 15th Street entrance. Thank you, Lakeside

'tis the season... to give



In our efforts to ensure that no child is left behind this Christmas, we begin Lakeside's Christmas Kids Ministry today.

We'd like to ask you to consider adopting a child or a family this holiday. The children who benefit are those whose families are members of Lakeside or who are affiliated with Lakeside Mi Casa Hispanic Ministry, and of whom we know their financial difficulties. Christmas wish lists will be available as early as Sunday, November 20th.

You can support this ministry by taking on a child's Christmas wish list and making purchases yourself or by making a monetary donation so that someone else can make the purchases for you. More information regarding this ministry is to come in all forms of media. Questions? Call Mi Casa 870-939-9411

Please make donations denoting *Mi Casa Christmas*.



We have 5.5 dozen chicken tamales available for sale for November, pick up is on Sunday, November 20th after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

District-Wide Charge Conference by Zoom

Celebrate our connection and combined ministries, approve the business of your local church charge conference, and receive a message from Bishop Gary Mueller at the Southeast District Charge Conference.

Zoom link is below. You will enter a "waiting room" until it is time to begin.

<https://arumc.zoom.us/j/84441807069?pwd=bGI1VGxvNXdBUnZWVE9LbGJhQ1I4UT09>

Meeting ID: 844 4180 7069
Passcode: 605676



Wednesday, November 2, 2022
Midweek Manna - 23

Sunday, November 6, 2022

8:30 Worship Service - 13
9:15 Sunday School - 24
10:30 Worship Service - 60
Online Worship - 11
4:00 Trinity Village Vespers - 31

Our Weekly Service at Church
Sunday, November 13, 2022

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Debbie Owens
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Alicia Frye
Sermon Title: Generosity as a Gravity-Defying Act
Scripture: Genesis 39: 2-4 and 22-23; 41: 39-41
Sermon Series: Defying Gravity
Flowers: Ken & Carolyn Theis
Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

November 14 Brass Polishers: Dixie Webb & Dr. Donna Rickels
November 14 Counters: George Mitchell & 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



Come celebrate God's abundance, your generosity, and the use of your spiritual gifts at a brunch on November 13th From 9:15 to 10:15 am. Join us as we give thanks for what the Holy Spirit has done, is doing and will do at Lakeside United Methodist Church!



Prayer Circling Pine Bluff

Join Lakeside's prayer warriors November 12th at McFadden and Highway 79 from 12-12:30 pm as we join 11 other locations in prayer for our community. Contact Pastor Judy with questions.

Look what's happening at Lakeside! →

