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# The Lakeside Messenger

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When I made the move to Evanston, Illinois to attend seminary, I made a number of lifestyle adjustments. Beside the adjustment of moving to another state where I didn't know anyone, I had to adjust my mode of transportation. I was accustomed to leaving my house, getting in my car, driving to my destination, finding a parking place, and going in the building to work or conduct business. Although I had a vehicle in Evanston, driving it to the seminary was not the best option since the parking spaces were extremely limited. So, I began riding the "L," which is short for elevated train.

In our fast-paced, instant answer, "fix it now" world, waiting is difficult to do. And I had to learn to do a lot of it riding on the "L." Although I walked several blocks both to and from the "L," I often waited for the train to arrive. More waiting occurred on the train. Once I boarded, we made a minimum of five stops between my stop and the seminary stop. This pace was different from anything I had known since I waited for the school bus in junior high school! As the weeks and months passed, I came to cherish the time I had originally felt was wasted and used it to study or pray. I learned to thrive with a gentler lifestyle.

All who worshipped at Lakeside on Sunday know that I wrote the word "busyness" on my slip of paper which I placed in the God box. I want to surrender my busyness to God because it gets in the way of and threatens my relationship with my Creator. When I fill my days and some of my evenings with work and ministry related responsibilities, I have less energy, receptivity, and openness to the nudges and guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is difficult to recognize God's presence and direction when we are constantly on the go – either physically or mentally. But most of all I desire to love and accept myself simply because I am a beloved child of God and not because of what I can accomplish.

The psalmist tells us "I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope; <sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning (Psalm 130:5-6). Isaiah tells us why we wait, "but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31).

I have realized that waiting on the Lord must be a *priority* in my life. It must be an attitude and commitment shift so that I can be a better wife, pastor and friend. I am opening myself to a more intentional schedule and committing to the needed shift with God's help.

May God begin to reform our thinking so we may recognize that waiting is not an inconvenience, but instead it is an opportunity to turn to Jesus with our worries, our frustrations, our joys and our impatience and welcome his gentle, healing presence. Whether we are waiting in line at the grocery store, stuck in traffic or waiting in a hospital room for answers, Jesus is waiting with us, ready to offer his strength and renewal when we say "yes" to him.

*Pastor Judy*

## What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

### Wednesday, Oct. 23

9:30 LAAF  
10:00 Staff Mtg.  
3:00 Zoom F & F  
4:00 Mid-Week Manna  
6:00 Choir

### Thursday, Oct. 24

### Friday, Oct. 25

*Office closed*

### Saturday, Oct. 26

1:00 Colby Lee service  
**Sunday, Oct. 27 Miracle Sunday**  
8:30 Chapel Worship  
8:45 Handbells  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

### Monday, Oct. 28

### Tuesday, Sept. Oct. 29

### Wednesday, Oct. 30

9:30 LAAF  
3:00 Zoom F & F  
4:00 Mid-Week Manna  
5:30-6:30 Trunk or Treat

### Thursday, Oct. 31

### Friday, Nov. 1

*Office closed*

### Saturday, Nov. 2

### Sunday, Nov. 3 All Saints Sunday

8:30 Chapel Worship  
8:45 Handbells  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship  
4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

*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!*

### Trunk or Treat

Wednesday October 30th  
from 5:30-6:30p.m

Mark your calendars to participate.

We need cars, individually wrapped candy, and volunteers to help with food, set-up and take-down.



*We pray for the sick:* Scott Mouser, Valerie Morgan, Andy Vaccaro, Jerry Ingram, Nathan Balztell, Etoyle Mouser, Carol Luebker, and Bill Wilcox.

*Birth announcement:* a son, Ashton Vaughn to Destanie Vaughn. Ashton was born October 16 weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20"

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.*

### Gifts given to Lakeside

In memory of Bill Foster by Jim & Lorene Patterson  
In memory of Colby Lee by Frances Smith, Cliff & Liz Matthews,  
In memory of Arlis Minter by David and Diane Boswell

### Mid Week Manna Schedule

3:10-3:45 Children are picked at schools by church bus  
4:00-5:15 Snack and tutoring  
5:15-5:30 Meal for all  
5:30-6:00 Children's choir  
6:00-7:00 Children and adult activities  
\* Disciple time for children kindergarten and higher  
\* English Class (ESL)  
\* Chancel Choir practice

Volunteers are needed!

Contact Jennifer at 534-6241 or  
Sandy Bobo at 540-7099



### UMCOR Disaster Relief

Please be in prayer for all of the communities affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

A link to give to UMCOR has been added to our website page [www.lakesidepb.org](http://www.lakesidepb.org) under the Missions tab or use this QR code with your phone's camera.

As always, 100% of all donations to UMCOR go directly to the mission.

### Trinity Village Christmas gifts

Trinity Village is asking for small gifts to be donated so that every resident will receive something at their Christmas party in December.

Items or monetary donations may be dropped off at the Medical Center— attention of Ashley Goins.

Gifts, blankets, body wash, socks, caps, and gloves.

### Trinity Village Annual Soup and Shop

This Thursday, October 24th

Doors open at 11:00am. Donations will be taken at the door. Enjoy an array of different soups and shop to your heart's content from over 19 different local vendors who will be there until 3:00pm.

### Green Beans for Neighbor to Neighbor

Don't forget canned green beans for Neighbor to Neighbor.

Holiday sacks will be going out in November and December.

Place your beans in the baskets by the elevator or in the church office.



### Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024

8:30 Chapel Worship - 13

9:15 Sunday school - 27

10:30 Worship - 82

Online Worship - 28

### Our Weekly Service at Church

October 27, 2024

**Sermon:** Rev. Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** De Gasnier

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

**Sermon:** Your House Shall Be Forever

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

**Scripture:** 2 Samuel 7:8-17

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

**Oct. 28 Brass Polishers:** Catherine Anne Atkinson and Sue Merritt

**Oct. 28 Counters:** Linda LaClair and Mike Frye

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

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[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

October 27, 2024 9:15am.

**Discovery Class:** Adam Hamilton's Words of Life— Jesus and the Promise of the 10 Commandments. Sunday's discussion will begin on page 134, chapter 7.

**Wesley Class:** This week's discussion— How Our Choices Shape Us. All are welcome to attend.



### Blessing Box Pantry

Our Blessing Box pantry is getting low, if you are out and about, please pick up some easy to open non-perishables.