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The present circumstances in the United Methodist Church have recently prompted many Methodists to ask why they are United Methodists. As a result, both laity and clergy have shared the reasons they are United Methodists in such venues as #BeUMC and #ProudtobeUMC. These heartfelt sharings offer words of encouragement for many who are suffering the loss of their beloved church homes and also provide hope of a future UMC that continues to offer Jesus' hospitality of welcoming and sharing his love with all people.

Although I walked this path of exploration, questioning and self-examination a number of years ago, I want to share with you some of the reasons I am United Methodist. I could tell you that I am UM because both my father's and mother's families were Methodists, or because I was baptized and confirmed in the UMC or because I have participated and led small groups, worship, retreats and ministry events in the UMC. And although these things contributed to why I am UM, they are not the reason that I am UM.

I am UM because of God's ever-available, persistent grace that invites us throughout our faith journeys to draw ever closer to the God of the universe and of our hearts. I am United Methodist because John Wesley's Scriptural Way of Salvation (creation of humanity in the *Imago Dei*, sin, repentance, justification and sanctification) is exactly how my belief and faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior happened. I am UM because when I became curious about the Holy Spirit, I learned that United Methodists come from a long line of believers in the power of the Holy Spirit – people who surrendered their lives through the practice of spiritual disciplines to align their wills with the Holy Spirit.

But perhaps two of the most powerful reasons I am UM are the Lord's Supper and Sanctification. We believe the grace of Jesus Christ meets all people – without exclusion – at Christ's table of Holy Communion. We believe that Christ's grace works in those who receive the bread and the cup in ways we may never know or understand. We also believe that God's sanctifying grace continues to work in us throughout our lives after we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We believe that God never gives up on us reaching Christian perfection in this lifetime but continues to offer us grace to grow more like Christ through the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting, Scripture study, worship, Communion, and service to others.

Our United Methodist theology of both/and rather than either/or compels me to both listen to Christ's words and observe Christ's actions in Scripture. It stretches my faith to both listen to my Christian brothers and sisters who think differently from me and to be open, pray and discern how God is using them to speak into my life. Because at the end of the day, Jesus Christ's ultimate desire is that we live into the kingdom of God on Earth as it is in heaven.

Why are you United Methodist? If you care to share with me or with the congregation, please reach out to me at judy.rudd@arumc.org.

Pastor Judy

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, October 5

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

Thursday, October 6

5:30 Young Disciples meet

Friday, October 7

Office Closed

Saturday, October 8

8:00 United Methodist Men meet

Sunday, October 9

8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
11:30 United Women in Faith meet.

Monday, October 10

6:00 Called Church Conference in Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday, October 11

11:00-2:00 Ministerial Alliance Lunch
in Fellowship Hall
1:00 PEO meets in The Center

Wednesday, October 12

9:30 LAAF meets in The Center
12:00 Neighbor to Neighbor meets
3:00 Coffee with the pastor
5:30 Mid Week Manna
6:00 Tutoring

Thursday, October 13

2:00-4:00 Reception (See inside)
5:30 Young Disciples meet

Friday, October 14

Office closed

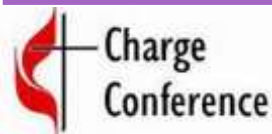
Saturday, October 15

Sunday, October 16

8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship



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!



Called Church Conference Monday, October 10th at 6:00 pm

You may recall that last fall, our church voted to move to the simplified plan of governance. Our church committees – finance, staff parish relations, trustees and administrative council – were combined into our Leadership Board. Each member of the Leadership Board, with one exception represents each of the committees. According to the Book of Discipline, our lay leadership committee (nominations) remains separate. Initially, we chose to keep our Endowment committee separate until the church had a better feel for how the Leadership Board would operate. The Leadership Board is a success except for the difficulties and delays inherent in having to consult the Endowment committee on pertinent issues.

Your Leadership Board believes that it is in the best interest of conducting the timely and orderly business of the church to make the Endowment Committee part of the Leadership Board as well. Each member of the Board will become a member of the Endowment Committee in addition to the other committees.

A change to our system of governance requires a charge or church conference vote. Please plan to attend our called church conference on Monday, October 10th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



ALL LADIES, there will be a short meeting down front in the sanctuary after the 10:30 a.m. service on October 9 to discuss plans on reorganizing United Methodist Women, now known as United Women in Faith. Please make plans to attend.

Can You Believe It Has Been 20 Years?

On October 14th, Linda Schultz celebrates 20 years as Lakeside's Administrative Assistant / Office Manager! Our church has been blessed beyond measure by Linda's dedicated commitment to the mission and ministries of Lakeside. Please make plans to stop by and celebrate Linda's 20 years of service at a reception from 2-4 on Thursday, October 13th hosted by the Staff Parish Relations Committee.



We pray for the sick:

Grieving: The Brandy Watson Family
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

Green Beans!



We are collecting cans of Green Beans for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets given out by Neighbor to Neighbor each year. We need 60 cans of green beans to deliver to them by October 31st and another 60 cans by November 30th. Any brand of beans will be welcome. Lakeside has not let them down before, so let's start bringing in those cans of beans!

You may bring them to the office or leave them in the basket by the 15th Street entrance.



Additionally, we are asked to sponsor two or more children (\$60.00 ea.) for Christmas. If using a check, make it out to Lakeside but on the memo line write Neighbor to Neighbor beans or sponsor a child.

Summary of September Leadership Board Actions

After Sandy Bobo opened the meeting with prayer and Gerald Majors led a devotional on the importance of the responsible use of our financial resources in maintaining our relationships with God, our community and the church, the following business took place:

- The consent calendar, consisting of the Memorial report, August minutes, Trustee report, and Missions and Family Ministry report were adopted.
- The financial report reflecting that Lakeside is approximately \$35,000 under budgeted income and recognizing that utilities have been unexpectedly higher this year was adopted. It was noted that income is often low during the summer months. Income is hoped to offset the arrearages in the 4th quarter, as it often does.
- A new Safe Sanctuary / Safe Gatherings policy was adopted in compliance with the new Conference Safe Gatherings policy. A Safe Sanctuary / Gatherings Coordinator will be identified in accordance with the new policy.
- The Leadership Board voted to move the Endowment Committee under the authority of the Leadership Board and to hold the necessary Charge Conference.
- Lakeside's annual Charge Conference reports were approved with several minor changes.
- Fred Reed presented two proposals of \$168,000 and \$125,000 for needed maintenance in cleaning and waterproofing the outside of the church as well as interior repairs and painting of \$20,000 due to water damage. Further consideration will be given to the matter at the October meeting.



Wednesday, September 28, 2022
Midweek Manna - 25

Sunday, October 2, 2022

8:30 Worship Service - 11
10:30 Worship Service - 46
9:15 Sunday School - 20
Online Worship - 10

Our Weekly Service at Church Sunday, October 9, 2022

Senior Pastor: The Rev. Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Terry Wynne
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moments:** Alicia Frye
Sermon Title: A New Way - A New Birth!

Scripture: Hebrews 10:10-12; 19-23

Sermon Series: The Wesleyan Way of Salvation

Flowers: Ross & Dr. Donna Rickels

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

October 10 Brass Polisher: Deborah Whitaker

October 10 Counters: George Mitchell and 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



Lakeside's annual Trunk-or-Treat is around the corner. Last year we hosted over 200 people. This year we are looking to increase our numbers, but it can't be possible without your collaboration and support.

Here are a few suggestions as to how you can help:

- Donate individually wrapped candy
- Be one of the 8 to 10 'trunkers' needed to decorate their trunks and hand out candy. We also have games that can be set up and manned instead of a trunk.
- Supervise 1 of 2 bouncy houses
- Be 1 of the 6 volunteers needed to prepare and hand out hot dogs, drinks and popcorn.
- Be 1 of the 4 to 6 volunteers needed to set up and clean up. Both are neither difficult or lengthy.

Come celebrate with us. Help meet and greet our neighbors!

Please call me, Geraldine at 870-939-9411 or Rebecca Phillips if you wish to volunteer in any kind of way.