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What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 20

9:30 LAAF
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
6:00 Choir practice

Thursday, Mar. 21

10:00 United Women in Faith at T.
Village

Friday, Mar. 22

Office closed

Saturday, Mar. 23

Sunday, Mar. 24 PALM SUNDAY

8:30 Chapel Worship
8:45 Handbells
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
Town Hall Meeting and Potluck

Monday, Mar. 25

6:00 What We Believe Class- zoom

Tuesday, Mar. 26

5:30 Leadership Board- library

Wednesday, Mar. 27

9:30 LAAF
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
4:00 Mid-week Manna
6:00 Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday, Mar. 28

6:00 Choir Practice

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6:00 Maundy Thursday Choral Tenebrae

Friday, Mar. 27

Office closed

4:00-6:00 Good Friday Prayer Stations

Saturday, Mar. 28

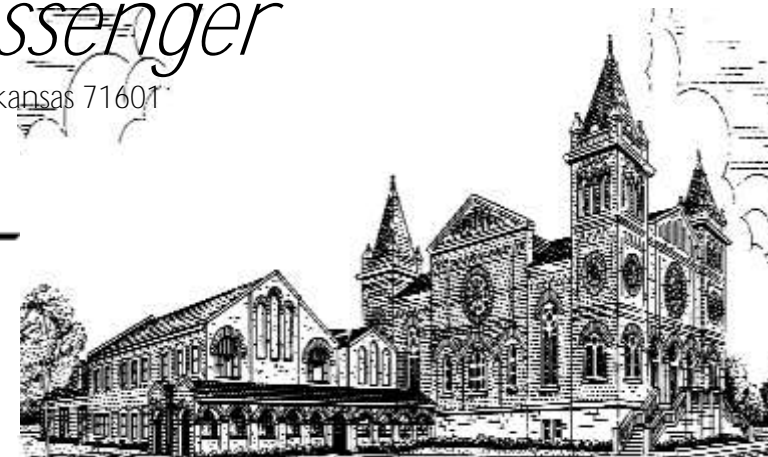
Sunday, Mar. 24 Easter

7:00 Sunrise Service
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

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In most, if not all, of my articles, I like to have a theme of making a difference. The reason behind the theme simply put is because in this office, that's our job, making a difference. At the Lakeside office, we are a puzzle, each of us has different attributes and jobs that make our puzzle pieces different. While it may still function without one of our pieces, the puzzle doesn't serve its full purpose.

It's hard to see the differences made at times. I know that in Mi Casa I prefer those situations where I can see the instant result of our assistance rather than those with longer waiting periods. As much as I'd want more of those cases, most of our tasks are not the short and simple kind. In actuality, most of the work is like having to water plants. Some need to be watered everyday, others every week or two, and they all grow at different speeds.

"A child is a flower in the garden of life.

Some grow taller, some are different colors and some will change how we view the world.

Each one is special,

Each one is beautiful,

Each one is unique,

Each one is to be loved."

Dave Hedges

Whether you take part in Midweek Manna, Project Transformation, Sunday Worship, or any other Lakeside event, you have probably interacted with one of many children who consider Lakeside their home too. Maybe they are not in Sunday service or members yet, but when asked if they go to church they answer "At Lakeside, yes." It's been a joy to witness the growth in all of our Midweek Manna participants. I can't speak on behalf of anyone else, but I have seen how tutoring, teaching, eating with, or talking to one of the kids has made a difference not only in them but also in me.

I like to consider myself very empathetic or as others may put it, my heart is sometimes too big for my own good. When I started to take part in the tutoring portion of Midweek Manna, I would metaphorically tiptoe around the kids and keep a distance. I had this thought in my head that by doing so, I wouldn't get too attached or involved in their lives and when they moved on that I would continue on like nothing ever happened. As much as I tried to keep that distance, it didn't take much for them to wiggle themselves into my heart. That is when I understood that if you want a child to truly grasp what you are trying to teach them, you need to build a connection. Otherwise, they'll hear it but there is no guarantee that it will soak in.

There were a couple instances where I was able to translate during parent teacher conferences this year. During which not only did the child receive praise for their hard work and the difference in their scores but Lakeside was complimented for the time and effort they have been putting into each one of the children. While at the conference, the child's teacher informed us that there was almost a 2 year difference in the most recent test scores compared to the entry test scores from the beginning of Fall 2023. In the short time that the child received constant support and knew that the adult working with them truly cared about how they were doing in school even on the child's bad days, the difference and growth were undeniable.

As overwhelming as it may seem, sometimes all we can do is water our little plants and help them grow. Whether you can see it or not, there is a difference being made, and Lakesiders, God has been using you to make it.

-Vanessa Mi Casa Hispanic Ministries

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!

Holy Week & Easter Services

Maundy Thursday Choral Tennebrae 6:00pm
 Good Friday Prayer Stations 4:00- 6:00pm
 Easter Sunrise Service 7:00am
 Easter Chapel Worship 8:30am
 Sanctuary Worship 10:30am



We pray for the sick:
 Caroline Coles, Colby Lee, Kashimi Elkins,
 Bill Wilcox, Bill Foster, and Lynda Pickler.
We Pray for the grieving:
 The Clay Cross 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.



Sunday, March 17, 2024
 8:30 Chapel Worship - 15
 9:15 Sunday school - 27
 10:30 Worship - 70
 Online Worship - 27

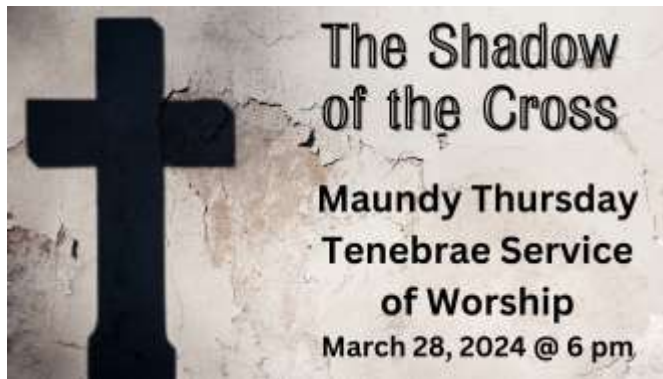
Our Weekly Service at Church Sunday, March 24, 2024

Senior Pastor: Rev. Judy Rudd; **Pastoral Intern:** Sara Andrews;
Liturgist: Tommy Brown; **Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs;
Children's Moments: Jennifer Fox
Scripture: Matthew 5:43- 48, Matthew 26:14-25, 47-50
Sermon Title: Foolish Love... is Risky
Sermon Series: Foolish Love

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

Mar. 25 Brass Polishers: Linda LaClair and Linda McNulty
Mar. 25 Counters: Gerald Majors and Elaine Vaccaro

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live and now You tube. Join us online for worship at:
www.facebook.com/lakesidepb
www.youtube.com/@lumc_pinebluff
 Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website
www.lakesidepb.org



Gifts given to Lakeside

In memory of Joy Cross by Paul, Jr. and Carolyn Lasseigne

Candy for the egg hunt
 We are still needing individually wrapped candy for the egg hunt. Please bring to the office or place in the basket by the elevator.



Easter Lilies

Last day to order lilies, in memory or in honor of loved ones, is this Thursday, March 21.
 The cost this year is \$25.00 for a real or virtual plant that will adorn the Chapel and Sanctuary.

Animals to be auctioned off.

These 3 adorable animals will be auctioned off this Sunday at the potluck.
 All proceeds will go to Project Transformation.
 Feel free to rename them but the office staff has come up with Guinevere, Dolly, Happy, and Barrie.



Good Friday Prayer Stations
 So, you have seen the announcements about the Good Friday prayer stations, but what are they and why should you plan to take time on a Friday afternoon to participate?

The prayer stations hold an invitation for an intimate encounter with Christ. You will read Scripture, reflect, and pray about your relationship with Christ and others.

Come greet the Holy Spirit who awaits your presence and desire to know Christ better on Good Friday, March 29th in the Sanctuary from 4:00-6:00pm.

Leadership Board to meet
 March Leadership Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 26 at 5:30 in the library.

Project Transformation 2024
 This summer's Project Transformation camp will start June 4. Registration is now open for students 1st-5th grade.
www.projecttransformation.org/arkansas.
 Keep a lookout here for future announcements and needs.

Town Hall Meeting & Potluck this Sunday, March 24th Following the 10:30 service

Grab a pencil...

There are some corrections to the 2024 People Directory. Betty Babb- email is bgbabb@sbcglobal.net and her birthday is 3/20.

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 Rob Luebker - zip code is 72364
 Lee Hardin- no work number and cell is 870-550-1100

Latest Sunday School News March 24, 2024 9:15am.

Discovery Class: Our class will be participating in What We Believe with Pastor Judy (9:30-10:00 am.)
Wesley Class: This week's discussion- In Distress? Pray! All are welcome to join.