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What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, May 1

9:30 LAAF
10:00 Staff Mtg
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
4:00 Mid-week Manna
6:00 Choir practice

Thursday, May 2

5:30 Walking the Mourner's Path- Par.

Friday, May 3

Office closed
Saturday, May 4

Sunday, May 5
8:30 Chapel Worship
8:45 Handbells
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
Potluck for Sara Andrews
4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

Monday, May 6

5:30 What We Believe- Library

Tuesday, May 7

Wednesday, May 8

9:30 LAAF
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
4:00 Mid-week Manna
6:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, May 9

5:30 Walking the Mourner's Path- Parlor

Friday, May 10

Office closed

Saturday, May 11

8:00 Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 12

8:30 Chapel Worship
8:45 Handbells
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship

**This month's food distribution will be
May 15-16.**

The Lakeside Messenger

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Dear Lakeside United Methodist Church,

A quote I am repeating over and over these days is, "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." This is a popular quote used a lot this time of year. It is graduation season and a time of transition for many. Kindergarteners are practicing their lines and their songs for their graduations. Seniors are doing all the final things as they prepare for their final days of High School and College. This seminarian is preparing to say goodbye to the professors and faculty who have helped me through the last three years of school. There are a lot of mixed emotions in all of this. I am so grateful the work is done...and I am sad the experience is over.

My time at Lakeside has been the most formative experience of seminary for me. This congregation has loved me and my family well. I appreciate your willingness to let me learn from you. Your patience as I navigated leading worship for the very first time, only four weeks into my time with you, was kind and generous. The conversations we had between services, in the office, during Midweek Manna, or any time you shared with me helped me to learn about who you are as a congregation and as individual people. I value your willingness to share your heart with me.

The missions this church does and the way you show up well for your community are admirable. Your generous spirit and heart are evident in everything you do. Your encouraging words have helped affirm my call to ministry. I am truly sad to be leaving this church and so grateful for everything you've poured into me. You have set the bar high for my expectations of my future congregations.

I am well positioned for my next role as Associate Pastor at Lakewood United Methodist Church in North Little Rock. I will get to serve alongside three other pastors to love the people of Lakewood UMC and the surrounding neighborhood well. That church shares a parking lot with an elementary school and has an after-school care ministry. I am excited about that partnership. The things Lakeside UMC has taught me will help me be the pastor God is calling me to be for the Lakewood community.

I thank you for everything you have done for me and my family these last eight months. I will miss you all.

Sara Andrews

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!



"Until We Meet Again" Potluck

May 5th will be Sara's last Sunday here at Lakeside. Following the 10:30 service, we will have a Mexican-themed potluck to honor Sara and her family, David, Paige and Will. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Sandy is providing some chicken for tacos but we will need a variety of meats as well as sides and desserts.

General Conference Updates

If you'd like to keep up with what is happening at General Conference, use the links below to receive reliable, unbiased, and accurate information.

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020/live-stream>

or follow on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/arkansasumc?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

General Conference has now entered the second week.

Project Transformation Meals

One way to support Project Transformation this summer is by providing meals for the interns. Lakeside is responsible for the following lunches and dinners:

May 29, 30, 31 and June 3 at Lakeside for lunch

May 29, 30, June 2, 3, and 6th for dinner.

Please contact Ellen Wyatt if you can provide one of these meals.

Other dates are available at

www.projecttransformation.org/arkansas

* Intern Welcome Potluck Sunday, June 2

Once again, we will be inviting parents to come in for coffee and doughnuts on Thursdays from 8:15-9:00am.

If you'd be willing to provide doughnuts and/or serve as host, please contact Jennifer at 870-534-6241



We pray for the sick:

Andy Vaccaro, Caroline Coles, Colby Lee, Bubba Milam, Lynn Newton, Bob Castleberry, Bill Wilcox.

We pray for the grieving:

Dr. Larisa Kachowski and family on the loss of her father.

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.

Gifts given to Lakeside

In memory of Clay Cross by George and Carol Burckhalter

Arkansas Conference News

The Arkansas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church of Jonesboro have prevailed in their litigation in a lawsuit filed by a group known as First Methodist Church of Jonesboro led by former United Methodist pastor, Mr. John Miles. Permanent possession of the historic church campus located at 801 S. Main St. in Jonesboro, Arkansas has been granted to the Arkansas Conference. Special District Judge Gary Arnold will release a written order in the coming weeks.



New way to register your attendance

Scan the QR Code on the back of your Sunday bulletin to register your attendance. This will take you directly to the registration page.

Special Recognition

Lakeside and Pastor Judy were recently recognized by the Pine Bluff School District for supporting their schools, particularly Broadmoor Elementary, with time and donations.

Great work everyone!

Project Transformation Bus Crew needs YOU!

We are still short a bus "Ride-Along" for Thursday mornings (8am) for the following dates, June: 6, 13, 20, 27.

It takes about an hour to pick up the kiddos and drop them off. If you are not already Safe Gatherings Certified, we can remedy that.

Don't miss an opportunity to be a member of Lakeside's most AMAZING crew!

To sign-up or have questions, contact Linda LaClair at 870-329-7753.



Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:30 Chapel Worship - 20

9:15 Sunday school - 36

10:30 Worship - 79

Online Worship - 23

Our Weekly Service at Church

May 5, 2024

Senior Pastor: Reverend Judy Rudd; **Pastoral Intern:** Sara Andrews;

Liturgist: Deborah Whitaker; **Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs;

Children's Moments: Jennifer Fox

Scripture: Philippians 4:15-20

Sermon Title: "Thank you"

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

May 6 Brass Polishers: Yvonne Glien and Ellen Wyatt

May 6 Counters: Linda LaClair and Mike Frye

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

Latest Sunday School News

May 5, 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: Encountering Jesus. All are welcome to join.

Project Transformation starts in about a month!

If you need another copy of the needed supplies, you may pick one up in the office or one can be emailed to you.