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### *What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church*

**Wednesday, April 17**

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

**Thursday, April 18**

10:00 United Women in Faith at  
Trinity Village  
5:30 LTC Meeting- library

**Friday, April 19**

*Office closed*

**Saturday, April 20**

**Sunday, April 21**  
8:30 Chapel Worship  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Sanctuary Worship  
2:00 Town hall meeting - FH

**Monday, April 22**

**Tuesday, April 23**

6:00 Southeast Dist. Zoom Meeting

**Wednesday, April 24**

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

**Thursday, April 25**

**Friday, April 26**

*Office closed*

**Saturday, April 27**

9:00 Southeast Dist. Board of Ordained  
Ministry Meeting - F.H

**Sunday, April 28**

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

# The Lakeside Messenger

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“Any time you have an opportunity to make a difference in this world and you don't, then you are wasting your time on Earth.” Roberto Clemente

This past week I had the opportunity to attend a Latin American Women's conference in Houston, Texas. A little over 1,000 women attended from as far as Argentina and Chile. It was inspiring at how many of the women there held multiple degrees and careers that I would have never imagined for a Hispanic woman to have. Some of the women I met were lawyers, psychologists, professors, writers, a veteran, medical professionals, and even others who advocate for Hispanic and/or low income communities. I don't think I am able to find the right words to express how seeing how much is possible for women, whose culture constantly attempts to keep them uneducated, with the right kind of support and opportunities made me feel. I can assure you it was a positive reaction, perhaps heart warming? No, not warming it was more like a burning, like a volcano erupted full of all sorts of emotions; relief, joy, etc.

At Mi Casa, although we do mostly assist Mexicans and Hondurans, we also see many others come through from Guatemala, Nicaragua, and El Salvador. We even had someone from Belize and Cuba! Sometimes it's hard to understand each other because there are still many cultural differences within each country. However it's a giddy feeling when someone doesn't think you'll understand their culture because not very many have but then you surprise them by bringing up their traditional foods, they see a trinket on one of our shelves that's from their country, or simply know something that has to do with their home country specifically. Not only does it make us feel good but it provides the person needing help that comfort knowing that we will take the time to learn about them and provide a service that best suits their needs.



During Project Transformation 2022, there was an intern, Gabe Ronan, from Brazil, that all the kids participating would rave about. I recall that one of our kids from Midweek Manna excitedly informed me that one of their teachers spoke Spanish. Since I wasn't very involved that year with PT, I wasn't able to see if he did speak Spanish for myself or if the kids assumed he did because technically he is Latino (but not Hispanic). Regardless if he did or not, the kids with Latino backgrounds were able to relate to him due to some similarities and learning from each other.

One of my main goals with our Midweek Manna kids and their parents is showing them that they are capable of achieving so much more than what they believe. When we have the seniors come in and fix their tables for the Senior Brunch at the end of the year, our Midweek Manna kids watch them with their eyes full of curiosity. In 2022, they were able to see college t-shirts, a drawing, high school diplomas, yearbooks, acceptance letters, a band poster, homecoming memories, band medals, trophies, different plaques, sashes, colorful cords and sashes, JROTC ribbons, soccer posters, pictures, and just soak in what kind of memories they could have and share when it's their turn to graduate.

“But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.” Psalm 33:11

- Vanessa

*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!*

### Walking the Mourner's Path



Beginning April 25th and running through June 13, this group will meet on Thursdays at 5:30pm.

If you've ever felt a deep sense of helplessness on learning of the death of a loved one, please, know Lakeside wants to help you see where God is in your pain. Perhaps you have never heard of the 3 C's of grief, choose, connect, and communicate. Contemplate these words as you consider being a part of a small group that will be WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH.

If you would like to be a part of this small group, please contact the office at 534-6241 or email Jennifer at lakesidepb@arumc.org  
Registration is limited to 10

### Town Hall meeting

We hope to see you at the Town Hall meeting this Sunday, April 21st at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about General Conference.



### We pray for the sick:

Caroline Coles, Colby Lee, Kashimi Elkins, Bill Foster, Lynn Newton, Bob Castleberry, Barbara Tracy, Bill Wilcox, Lynda Pickler.

**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.**

### Project Transformation 2024

This summer's Project Transformation camp will start June 4. Registration is now open for students 1st-5th grade.

Use your camera on the QR code to the right and it will take you to registration.

For more information on how to volunteer or donate, go to [www.projecttransformation.org/arkansas](http://www.projecttransformation.org/arkansas) and in the menu, click on Get Involved.



### Project Transformation Meals

One way to support Project Transformation this summer is by providing meals for the interns.

A schedule will be made available soon where you may sign-up on line or if you need help, Ellen Wyatt has agreed to once again be available to help with sign-ups or answer any questions.

### Southeast District Zoom meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:00pm.  
More information and the zoom link will be made available closer to the date.



### Sara's new appointment

Our pastoral intern, Sara Andrews, has been appointed to Lakewood UMC in North Little Rock, AR. Sara will serve as Associate Pastor beginning in July. Sara's last Sunday at Lakeside will be May 5th when she will preach and we will have chance to say our goodbyes with a potluck following the 10:30 service.



### Sunday, April 14, 2024

8:30 Chapel Worship - 17  
9:15 Sunday school - 33  
10:30 Worship - 85  
Online Worship - 18

### Our Weekly Service at Church April 21, 2024

**Senior Pastor:** Reverend Judy Rudd; **Pastoral Intern:** Sara Andrews;  
**Liturgist:** Claire Campbell; **Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs;  
**Children's Moments:** Jennifer Fox  
**Scripture:** John 20: 24-29

**Sermon Title:** Thomas ~ Returning to Faith  
**Sermon Series:** Resurrection Power - Transforming Lives

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

**April 22 Brass Polishers:** Dixie Webb and Donna Rickels  
**April 22 Counters:** Ramona Harkins and Ellen Wyatt

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live and now YouTube. Join us online for worship at:  
[www.facebook.com/lakesidepb](http://www.facebook.com/lakesidepb)  
[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)

### Volunteer Opportunity

Lakeside is in need of at least 2 more Nursery Nannies to help on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 service.

You must be Safe Gatherings certified and you would only have to volunteer once a month or just serve as a back-up for when someone is unable to be there. If interested, please contact Jennifer in the office or Sandy Bobo at 540-7099.

### Latest Sunday School News April 21, 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- Exploring the Uncomfortable. All are welcome to join.

### Project Transformation Bus crew needs YOU!

We are still short a bus "Ride-Along" for Tuesday and Thursday mornings (8am), and Thursday afternoons (3pm) June 4 – July 26.  
You can sign up for one ride, more than one or better yet, all slots!

Here are the available dates:  
Tuesday mornings June: 4,11,18, 25  
July: 2, 9,16, 23  
Thursday mornings and afternoons  
June: 6,13, 20, 27 July: 11,18

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.