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Lakeside United
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1500 Olive Street
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What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, April 3

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

Thursday, April 4

Friday, April 5

Office closed

Saturday, April 6

Sunday, April 7

8:30 Chapel Worship
8:45 Handbells

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

Monday, April 8

6:00 What We Believe Class- zoom

5:30 What We Believe Class- library

Tuesday, April 9

1:00 PEO

5:30 LTC Mtg.

Wednesday, April 10

9:30 LAAF

3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

4:00 Mid-week Manna

6:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, April 11

Friday, April 12

Office closed

Saturday, April 13

8:00 Men's breakfast

Sunday, April 14

8:30 Chapel Worship

8:45 Handbells

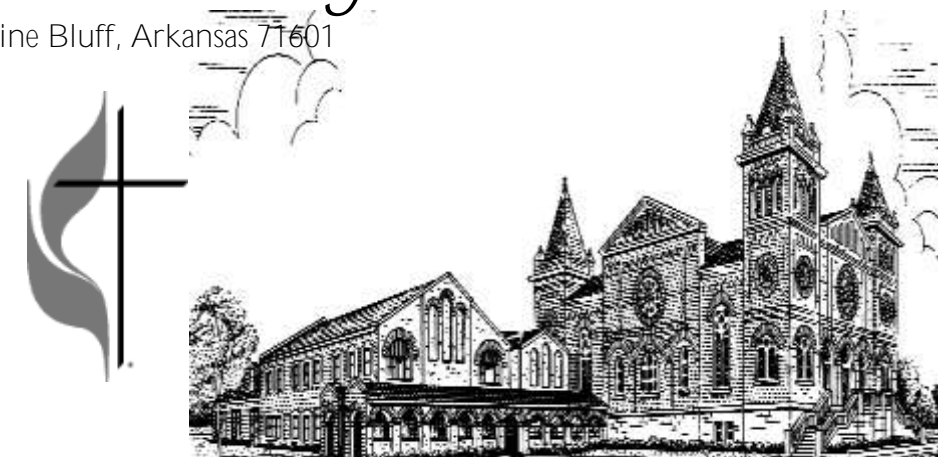
9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

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Liminal Space

The word “liminal” comes from the Latin word “limen,” which means threshold. To be in the liminal space means “to be on the precipice of something new but not quite there yet.” We heard this a lot during peak Covid when we didn’t know what life was going to look like post-pandemic, but we all understood it wasn’t going to look like it did before.

There are times in our lives when we find ourselves in these spaces. For example, when a loved one passes. My grandmother was the matriarch of our family. All of our holidays and gatherings were organized by her. As she got older, others would take the lead, but nothing was done without running it by her first. When she received a cancer diagnosis in July and passed away the following March, our family knew that nothing was going to be the same. But we had no idea what it would be like.

This liminal space is hard. We know change is coming, but we don’t know what that change is. Sometimes, we are aware of this upcoming transitional period. I knew that I was going to seminary so that I could go into ministry. Now that I’m at the end of school, I know I’m going into a pulpit, but I have no idea where that might be or what that context might be. This is a liminal space of something new, but not quite yet.

We see this space in scripture as well. The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years before going into the Promised Land. That had to be a liminal time for them. They were led out of slavery. They knew they weren’t enslaved any longer, but they didn’t know what was before them in the promised land.

It had to be a liminal time for the disciples and Jesus’ followers between his burial and resurrection. The disciples knew that Jesus had been crucified and buried, but they didn’t understand that he would be resurrected.

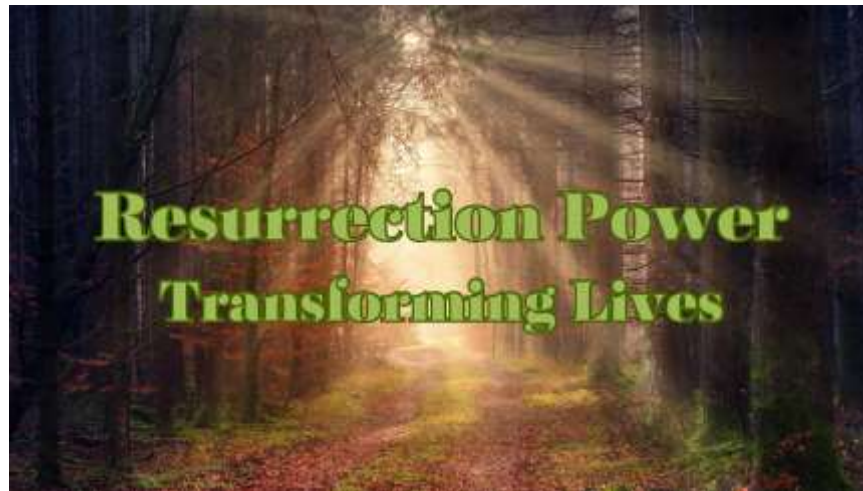
In both of these scripture references, God shows up in a spectacular way. Just the way God promised. Moses and Joshua knew the Israelites were going to the promised land. God promised that. Jesus knew he was going to be resurrected. God promised that.

Even in times of transition, God’s promise to us remains.

Jeremiah 29:11: For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

- 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!



New sermon series

Join us for our next sermon series as we learn how Jesus' resurrection power transformed the lives of Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, Thomas, the travelers on the Road to Emmaus, and Paul and how it can transform our lives.



SoulAR Time with Jesus

Location: Hestand Stadium
420 N. Blake Street, Pine Bluff AR
Date: Sunday, April 7, 2024
Time: 2:00 – 7:00 pm

You are Invited to come together!

The local church flocks will be coming together featuring a set apart time with Jesus.

Several worship teams will lead us as we worship the One who said "Let there be Light", and God saw it was good. We desire to give honor to the Creator who Redeems and Restores.

This is a **FREE**, family-friendly event with music, praise and the opportunity to be a part of the unshakable Kingdom.



We pray for the sick:

Caroline Coles, Colby Lee, Kashimi Elkins, Barbara Tracy, Bill Wilcox, Bill Foster, Lynn Newton, Lynda Pickler, Laura Sparks, and Dianne Robinson

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 Phil and Jane Rice.

In memory of Clay and Joy Cross by Joe and Nancy Gieringer.

Please welcome our newest

Lakeside members:

Stacie and Lily Peacock
 Jerry Ingram and Catherine Vander Woude.
 They joined March 24, 2024



**Southeast District Conference
 Zoom meeting**

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

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.

www.projecttransformation.org/arkansas.

Bus Drivers and Assistants are needed.

Please contact Linda LaClair (870-329-7753) if you are interested in driving or riding along, once a week, month or more.



Thank you, Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that donated candy, eggs and their time to this year's Easter Egg Hunt! It was wonderful to see so many of our families and friends.



Sunday, March 31, 2024

7:00 Sunrise - 16 8:30 Chapel Worship - 16
 9:15 Sunday school - classes didn't meet
 10:30 Worship - 180
 Online Worship - 23
 Maundy Thursday service- 54 and 14 online

**Our Weekly Service at Church
 April 7, 2024**

Senior Pastor: Rev. Judy Rudd; **Pastoral Intern:** Sara Andrews;
Liturgist: Deborah Whitaker; **Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs;
Children's Moments: Jennifer Fox
Scripture: John 20:11-18

Sermon Title: Resurrection Healing ~ Mary Magdalene
Sermon Series: Resurrection Power - Transforming Lives

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

April 8 Brass Polishers: Ramona Harkins, Sandy Bobo and Susan Coles

April 9 Counters: Laura Richards and Shelby Stone

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live and now YouTube. 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

Grab a pencil...

There are some corrections/additions to the 2024 People Directory.

Please add Stacie Peacock - 125 E. Choctaw St, Dumas AR 71639 email is staciepeacock22@gmail.com and cell is 870-377-3250.

**Latest Sunday School News
 April 7, 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- Celebrating Jesus' resurrection. All are welcome to join.