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

Wednesday, July 17

8:30 Project Transformation (P.T.)
9:30 LAAF
10:00 Staff Mtg.
12:00 N2N Mtg.
2:00-4:00 Small Group Leader Training
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

Thursday, July 18

8:30 P.T.

Friday, July 19

Office closed

Saturday, July 20

Sunday, July 21

8:30 Chapel Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Sanctuary Worship
2:00-4:00 Reception for DeeDee Autry at
Monticello FUMC

Monday, July 22

8:30 P.T.

Tuesday, July 23

8:30 P.T.

Wednesday, July 24

8:30 P.T.
9:30 LAAF
2:00-4:00 Small Group Leader Training
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
6:00 End of Summer Celebration for P.T.

Thursday, July 25

8:30 P.T.

Friday, July 26

Office closed

Saturday, July 27

Sunday, July 28

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

* Leadership Board will meet Tuesday,
July 30 at 5:30pm.

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A few years ago, I was blessed to visit Amsterdam with a friend. Besides the tranquil canals and the stunning tulip gardens, one of the most memorable parts was an art exhibit. The art exhibit was emotionally provoking; however, it wasn't the art exhibit, itself, that was memorable. It was the building. I walked into this massive, ancient church to find it empty. Where pews once held faithful disciples, there were bare marble floors. It was void of any sign of its sacred purpose other than an elevated, ornate pulpit built into a column.

I felt as if I had been gut-punched. I couldn't comprehend the truth that such beacon of Christianity no longer served the purpose for which it was built. An eerie sense of death and desolation seemed to fill the space where ordinary people worshipped, choirs sang, sermons were preached, babies baptized and professions of faith were made. I learned this was only one of many churches in Europe which had been abandoned or repurposed because of the decline of church attendance. I became filled with dread as I began to consider the direction that Christianity might be headed in the United States.

We sing the hymn "We Are the Church" which says that the church is not a building, steeple or resting place but rather the church is a people, but do we actually live the words of the hymn? Or do we only enjoy the words and melody, provided we can keep our building and all the symbols and rituals to which we have become accustomed? Might we have the power and spiritual gifts to reverse our mainline denominational church attendance decline if we become willing to reach people in different ways beyond our church walls?

I know I am on the verge of speaking heresy to those of us who love our church building. And I am NOT advocating that we give up our beloved Lakeside building. But I am encouraging us to earnestly pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us in reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ beyond our church walls. Sometimes that will involve leaving the building and sometimes that will require us to use our building as a place of hospitality for people beyond the church walls. Either way, it will require transforming how we view ourselves, how we view and interact with our neighbors and how we live Jesus' commandment to make disciples.

Lakeside, are we ready for a "Fresh Expression" of church? I believe we are! It is possible for us to pour our faith and love into the people in our community and church in new ways, trusting that the Spirit of the Living God will melt us, mold us, fill us and use us to make new disciples and nurture established disciples. God's kingdom on Earth is depending on us to take new risks!" I believe Lakeside is the church that can be a shining example of the love and justice of Christ in our community. Please prayerfully consider participating in some of the upcoming workshops and training, such as "Fresh Expressions" and "One More Question" that will equip and empower us to share the love of Jesus Christ in ways that meet the needs of our neighbors and glorify God. Come Holy Spirit! We are ready!

Pastor Judy

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!

**Project Transformation 2024 is winding down.
End of Summer Celebration: July 24 from 6:00-7:30p.m**

Lakeside will host the End-of-summer celebration. This celebration is for the families, interns, and volunteers that have helped throughout the summer. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, serve the meal, provide cakes for dessert, and/or clean-up. If you can help in any way, please contact Jennifer Fox at 534-6241.



We pray for the sick: John Baltzell, Caroline Coles, Pat Morgan
We pray for the grieving: The family of Stephen Browning

Woodland Heights Senior Living: Billie Doster; *Woodland Heights Memory Care:* Wannie Pope. *Stonebridge Senior Living:* Bob Castleberry
Lakeside's Hispanic Ministry, Young People around the world, Families in trouble, City Council members & Mayor, Students of all ages, Teachers, First Responders and Project Transformation.



Sunday, July 14, 2024
8:30 Chapel Worship - 16
9:15 Sunday school - 21
10:30 Worship - 79
Online Worship - 16

**Our Weekly Service at Church
July 21, 2024**

Senior Pastor: Reverend Judy Rudd; **Liturgist:** Jake Stanberry
Director of Music: Ann Tibbs; **Children's Moment:** P.T. Interns
Sermon: Jesus, Our Peace
Sermon Series: Living the Love of Christ: Lessons from Ephesians
Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22

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

July 22 Brass Polishers: Ellen Wyatt and Yvonne Glien
July 22 Counters: Linda LaClair and Mike Frye

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live and 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

Summer Fun with Project Transformation 2024

Gifts given to Lakeside

In memory of Stephen Browning by Frances Smith, Glenn and Betty Babb, Fred and Ann Reed, David and Ann Nixon, Laura Nixon, David and Briana McNeill, Dan and Barbara Chambliss

In memory of Don Massey by Frances Smith, Glenn and Betty Babb, David and Briana McNeill,

In memory of Charles Morgan by David and Briana McNeill

In memory of Bea Robey by David and Briana McNeill

In memory of Beth Rickels by David and Briana McNeill

In memory of Dot Boyd by Fred and Ann Reed

In memory of Jane Nixon by Fred and Ann Reed



Don't forget your tuna!

The pantry is in need of tuna for our monthly donation to Neighbor to Neighbor. You may bring cans or pouches of tuna to the office or place in baskets outside the elevator.



Now is the time to gather school supplies

- 24 pk crayons
- Colored pencils
- #2 pencils
- Pens— blue, red, and black
- Child sized scissors— different ages
- Glue sticks
- Pump style hand sanitizer
- *Monetary donations are welcome as we will order in bulk.



**Latest Sunday School News
July 21, 2024 9:15am.**

Discovery Class: Our class will be participating in What We Believe with Pastor Judy (9:30-10:00am.)
Wesley Class: This week's discussion— All creation Requires Rest. All are welcome to attend.