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What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 6

9:30 LAAF
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
4:00 Mid-Week Manna

6:00 Choir practice

Thursday, Mar. 7

Friday, Mar. 8

Office closed

Saturday, Mar. 9

Sunday, Mar. 10

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

Monday, Mar. 11

6:00 What We Believe Class- zoom
6:00 What We Believe Class- Library

Tuesday, Mar. 12

1:00 PEO
5:00 Project Transformation Mtg.
5:30 LTC Mtg.

Wednesday, Mar. 13

9:00 Food Dist, set-up
9:30 LAAF

3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

4:00 Mid-Week Manna

6:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, Mar. 14

Food Distribution

Friday, Mar. 15

Office closed

Saturday, Mar. 16

8:00 Men's Breakfast

Sunday, Mar. 17

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

March Food Distribution

3/13-3/14

Men's Breakfast will be
Saturday, March 16 at 8:00am.

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Almost five years ago, I found myself in the grasp of the deepest, darkest abyss that I felt had no bottom. I couldn't breathe deep enough to keep from drowning. I couldn't scream loud enough to wake myself from a horrible nightmare. My prayers, and those of a multitude of others had gone unanswered. No one could provide a sufficient reason as to why my best friend, my heart, my soul, my music and the love of my life had been ripped from my very being; not my church, my faith, nor my God. I wanted and needed answers that no one seemed to be able to provide to my satisfaction. My solution seemed simple. Since I felt God had abandoned me, then I would abandon God.

For the next few years, I closed myself off in that dark place, convinced that no one could possibly understand my grief and pain. I didn't want to hear the typical insensitive platitudes that are often offered to those who are grieving, so I kept my distance. Covid became a really good excuse to avoid contact with anyone.

Then, with a nudge from a former church friend, I experienced a few "God Moments" that helped to get me back on track. One of those moments, was visiting with Pastor Judy and feeling the Holy Spirit working here at Lakeside UMC through its loving membership. I had lost my church and church family in the disaffiliation process....another death that I couldn't understand and another question "WHY" that had no good answer. Grief was taking its toll in my life and I needed help. I received it here at LUMC, my new church home and church family.



Pastor Judy, realizing the need for a ministry to help those suffering from a loss, contacted Pulaski Heights UMC about a program being offered called, *Walking the Mourner's Path* "transforming grief into joyful living", for those who were feeling led to help others grow spiritually through their own personal grieving process. Alicia Frye and I attended the program several weeks ago. We learned how to be caring and effective listeners and to be ever mindful that God is with us in our pain and sorrow. This type of program will be beneficial to our church and our community. Recovering from grief is difficult but what better way to begin than through a Christ-Centered Grief Ministry where you learn that you are not

alone. Plans are being formulated to begin such a program after Easter, so be prayerful and watch the newsletter for more information.

Matthew 5:4 – Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Peace and Joy to you all,
Donna Kriner

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!

Arkansas Conference redistricting plans

If you want to learn about the reconfiguration of the districts in the Arkansas Conference, be sure to attend one of these Zoom meetings.

Wednesday, March 6 at noon:

[https://arumc.zoom.us/j/87661382274?](https://arumc.zoom.us/j/87661382274?pwd=V0KKg1uwPnEXVINhIoasFB3c2AGncw.1)

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Monday, March 11 at 6pm: [https://arumc.zoom.us/j/84647330306?](https://arumc.zoom.us/j/84647330306?pwd=JKbjgXvovNaLKhT6k3ofYptAjeKNHa.1)

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Lakeside's Food Pantry is low

Please consider picking up non-perishable food items the next time that you are at the store. Baskets are placed by the elevator and in the office.

Don't forget your tuna for Neighbor to Neighbor.

SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 27, 2024 LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

- The January minutes, the financial and endowment reports, the Trustees' report and the consent calendar were reviewed and approved.
- The Board agreed with Pastor Judy's proposal to create an endowment task force to consider ways to encourage and promote endowment giving, including an endowment campaign. Pastor Judy is to contact suggested people to be on the task force.
- In the Pastor's report, Pastor Judy advised of a grief recovery group which will be offered at the church after Easter by Donna Kriner and Alicia Frye who were recently trained in the "Walking the Mourners' Path" grief recovery program. Pastor Judy's recommendation to form a task force to create Leadership Board guidelines and review and update all existing church policies to be presented for approval by the Leadership Board was approved.
- Townhall meetings and potlucks for 2024 are scheduled for March 24th, July 14th and November 17th.



We pray for the sick:

Caroline Coles, Clay Cross, Colby Lee, Kashimi Elkins, Ron Powell, Bill Wilcox, Bill Foster, and 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.

Gifts given to Lakeside

In memory of Jane Nixon by David Boling and Mine Sasaguri, Harry and Ruth Light, Ben and Betsy Landers.

In memory of Joy Cross by The Methodist Foundation of Arkansas, Wayne and Rynnett Clark.



Easter Lilies

Orders for lilies will be taken until March 21. Order forms will be in the Sunday bulletins or you may contact the office. Your lilies, in memory or in honor of loved ones, will adorn the church on Easter morning, March 31st.

The cost this year is \$25.00 for a real or virtual plant. Proceeds will benefit Methodist Family Health.

Project Transformation

Plans are already being made for this summer's Project Transformation. An organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12 at 5:00.

Town Hall Meeting & Potluck Sunday, March 24th



SPRING FORWARD SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH



Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter egg hunt will be held Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00pm.

We are asking for individually wrapped candy, plastic eggs and volunteers. Volunteers are needed to stuff eggs on Tuesday afternoon, March 26 and to help on Wednesday with the hunt. Please contact Jennifer if you are able to help.



Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:30 Chapel Worship - 18

9:15 Sunday school - 24

10:30 Worship - 88

Online Worship - 25

Our Weekly Service at Church Sunday, March 10, 2024

Senior Pastor: Rev. Judy Rudd; **Pastoral Intern:** Sara Andrews;

Liturgist: Laura Richards; **Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs;

Children's Moments: Jennifer Fox

Scripture: Mark 5:1-17; John 2:1-11

Sermon Title: Foolish Love... is Wasteful

Sermon Series: Foolish Love

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

Mar. 11 Brass Polishers: Catherine Anne Atkinson and Sue Merritt

Mar. 11 Counters: Laura Richards and Shelby Stone

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

A Call to Prayer for General Conference

Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth. (Psalm 46:10)

The Conference Board of Discipleship is providing a series of prayers specifically for the people of the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church as we approach the upcoming General Conference.

We will be using these as our Call to Worship through the Lenten season.

Latest Sunday School News

March 10, 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- Disciple of Christ, or of the world?. All are welcome to join.