

"Stewardship" Is a Funny Word



It's been a year since I started attending Lake Shore, and on Sunday, November 12, I plan to make my ties official and join the church.

I didn't grow up in church, so words like "stewardship" still sounds funny to me. I did, however, grow up knowing what a

"pledge" was because of NPR and PBS. Voices and insights from folks like Fred Rogers, Gwen Ifill, and Bill Moyers filled my family's home and our car time. We didn't always make a pledge. Some years were leaner than others. Some years, things just completely fell apart for us. But we always valued the stories and the level of community concern we found in public media. We were connected to bigger world and it made us better.

Lake Shore makes my world bigger, too. The connections and creativity, the voices and visions, the stories and songs, the preaching and the people—this place enlarges my sense of what's possible, of what it means to follow Jesus in this moment and in this place. This community kindles hope in me as we walk together, companions in the way of the risen Lord.

I always really enjoy pledge drives for public radio. That's when they ask folks to consider pledging financial support. It made me feel needed, wanted. Most of my life, I couldn't give money, but I gave time and attention. Whoever you are, whatever your gifts, know that you are needed and wanted here.

I didn't make a pledge to Lake Shore during my first year here as I changed churches. Now, I'm discerning what my pledge might look like for the coming year. Looking forward to another year with all y'all.

--T J Geiger II

November 8, 2017

Worship at Lake Shore The Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost

The Worship of God November 12, 2017

> **Sermon** *Kyndall* Rothaus

The Scripture *Matthew 23:1-12*

Called Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 15 — 6:00 p.m. Agenda:

- 1. Vote on deacons.
- 2. Consider the budget for 2018.

Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 19, 6:00 pm Lake Shore's traditional service and pie fellowship but on Sunday night





A Report from Micronesia Joanne Held Cummings Tonight at 6:15

We are always glad to have Joanne Cummings speak to us when she is home in Waco. She has a life-long heritage of diplomacy. Her latest assignment with the Department of State is Deputy Chief of Mission in the Federated States of Micronesia. Joanne has served extensively in the Middle East, North Africa, and East Africa. Daughter of diplomats Cokie and Milly Held, she was raised in Lebanon, Iran, and Saudi Arabia. In the private sector and for the Department of State, she worked in a wide range of countries, extending geographically from Morocco to Afghanistan. She has served as Refugee Coordinator, Foreign Policy Advisor, Economic and Pol/Econ Section Chief, and DCM.. She speaks Arabic and French.

Joanne will return to Baghdad for 5th year in summer 2018 as the POLAD (Foreign Policy Advisor) to the Commanding General of CJTF-OIR (Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve) to assist the international effort against Daesh/Isis.

In the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Joanne is deputy to Ambassador Robert Riley and is often *chargé d'affaires* in place of the ambassador for this vast expanse of Pacific Ocean. The 607 islands of the FSM are home to multiple languages, cultures, and environments. The FSM and the US are bound by a Compact of Free Association, which establishes the US defense role, free population movement, and development assistance. This close relationship binds the two countries, while Pacific powers are also interested in exerting influence. In today's geopolitical context, the FSM and its million square miles of Pacific territory are critically important. Joanne says that the Americans know little about Micronesia, but in light of Chinese and North Korean initiatives, environmental threats, and tourism opportunities, we should seek to understand these fascinating islands!

Joanne was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, and attended schools overseas before receiving her BA from the American University in Beirut and MA in Geography from the University of Texas at Austin. She recently finished a two-year detail teaching at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs before beginning her service as DCM in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

Deacon Nominating Committee Report

The Deacon Nominating Committee has nominated the following persons to serve as deacons, beginning in 2018. The recommendations will be voted on by the church on November 15.

2 year term Bill Bellinger 3 year terms Kay Avant Gail Boyd David Davis Tom Hanks Kim Kellison Nate Myrick Reagan Ramsower

Deacon nominating committee: Kristi SoRelle (chair), Henry Kari, Hope Mustakim, Joe Coker, Andy Powell, Gail Boyd, and Rick Allen.

Holy \$moke!

No-Show Fall Fundraiser for **Seeds of Hope**

Seeds of Hope is a group of believers responding to a common burden for the poor and hungry of God's world

It's easier than ever for friends and supporters like you to participate. In fact, you don't even have to show up! Check out the two user-friendly options:

Option 1: Be a No-Show!

Stay home. Go out. Whatever you like. Let your check attend for you! We promise your dollars a great time as they help the ministry of Seeds share hunger awareness with caring congregations through news and worship resources. The date is Nov. 10, but it's never too early or too late to lend your support.

Option 2: Order Take-Out

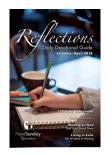
Pick up a "Holy Smoke" dinner for you and all your "No-Show" friends and family! Top chef **Erin Conaway**, pastor of Seventh & James Baptist , has volunteered to smoke brisket, which we will serve with sides on November 10. Take-out dinners will be sold in packages of two servings each for \$25 (minimum donation) and must be ordered by November 3.

To find out how to participate in one or both options, call 254-755-7745 or email seedseditor1@gmail.com.

Tellabration! 2017 Tickets \$12/12yrs-Adults \$6/4yrs-11yrs

SATURDAY, November 11, 2017 Time: 6-8:30pm This Year We Celebrate Local Author And Storyteller, Kyndall Rothaus

Some of our members receive *Reflections* Daily Devotional Guide three times each year. Offering 128 pages of thoughtful, daily devotions, *Reflections* is designed to challenge and encourage adults on their spiritual journey. *Reflections* follows the Narrative Lectionary, a popular alternative cycle of Scripture readings to the



Revised Common Lectionary. Carol Davis Younger is the editor. If you would like to be added to the Lake Shore subscription list, please let Krysta know. We will let you know each time our copies of *Reflections* come in.

> Midway Camarata (the orchestra Chandler Evans performs in) in collaboration with the Fort Worth Ballet will perform



at the Midway Performing Arts Center Saturday, December 2 at 7:30 pm Sunday, December 3 at 2 pm Below is the link to purchase tickets.

Tickets are available at <u>https://www.balletfrontier.org</u> (Be sure to click on "Tickets" in the top right corner). Chandler hopes some of his church friends can come.

Prayers for . . .

Vicky Hunt is in hospice care at St. Catherine's. Our prayers are with Vicky and with Russ as he cares for her; with her son, Russ, Jr., his wife Leslie, and their son, Patrick; her sisters; and her close friends.

Barbara Tucker asks for prayers for her mother, Loverna Tucker, who is 94. She has been very sick and very weak. She lives in Marlin.

Barbara Johnston was admitted to the hospital on Saturday night for severe abdominal pain and an inflamed pancreas. The doctors still have not arrived at a clear diagnosis. She requests no visitors at this time.

Honor Horn is working very hard in physical therapy and is in amazingly good spirits, following a stroke she experienced last week. She is at the Women's and Children's building at Hillcrest.

Charles Conkin's grandmother, Mary Conkin of Louisville, KY, died earlier this week. Charles was the minister of youth a few years ago.

Lake Shore Friends, especially our CTC group:

Thank you very much for your calls, cards, flowers, food, visits, and other expressions of support during Carol's illness.

I am happy to report she is home and improving daily.

We hope to see her back in church in a couple of weeks.

Blessings on you all, Carol and Rufus Spain

Thanksgiving Pie Fellowship

Sunday night November 26 after the 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service



We need members to bring pies of any sort. Not everybody needs to bring one, but we hope that we can have a good variety. It would help the Fellowship Committee if those bringing pies could slice them first at home. Please make the slices fairly small, so that people can help themselves to several pieces of pie from different people. Also, please bring a pie server that is tagged with your name. Our Church Staff Louis Garcia, Custodian Sheena Gibbons, Pianist/Organist Claire Helton, Minister to Children Zachary Helton, Minister to Youth Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager Cindy Oates, Director of LSBCC Krysta Pittman, Office Manager Kyndall Rothaus, Pastor Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 12 9:30—Sunday School 10:45—Worship 3:00—Newsletter Deadline 4:30—Soulfriends

Tuesday, November 14 1:30—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 15

5:15—Supper 6:15—Children's Activities 6:15—Seminar 7:15—Choir Rehearsal

- Fake Shore Baptist
- 5801 Bishop Drive Waco, TX 76710-2713 254/772-2910 254/772-2914 (fax) www.lakeshorebcwaco.org RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Volunteers for Sunday, November 12

Extended Care: Chris Williamson Ushers: Ellen Brown Isabelle Murphy

WEEKLY YOUTH UPDATE ABRIDGED

Wednesday 11/8 5:15pm - Dinner 6:15pm - Selah

Sunday 11/12

9:30am - The Kingdom Experiment: Blessed are the Peacemakers 5-7pm - Medicine Stories: A Child is Born

Upcoming

11/19 - Thanksgiving Service 12/17 - Youth Progressive Dinner 1/12-14th - MidWinter Retreat

For more, see the Youth bulletin board in the hallway. For questions, or to subscribe to the full Youth Update, email zach@lsbcwaco.org.

Wednesday night supper November 15

Meatloaf, Vegetables, and Dessert children, \$3.00 youth & adults, \$6.00 Write Krysta@lsbcwaco.org by Sunday noon to add or cancel reservations.

Weekly Budget Report

Your contributions help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for our 2017 budget of \$486,000.00 are \$9,346.15. This week's budget receipts were \$7,653.

Year to date needs \$420,4576.92 Year to date received \$376,529.74 Difference (\$44,047.18)

To give online, please click here.

Thanksgiving Interfaith Worship Service Monday, Nov 13, 7pm Richfield Christian Church 4201 Cobbs Drive

Our Interfaith Service consists of readings and prayers from the various Interfaith religions.

