

# Summer Sabbath



Only at the Rodaboughs' cabin in New Mexico would a bear find this kind of summer Sabbath!



Lily Lake Nature Walk in Rocky Mountain National Park (Powell Palooza family vacation). Buddy and Louise actually climbed up about a third of a mountain overlooking this lake.

If you have a "summer Sabbath" photo for the newsletter, send it to krysta@lsbcwaco.org and sharlande@lsbcwaco.org.

### Worship at Lake Shore The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Did you know the book of Judges only shows up in our lectionary *one time* in a three-year cycle and the passage is only seven verses long? In essence, the lectionary completely avoids the book. In some ways this is understandable. The book of Judges is one of the most violent and gory books in all the Bible. At the same time, if we bypass the complicated stories for our own ease and comfort, what might we be missing?

You may have noticed that I enjoy tackling some of the more difficult texts in Scripture, and I approach these challenging stories with a feminist-critical lens. There are other lenses you can use, but this is mine; it asks me to pay particular attention to the experiences of the women, the silenced, and the ostracized characters in a story and view the world through their eyes. By doing so, the reader can discover new meaning that diverges from the traditional, often patriarchal perspectives that have dominated interpretation for centuries. The feminist-critical lens is a particularly fascinating approach regarding a book like Judges, which has a surprising number of female characters, ranging from the heroic to the slaughtered.

One benefit from following the lectionary week after week is that every Sunday we are joining with churches literally around the world to read and reflect on the exact same stories of our faith. One loss is that we bypass whole chunks of the story that never appear in the lectionary at all.

I invite you to join me in a detour off the beaten path and into the jungle terrain of Judges. If you haven't read Judges in awhile, I invite you to pick it up and read! You might wonder, "How on earth is she going to preach on that?" (I'm wondering a bit of the same myself.) Come find out! Starting this Sunday, we begin. Please be aware that some of these stories are violent. I will provide content warnings as needed. — *Kyndall* 

Here's the schedule:

July 29: Aksah and Deborah

August 5: Jael and the woman with the millstone

August 12: Youth Sunday!

August 19: Jepthah's daughter

August 26: Samson's mother

September 2: Samson's women

September 9: Micah's mother

September 16: Guest Preacher

September 23: Guest Preacher

September 30: The Concubine

October 7: Wives of Benjamin



A dessert
party
honoring
Ginny
and
Glynn

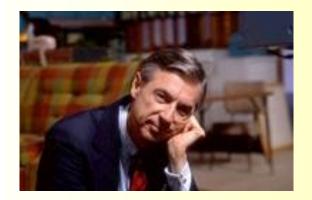
and a time to bless them as they move to a new place of service

Monday, July 30: 6:30-7:30 at The Delaney — 2121 West Hwy. 6 assisted living wing, first-floor activity room

Hosted by Ginny's Sunday School class in grateful appreciation for her faithful teaching

We hope you read the excellent column for hard times by Vicki Kabat: that was in the *Waco Tribune-Herald* on Sunday: "Where's Mr. Rogers When You Need Him?" If you didn't, click here to read.

Or read it again. It's a keeper.



# Helping our neighbors in Waco A NEW volunteer opportunity here in the neighborhood!

A teacher from next door at Mountainview Elementary asked us if anyone at Lake Shore would be interested in working on a volunteer project. She said, "I'm learning how important it is that children find just the right book for them, one that is both interesting and not too hard, not too easy for them to read. The good news is that I have a well-developed classroom library. The bad news is that it can be a challenge for me to get the right book to the right kid because I don't know the reading level of each book in my classroom library."

"I just attended an International Literacy Association conference in Austin, and found out about a database that exists where you can plug in the title of a book and it spits out the reading level!!! Would anyone at your church be interested in typing in book titles, and writing down the level provided inside the front cover of the book? I have about 12 tubs of books, so you can see why I'm a bit overwhelmed...But this would truly benefit my classroom!"

If several of you are interested, we could bring the books here and arrange a time for several of you to work on this together. For more info, email sharlande@lsbcwaco.org

#### Sharing a Little Cool Breeze

If there's good time to help our neighbors with fans, it's now. If you'd like to bring a new or gently used fan, please drop it by the church on Sunday or during office hours, we share them immediately with Meals on Wheels and Caritas. Boxed fans are good choices, and relatively inexpensive. In some instances, your gift could be life-saving. Let's help keep summer a few degrees cooler for some of our older adults.



#### Gathering for Summer meals for Waco students

Craig Nash of Texas Hunger Initiative told us about Red Oak, an apartment community that needs help this summer. It is a mixed-income property with a built-in summer and afterschool program (New Life Alliance). Because of its relatively remote location and small numbers of kids they serve (around 20), the school district can't serve them summer meals. They are looking for some help with shelf-stable food items that can be used to make meals for the summer program.

We hope you will pick up some items to fill their shelves and place them in the basket at the front door of the sanctuary through the summer. Here are some ideas: cereal, applesauce, pasta and spaghetti sauce, two loaves of bread and canned tuna, a bag of beans, a bag of rice, and tortillas pancake mix and syrup, crackers and almond butter (no peanut butter), jelly.

Still four weeks before school starts!

Care Group Leader conversation about Kate Bowler's book:



## **Everything Happens for a Reason**

... and other lies I've loved

### Sunday, August 12, 3:00 p.m.

Mandy McMichael, Associate Director and J. David Slover Assistant Professor of Ministry Guidance in the Baylor Department of Religion — and dear friend of Kate Bowler since their Ph.D. days at Duke — will guide our conversation. We talked a little about the book at our Care Group Leader Meeting in March and our plans to discuss it this summer. Now the leaders all have a copy to read. If you have read it, too, we welcome you to join the conversation on August 12.

# Children's Corner

#### PassportKids Camp Forms

Parents of kids who are attending Passport Kids Camp, please take a minute to fill out the online medical/photo release form at <a href="www.passportcamps.org/lsbcwaco-kids">www.passportcamps.org/lsbcwaco-kids</a> and be sure to see the email sent on July 18 for all the other forms and camp details you'll need to know!

If you still need a hard copy of the other forms they are now available in the box outside Claire's door, in the main office at the church.

#### Company of Parents Update

Thanks to all who were able to join us last Friday for our first Company of Parents dinner, and to Rick & Pam Allen for hosting, and Karyn Miller, Jenna & Steve Swanson for food! If you were there and haven't yet given feedback please take the short survey at <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GXNTKC2">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GXNTKC2</a>. And anyone who's interested in attending the next one in August, please click here to let us know when you're available: <a href="https://doodle.com/poll/c4hxn7myr4ymzi4n">https://doodle.com/poll/c4hxn7myr4ymzi4n</a>. Looking forward to gathering again!



If you would like to receive the children's newsletter, contact claire@lsbcwaco.org.

# 3 feet or so

Singer/songwriter Carrie Newcomer wrote:
"I can't change the whole world, but I can change the world I know, what's within three feet or so."

# Saturday, September 29 7:30-12:00 a.m.

a morning to serve our world "within three feet or so" when we work with groups already bringing healing to Waco

During August, sign up to serve on a "3 feet or so" missions team.

#### **Celebrations**

Glynn Boydston and Ginny Brewer-Boydston received the exciting news that she will begin as an Assistant Professor of Religion specializing in Old Testament at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas, on August 13, and Glynn will officially transfer from his position at Sears in Waco to an assistant manager position at Sears in Lubbock. They couldn't be happier in taking the next step of their journey! See the announcement on page 2 about honoring them on Monday night.

#### Prayer concerns . . .

Annette Brister is moving to Arbor House Assisted Living at the Marketplace on Monday, July 30. We pray for her during this transition.

Carla Butler in Sarasota, Florida. Sandy is visiting her now. Kyndall's neighbor, Kay Martinez, 54, had a massive heart attack last weekend. She is currently in ICU at Providence. Kay is married and has two adult sons and one daughter in high school. Kay's family asks for prayers. She is in extremely critical condition.



# **Mission Waco**

Mission Waco will offer new durable backpacks filled with school supplies for low-income families to purchase. This week, please put items from this list of most needed contributions in contributions in the collection box at church: #2 pencils, pens (blue, black, and red ink); new socks, youth/adults sizes; hand sanitizer (small bottles); pocket folders with brackets.

#### We need volunteers to help:

stuff back packs

Thursday, August 2, 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

#### work in the store

Saturday, August 4, 8:00-10:00 a.m. Tuesday August 7, 5:00-7:00. p.m.

All activities will be inside at Mission Waco's The Rock Children's Center at 16th and West. Please contact Martie Sauter if you can help.

#### **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
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#### **CALENDAR**

#### Sunday, July 29

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

*Tuesday, July 31* 3:00—Staff Meeting

# Volunteers for Sunday, July 29

Extended Care: Ushers:

Faith Kopplin Lawyah Kari JoLeen Eiklenborg

### Staff Notes

Ross will be touring with the Ensemble Quod Balensi. Gordon will be out July 18-29. Krysta will be visiting family July 27-August 7.



#### Sunday - 7/29

9:30am - Breakfast and Conversation 5-7pm - Preparing for Youth Sunday, Pt. 2

August 12th - Youth Sunday

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

## Missions Calendar

#### Meals on Wheels

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday Children's Center

Monday-Friday, 7:15-5:30

Carver Park Baptist, Food Pantry

First and Third Friday every month, 10:00-12:00pm

### Two ministries that need caretakers:

#### • The Sunday morning coffee

The volunteer making the coffee needs to arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 to prepare two pots of caffeinated coffee, one pot of decaf, and one of hot water to place in the hall, along with sugar, creamer, teabags, etc. If time allows while coffee is brewing, the volunteer can open classroom doors. If several people volunteer, we will create a rotating schedule of coffee-makers. Contact Sharlande@lsbcwaco.org if you can help a month, a year, or even a week!

• The Library and the hall shelf with recycled books

The tasks may be done at your convenience. If you are interested in selecting, cataloging, and shelving our excellent collection of reading material, along with others, please contact Sharlande@lsbcwaco.org.

### **Weekly Budget Report**

Your contributions help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for our 2018 budget of \$486,000.00 are \$9,826.92. This week's budget receipts were \$1,513.76.

Year to date needs \$284,980.68

Year to date received \$206,991.90

Difference (77,988.78)

To give online, please click here.