

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

Worship at Lake Shore

The Third Sunday after Epiphany — January 27, 2019

Deacon Ordination & Installation January 23, 2019

New Deacons are Kay Bailey, Judy Bowman, Donna Casstevens, Vernon Davis, Preston Dyer, JoLeen Eiklenborg, Jenna Swanson. Kay, Donna, Vernon, and Jenna will be ordained.

Kay Bailey joined Lake Shore in 1985. Her children, Alec and Haley, were active participants in the children and youth ministry activities. She and Keith now have five grandchildren. Kay is a Speech Pathologist, who has spent the last ten years in pediatric home care and supervising clinical fellows and speech therapy assistants. Kay taught the Toddlers in Sunday School for about five years. Prior to that, she taught the Infants. She served on the Pastor Search Committee that called Brett Younger and as Co-chair on the Youth Search Committee that called Mike and Rachel Sciretti. Now serves on the Personnel Committee and the Children's Education Committee. She still coordinates the Food Team Ministry; she once led it with Catherine Davenport, Rachel Farris.

Judy Bowman has been a member of Lake Shore since 1967; her daughter, Alicia, grew up here. Judy was a caseworker with the intellectually disabled at Mexia State School. Then she taught in the Economics Department at Baylor, including the class Economics of Gender. Judy says she has served on "almost all committees" in the church. Recently she was on the Homebound Ministry team and continues to visit members in their homes. Now she delivers Meals on Wheels. She's a member of SoulFriends.

Donna Casstevens came to Lake Shore in 2007 to join her family -- Emily, Jim, Noah Fau. She recently retired from the VA Regional Office. Donna says, "Most of my professional training/employment has been in Public Administration but my heart is for social work." Among many other experiences, she has worked at the Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children and was the 1st CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) in McLennan County. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Donna was on the Vestry Board and a Stephen Ministry leader. Here at Lake Shore she has served on the Homebound Ministry Team and Women's Retreat Committee. She's in the Bereshith class, helps prepare Wednesday night suppers, and adds her caring presence to a host of ministries.

Vernon Davis became a member of Lake Shore in May of 2016. He moved to Waco after the death of his wife and lives near his children, David and Magi Davis. His son-in-law, Brett Younger, is a former pastor of Lake Shore. Vernon is retired after serving in campus ministry, pastoral ministry, and theological education. He was a professor of theology and dean at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City and Logsdon School of Theology at Hardin-Simmons University, retiring in 2003. At Lake Shore he has served on the Personnel Committee and the Minister of Music Search Committee. He has preached for us on occasion.

Search Committee. He is a member of the Bereshith Sunday School class and has preached for us on occasion.

Preston Dyer and his wife, Genie, joined Lake Shore in 1970. His children, Debbie and Sam, and his granddaughters, Susan and Laura, were active in the youth group. Preston is a licensed clinical social worker and before retirement also licensed as a marriage and family therapist. His clinical specialization is intimate relationships. This semester he will complete 50 years of teaching at Baylor in sociology and social work. He is the founding chair of Baylor School of Social Work. Through his years at Lake Shore, he has served many terms as a deacon and taught a married couples class for eleven years with Genie. He has often done complimentary pre-marital counseling for LSBC couples and led the marriage enrichment program. Recently he has served on the LBGTQ discernment committee and the welcoming committee. Currently he is on the Children's Center Board.

JoLeen Eiklenborg and Missy Davis joined Lake Shore on Christmas Day, 2005. JoLeen says, "LSBC is my family." She has been retired three years "and loving it." She worked 25 years for the State of Texas (in everything from Child Protective Service to the Education Service Center) and 12 years for the State of Iowa in Public Education. Most Lake Shore folks know JoLeen best in her role as "head usher" of the Ushering Committee that she has served on since 2006. She has also served as a Sunday School teacher, as a deacon, on the Children's Center Board, the Finance Committee, the Personnel Committee, and the Ad hoc Security task force, 2015. Twice a year, she is Lake Shore's liaison to the Baylor Steppin' Out program. She also volunteers with the buildings and grounds and custodial duties.

Jenna Swanson and her husband, Steve, became members when the church was voting to become open and affirming. She says, "It was a decision we really wanted to be a part of, so we became members to show our support of that issue and the church." They have two boys, Henry and Charlie. Jenna works at Baylor in Institutional Research and Testing. She proofreads most of the reports that the office puts together as well as proctoring various correspondence exams, nursing entrance tests, and ACTs. As most people know, Jenna bakes the communion bread. She has taught a children's Sunday School for 5.5 of the 7 years the Swansons have been at Lake Shore, first in the toddler room and now in Godly Play. She also co-chairs the Children's Education Committee with Jennifer Warren.

Race, Gender, and Image Repair Theory: How Digital Media Change the Landscape

Dr. Mia Moody-Ramirez
Baylor University

Wednesday, January 23,
6:15 p.m.



At our Wednesday night seminar, Dr. Moody-Ramirez will talk with us about her latest book: *Race, Gender, and Image Repair Theory: How Digital Media Change the Landscape*.

Mia Moody-Ramirez, Ph.D., is a Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Journalism, Public Relations and New Media at Baylor, and is also Director of American Studies in the Baylor College of Arts & Sciences.

She is Vice Head of the Minorities and Communication Division and Secretary for the Commission on the Status of Women. She served on the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Strategic Plan Implementation Committee from 2013 to 2016. She completed the Scripps Howard Academic Leadership Academy at LSU in 2014. She was the recipient of the third-annual Baylor University Diversity Award. She is a 2016-17 Academy of Teaching & Learning Baylor Fellow.

Her research emphasizes mass media representations of women, minorities and other underrepresented groups. In 2013, she co-authored *The Obamas and Mass Media: Race, Gender, Religion, and Politics*. Her journalism experience includes working as a blogger, staff writer and columnist for the *Waco Tribune-Herald*, editor and publisher of *FOR Seasons* magazine and *Elegant Woman* magazine and managing editor for Stevens Publishing.

She received her B.A. in journalism from Texas A&M University, M.A. in journalism from Baylor University, M.S. in Educational Psychology, and her Ph.D. in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin.

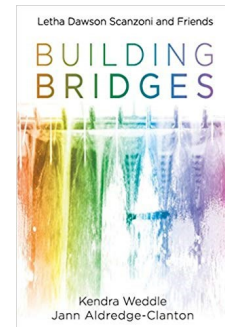
Mia is married to Augustine Ramirez. They are the proud parents of Heidi, Timothy, and William.

Kendra Weddle & Jann Aldredge-Clanton
present their new book

Building Bridges

Letha Dawson Scanzoni
and Friends

Wednesday, January 30. 6:15 p.m.



Letha Dawson Scanzoni changed the landscape of American evangelicalism through her groundbreaking work on the gospel-based intersection of gender and LGBTQ justice. She coauthored two of the first books that support women's equality and LGBTQ rights with the Bible: *All We're Meant to Be* and *Is the Homosexual My Neighbor?* In all her work Scanzoni applies the liberating message of Jesus to women and to people who have been marginalized by church and society because of sexual orientation.

Building Bridges combines an exploration of the life and work of Letha Dawson Scanzoni with stories of people she continues to empower through her writing and the Evangelical & Ecumenical Women's Caucus - Christian Feminism Today, an organization she cofounded. This book illustrates her growing influence as she continues her prophetic collaboration with new generations. In addition, it provides resources for churches as they build bridges for their ministries of liberation, justice, and peace.

Kendra Weddle, PhD, is associate professor and chair of Religion and Humanities at Texas Wesleyan University, where she focuses on the intersections of gender and religion. She is coauthor (with Melanie Springer Mock) of *If Eve Only Knew* (2015), and author of *Preaching on the Plains* (2007).

Jann Aldredge-Clanton, PhD, a feminist theologian and ordained minister, serves as cochair of Equity for Women in the Church, adjunct professor at Richland College, and coleader of New Wineskins Community. Her books include *Praying with Christ-Sophia* (2007), *Seeking Wisdom* (2010), *Changing Church* (2011), and *Earth Transformed with Music* (2015).

Reflections on Midwinter Retreat

Offered in worship on Sunday, January 20

by Scarlett Ucci, seventh grade

Midwinter was an experience I will never forget. I got to understand and experience God and the youth better. We had small moments when we confided and got to know each other better. For example, a few others and I went on a hiking trail. This was regretful but a bonding experience. It made us compromise and help each other out of "muddy" situations.

The sermons at midwinter were especially interesting to me. We talked about gratitude, grace, sin, guilt, and the traits they had in common. Saying "sin" or "guilt" could change a person, their personality, who they are. It also brought to light what we take for granted—friends, family, a good shower. And how we should be grateful for all these things God has gifted us with because as one of the sermons said, we're all in the same boat, we are all sinners, we are all losers, so we shouldn't put others before us or behind us. One of the sermons talked about gratitude and discussed that people "forget" why we are grateful, and how we are all the same in a way.

Midwinter was a bonding, thoughtful, and gracious experience I will cherish forever.

Remembering Linda Olson

A Lake Shore pastoral care email we sent Tuesday, January 22

Lake Shore family,

We received some very difficult news this morning. Some of you know that Linda Olson was admitted to Providence on Saturday after overdosing on medication. We learned today that she died of a heart attack later that night.

Those of you who knew Linda know how bravely she persevered through continuous challenges and troubles her whole life. Her health, that had always been fragile, declined rapidly in the last few years; her pain increased, and she had numerous falls last year. As her good friend Patty Field said, "She survived as best she could with what she had."

She was also supported along the way with the help and care of those of you in her Care Group, in the Metanoia Sunday School class, and in the Food Pantry ministry, where she served. She had been at Lake Shore since 2007.

Our prayers are with Linda's daughter, Geva, and her husband, Shawn, and their three children in Los Angeles; our prayers are with Linda's son, Bruce, and his wife, Robin, and their children here in Waco.

Today we believe that Linda's is suffering no more. She is at peace in the arms of God

With care,

Kyndall and Sharlande

Prayers for . . .

Susan Johnson, whose mother, Patricia Johnson, 84, died on Sunday, January 20. Patricia, who had had dementia for many years, had a major stroke the Monday before she died. Susan and her siblings had gathered with their dad in Connecticut to be with her.

Kyndall Rothaus, who got word Tuesday morning that her "Grandma Jean" died Monday night in Temple. She had been in declining health.

Reagan Ramsower's mother, Ethel Ramsower, had an angioplasty that appears to be beneficial to her. She transferred to a therapy center in her hometown of Plainview.

The family of Boyce Vardiman — Jane Vardiman, Harriet Smith, Rebecca Vardiman, and Becca Mosley — who grieve the loss of their husband, father, and grandfather. His service will be here on February 9, at 1:00 pm.

Linda Olson's family and friends. Her service will be here at Lake Shore on Friday, February 1, at 11:00 a.m.

Becca and Tom Charlton; we remember them with love and care.

"Love Poems from God"

2019 Women's Retreat

begins with supper on
Friday, February 22 5:30 p.m.
through Saturday, February 23, 4:00 p.m.
here at Lake Shore

Retreat Leader: Rachel Sciretti



***If God wrote you a love poem, what would it say?
At our annual women's retreat we will listen to the words of
some of the world's greatest spiritual writers
— from St. Francis of Assisi to Rumi to St. Teresa of Avila to Mary Oliver —
— who have given poetic expression to their experience of God through the ages. Our
time together will give us the chance to get better acquainted with
the poets and with the Lake Shore community of women.
Anticipate a sacred time.***

Sign up in the hall or email sharlande@lsbcwaco.org. Your \$50 registration fee is due to the church February 3.

Our Church Staff

Louis Garcia, Custodian
Sheena Gibbons, Pianist/Organist
Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager
Cindy Oates, Director of LSBCC
Krysta Pittman, Office Manager
Kyndall Rothaus, Pastor
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Ross Tarpley, Minister of Music



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CALENDAR

Sunday, January 27

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

Tuesday, January 29

3:00—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 30

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

New Members Dessert Night

Friday, February 1, at 7 pm
at the home of
Don and Kristi SoRelle
1300 Circlewood Drive

Dianna Vitanza is leading
the Metanoia Sunday school
class in a discussion of
Scenes of Clerical Life

by George Eliot

Please contact Claudia Beal
if you have questions.

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

January 30, 6:30pm

Wednesday night supper January 30

Pork Tenderloin, Mashed Potatoes,
and Carrot Salad

children, \$3.00

youth & adults, \$6.00

Write Krysta@lsbcwaco.org by Sunday
noon to add or cancel reservations.

Lights out!

To save on electricity,
please make sure all the
lights are turned off if you
are the last to leave.



Contribution statements for 2018

Contribution statements
are in the hall. They will be
mailed next week if they
are not picked up.
If you have any questions
please contact Krysta.

Volunteers for Sunday, January 23

Extended Care:

Kim Kellison

Ushers:

Pamela Smallwood
Faith Kopplin

Youth Update

This Week

Wednesday (1/23) - Church Supper/
Youth: Fire Pit, S'mores, and Spring Plan-
ning

Sunday (1/27)

9:30am - Sunday School: check ins

5:00p - Sunday Night Youth: Making it Stick

Upcoming

February 22nd - Company of Parents: **can-
celled (Women's Retreat)**

March 22nd - Company of Parents: Talking
about Sexuality and Gender

April 12th - Company of Parents: Enne-
agram and Understanding

New Rainbow Sunday School Class Beginning February 3, 2019

The Rainbow Sunday School class for LGBTQ
persons and their allies will begin meeting Sunday,
February 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This
class will be a safe space. Both closeted and non-
closeted LGBTQ persons are welcome as well as
friends and allies. Confidentiality will be honored
for all! We will meet in the Teen House (2204
Meadow Road), across the street from the
church). Walk through the front door, turn right,
then right again. While we have made some
preparations regarding the structure of the class,
we will also be asking for input from participants
concerning the content. Our focus will be on our
own spiritual journeys and the LGBTQ
experience, supplemented by scripture, prayers,
book studies, and guest speakers. The class
facilitators will be Sarah Miller and JoLeen
Eiklenborg. We hope to see you there! If you have
any questions please contact JoLeen at 254-717-
4279 or Sarah at 254-523-7702.