

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

January 30, 2019



with gratitude for Deborah Harris's gifts to Lake Shore

Two weeks ago Lake Shore learned of Deborah Harris's generous gift to Lake Shore. "Overwhelming" seems too limited a word for her bequest of nearly \$850,000 to the congregation she loved. For many of us, it has been difficult to get our mind around the extravagant portion of Deborah's estate that came to us after she died, especially knowing her deep dependence on God's provision of daily manna during the last years of her life.

Steve Fontaine, Deborah's attorney, encourages us to live in the awareness that without the generosity of Deborah's brother, Ron Harris, and sister, Ruth Ann Borrowman, there could possibly have been no gift to Lake Shore. He told us: "Ruth Ann and Ron wanted to honor Deborah and her intended gifts [to Lake Shore, Caritas, Talitha Koum, and Seeds] and to achieve that end, they signed a document that would send settlement proceeds to her estate, so that Deborah's gifts could be made. Without that act, there would be no gift to you."

When I talked with Ruth Ann last week to offer a small first expression of thanksgiving and to wonder aloud how else we could share the feelings of our grateful hearts, I told her that I had been hearing church members share memories in the past few days; each person had expressed something of Deborah's creativity, generosity, and kindness in the midst of struggles. The news that had come our way had prompted fresh stories, resurrected to new life, as though being told for the first time. "Oh, please send them to me when you hear them!" Ruth Ann told me. "We always lived so far from Debbie as adults that we didn't get to know her life in Waco very well. They would be such a gift!"

When she said the word "gift," something clicked inside me. A collection of Deborah stories would be a wonderful gift for Ron and Ruth Ann.

It seems a good thing to pause, before we make decisions about Deborah's bequest to Lake Shore, to gather our memories of her and to recognize the communion between brothers and sisters, between Ohio and Illinois and Texas, between the saints on earth and saints above. It seems a holy thing to hold our stories of Deborah as sacred and to honor her siblings by sharing our memories

For years to come, as we continue to benefit from her legacy, we will no doubt offer stories of Deborah's life and give thanks that her prayerful intentions were fulfilled. But in the early days as we try to absorb this blessing to our church, realizing at the same time that so much of it is beyond our rational understanding, may we pause and give thanks through our stories.

— Sharlande Sledge

To share stories or memories, send them to sharlande@lsbcwaco.org by February 28. We will send them to her family. Let Sharlande know you would like to record a story.

Worship at Lake Shore
The Fourth Sunday
after the Epiphany

The Worship of God
February 3, 2019

Sermon
Kyndall Rothaus

The Scripture
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Celebration of Communion

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 3,
after Worship



Lake Shore will go on the offensive against hunger among the elderly by

joining churches across the country as we participate in the "Souper Bowl of Caring." After worship on Sunday, youth will hold soup pots at each door of the sanctuary for your contributions. All money will go to Meals on Wheels.

The Gathering

On the first Sunday of every month we gather food in the basket by the front door of the sanctuary. This month we are gathering snacks and other items for our Children's Center. Here are some items that the Center can use: graham crackers, saltine crackers, Goldfish crackers, bananas, apples, Cheerios, and applesauce.



Prayer of Installation and Dedication offered in worship on January 27 by Andy Powell, new deacon chair

Lord God, you are made known to us in new beginnings, in the joy of new life and in the promise of new journeys together.

We thank you for each of the countless moments in the past that have led to this moment and the beginning of this new year and this new journey together.

We thank you for each of these New Deacons, for their individual stories, for their unique talents and the energy that they will bring to our Church's Deacon Board.

We thank you also for those who have previously served as Deacons and are returning to our Deacon Board this year.

We give thanks for all of those who have gone before us and contributed to making this Church the loving and inclusive Body of Christ that it is today.

We ask that your Holy Spirit lead us, be among us, and inspire us to serve others and to do good work this year.

Help us, and each of us, to embody your mercy and reflect your lovingkindness to every other member of our church and to all those who are visitors in our midst.

Help us this year to engage each other person that we encounter as a cherished and important Child of God.

For that is what we are, we are each one of us a Child of God and a member of Christ's family by choice. Let our interactions with each other and with those who are in our midst be Christlike. Give us clarity of purpose, but fill us also with kindness and charity. Help us to be faithful and just, but also to be forgiving and gracious. Help our Deacons to fulfill their roles as both leaders and also as servants.

We give thanks for this Church that has always embraced change and new beginnings, a Church that has also worked hard at remaining faithful to Christ's example and teaching, a Church that continues to strive to be the Church that Love Built.

As we start this new journey together this year please continually remind us that what you ask of us is to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, this day and every day.

Amen.

tonight, January 30, 6:15 pm
Kendra Weddle & Jann Aldredge-Clanton
present their new book
Building Bridges: Letha Dawson Scanzoni and Friends

Letha Dawson Scanzoni changed the landscape of American evangelicalism through her groundbreaking work on the gospel-based intersection of gender and LGBTQ justice. 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.

Remembering Mary Oliver

Wednesday, February 6, 6:15

The mid-January death of beloved poet Mary Oliver prompted a great mourning of her loss in company with a fresh recognition of the joy and gratitude that saturates her poetry. As she wrote of her vocation: "My work is loving the world." A psalmist, she writes: "Lord God, mercy is in your hand,/pour me a little./ And tenderness too./My need is great . . ." She teaches us to pray: ". . . just pay attention, then patch/a few words together/and don't try to make them elaborate,/ this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks,/and a silence in which another voice may speak."

This is an invitation to share the Mary Oliver poems that have blessed you "like fires for the cold, ropes let down to the lost, something as necessary as bread in pockets of the hungry." What poems have Brought you joy? Taught you to pay attention? Sent you out into the world to look? Called you to prayer?

New Rainbow Sunday School Class Beginning February 3, 2019

The Rainbow Sunday School class for LGBTQ persons and their allies will meet Sunday, February 3: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m in the Teen House. 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 have made some preparations regarding the structure of the class; we will also ask 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. Contact class facilitators will be Sarah Miller and JoLeen Eiklenborg if you have questions: JoLeen at 254-717-4279 or Sarah at 254-523-7702.

Children's Corner

It is with great sadness that we tell you that our last day with Calleigh Swift will be Feb. 13. Calleigh came to Lake Shore as a student in Tom Hanks' college class. She interned with us during Spring 2017 and continued working in Extended Care since then. Please take these next two weeks to let Calleigh know how much you appreciate her hard work and dedication.

New Members Dessert Night

Friday, February 1, at 7 pm

at the home of
Don and Kristi SoRelle
1300 Circlewood Drive

"Love Poems from God" Women's Retreat

from supper on
Friday, February 22 at 5:30
through
Saturday, February 23, 4:00
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 by Sunday, February 3,
or email sharlande@lsbcwaco.org.
Your \$50 registration fee is due to the church February 3.**

Celebrations . . .

Suzii Paynter will be honored Friday, February 1, with the Distinguished Alumni Award as part of the Baylor Line Foundation's Hall of Fame. She has been Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship since 2013. Suzii was at Lake Shore from 1982-1989.



Prayers for . . .

Reagan Ramsower's mother, Ethel Ramsower, in Plainview.
Angela Whorton, who broke her wrist in a fall last night.

Prayers for Angela as she sees the orthopedic surgeon.

Linda Olson's family — her daughter, Geva Joseph, and her husband, Rev. Shawn Joseph, of Los Angeles, California, and their children Aliyyah, Julius, and Amirah; her son, Bruce Olson, and his wife, Robin, and their children Kiera, and Aiden of Waco; two other grandsons, Christopher and Zachary of Waco — and her friends. Her service will be here at Lake Shore on Friday, February 1, at 11:00 a.m.

The family of Boyce Vardiman — Jane Vardiman, Harriet Smith, Rebecca Vardiman, and Becca Mosley — who grieve the loss of their husband, father, and grandfather. Boyce's memorial service will be here at Lake Shore on February 9, at 1:00 pm. If you would like to help with a brunch for the family at 11:30, please call Kay Bailey.

Becca Sharpless, whose husband Tom Charlton died early Friday morning, January 25. Tom and Becca were members of Lake Shore until 2010. Among Tom's many gifts to Lake Shore were being a toddler teacher, a first-third grader teacher, and a faithful supporter of Shalom Children's Center from its beginning. Tom's service will be Sunday, February 17, at 4:00 p.m. here at Lake Shore. Kyndall and her babies, who are at home sick.

2019 Deacons Retreat

Friday, February 15

6:00-9:00 p.m.

at the church

Kay Avant and John Warren will conduct a Training session on using the AED, providing CPR and first aid, and church safety protocols.

Everyone bring substantial snacks, heavy appetizers to the table; they will be our dinner.

Saturday, February 16

8:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.

at the Fields' farm

Leader: Dr. Robert Creech

Professor of Christian Ministries and Director of Pastoral Ministries, George W. Truett Theological Seminary
Breakfast and lunch will be provided

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
Sharlande Sledge, Associate Pastor
Ross Tarpley, Minister of Music



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CALENDAR

Sunday, February 3

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

Wednesday, February 6

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

Volunteers for

Sunday, February 3

Extended Care: Ashleigh Kelly
Ushers: Pamela Smallwood
Vicki Kabat
Greeters: Kay Neugebauer
Henry Kari

Wednesday night Supper

February 6

Chicken Tetrazzini,
Garlic Bread, and Salad
children, \$3.00
youth & adults, \$6.00

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

Youth Update

This Week

Wednesday (1/30) - Church Supper/Youth:
Homework and Learning

Sunday (2/3)

9:30am - Sunday School: check in
5:00p - Sunday Night Youth: Super Bowl at the
Warrens

Upcoming

February 3rd - Super Bowl at Warrens

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

March 1st - RSVP deadline for Summer Retreat

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

April 12th - Company of Parents: Enneagram and
Understanding

Current Adult Sunday School Classes

more information is always on the church website
(<http://lsbcwaco.org/adults/>)

Bereshith class: a conversational Bible study and fellowship, enjoying occasional Sunday lunches. The fall and the spring typically bring series on a biblical book or topic. Led by Bill Bellinger. *Room 204*

College class: discusses the questions its members think would be worth discussing (or sometimes, questions that Tom thinks are interesting). Led by Tom Hanks. *Room 203.*

Jesse Derrick class: discusses events (church, city, national, world, religious, political, social, racial, economic) with no limit to subject matter. *Room 205*

Koinonia class: a place of friendship, support, spiritual seeking (and humor). Discussions often center around books by a wide variety of authors from different religious and philosophical backgrounds and traditions. Led by Celia Dupree and Buddy Powell. *Room 202*

Metanoia class: a contemplative group that explores spirituality and faith. The class is discussion-oriented and based on books from varied religious and philosophical traditions. Led by Claudia Beal. *Room 207*

Philia class: uses Smyth & Helwys curriculum as a basis for in-depth analysis of scripture. The class, characterized by its name "Philia" ("love" in Greek), Led by Beverly Hill. *Currently, the class meets at The Delaney Retirement Center to accommodate those who are unable to attend class in the church building.*

Rainbow class: focuses 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. Led by Sarah Miller and JoLeen Eiklenborg. *Teen house.*

Mid-winter Indoor Church Picnic

Sunday, February 10

in the sanctuary
immediately after worship

Whether the meal goes by the name of "picnic" or "lunch right after church" or "covered dish luncheon," it's a chance to visit with friends at a congregational family meal — and taste each other's cooking, too! We will turn the sanctuary into a dining room as we set up tables after the last "Amen." High chairs at the table, too!

Everyone bring a salad, a vegetable, or another side dish, or dessert — and meat dishes, too! Bring enough for your family and a little bit extra *and* a serving spoon, too.

The church will provide drinks.

Crockpots welcome. Food in your cooler, too.
Fridge space available during worship.