

# Lake Shore Lines newsletter

February 6, 2019

## Mid-winter Indoor Church Picnic

**We'll eat together — Sunday, February 10**

in the sanctuary immediately after worship

Whether the meal goes by the name of "picnic" or "potluck" 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, another side dish, or dessert — or meat dishes, too! Bring enough for your family and a little bit extra *and* a serving spoon for each dish. The church will provide drinks.

Crockpots welcome. Food in your cooler, too.

Fridge space available during worship.

[Click here](#) to sign up or contact the office.

**Worship at Lake Shore**  
**The Fifth Sunday**  
**after the Epiphany**

**The Worship of God**

*February 10, 2019*

**Sermon**

*Kyndall Rothaus*

**The Scripture**

*1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

## Michael and Peggy Hester

to speak in  
**Bereshith Sunday**  
**School Class**

Sunday, February 13  
9:45 am



The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary guests seem to be coming to us, even before we send out the invitations! We are delighted that two other members of the Lake Shore family history will be in Waco this weekend. Michael and Peggy Hester are in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, and Tennessee on a road trip this week.

Michael Hester was her as Minister of Youth his senior at Baylor 1965-66. "I then went to seminary at Southern and returned as Associate Pastor From 1970-73 when Peggy was with me. We had our first child in Waco. I returned to the seminary to do my PhD. Of course. I was called Mickey until I started teaching during my graduate work. At my age it is a comfort to be called 'Mickey' again."

Michael and like-minded individuals founded the Partnership for Pastoral Counseling in 1996 in Asheville, NC. Now he is the Director of the Pastoral Counseling and Growth Center. On her blog, Peggy tells stories of their western North Carolina life, her Georgia childhood, and those she loves.

## 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."

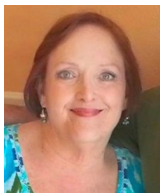
This is an invitation to share the Mary Oliver poems that have blessed you "like fires for the cold, ropes let down to the lost, something as necessary as bread in pockets of the hungry." What poems have Brought you joy? Taught you to pay attention? Sent you out into the world to look? Called you to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

***Invocation offered in worship on February 3  
by Stephanie Spitzer-Hanks***

So, God, here we are.  
We showed up this morning--in body, anyway.  
Some of us are here because our parents or spouse  
made us come,  
or we are here out of habit, or out of obligation,  
or curiosity, or maybe even out of desperation.  
But showing up in body is the easy part.  
Showing up in spirit is harder,  
because it requires us to be vulnerable--open--to You.  
We know that You are a good, kind,  
expansive, loving God  
— the best kind of Parent —  
one who loves us even when we are our most unlikable,  
even when we give barely a thought to loving You back.  
So it is my prayer this morning,  
on behalf of all of us,  
no matter how or why we came to be here today,  
that we each would do our part to show up in spirit,  
for when we do, You **will** speak to us.  
You will bring us a word of encouragement,  
or hope, or reproach, or affirmation  
--whatever we need to hear,  
not necessarily what we want to hear,  
but what we need to hear.  
That's what You'll give us,  
but only if we open that space within us  
that will enable us to hear.  
Give us the courage to be vulnerable this morning,  
so we can hear what You have to say to each of us as  
individuals, and as Your church.  
Amen.

**With gratitude for Deborah Harris's gifts**

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 send them in to her sister, Ruth Ann, and her brother, Ron, as our thanks to them. They honored Deborah's wishes and made the gift that came through the settlement of Deborah's estate available to Lake Shore. Sending our memories and stories of Deborah's life in Waco seems a holy way to say "thank you" to them; before we thought of doing this, Ruth Ann said "how wonderful it would be" to hear these stories.



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 and memories that

***To share stories or memories, send them to [harlande@lsbcwaco.org](mailto:harlande@lsbcwaco.org)  
by February 28. We will send them to her family. Let Sharlande  
know you would like to record a story.***

**“Love Poems from God”  
Women’s Retreat**

from supper on  
Friday,  
February 22 at 5:30  
through Saturday,  
February 23 at 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.*

*Your \$50 registration fee is due to the church this week..  
Contact [sharlande@lsbcwaco.org](mailto:sharlande@lsbcwaco.org) sign up.*

**Celebrating Rufus Spain**

and the 96 candles on his birthday cake!



## Children's Corner

**Committee Meeting, February 10, 1:30pm**

The Children's Education Committee will meet after lunch on the 10th, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm.

### Called Business Meeting

February 27, 2019

Discussion and vote on the recommendation from the deacons regarding a combined staff position of the Minister to Youth and Minister to Children.

## 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*

### Celebrations . . .

Maya Davis, daughter of Magi and David Davis and granddaughter of Vernon Davis, will marry Tommy Miscoff this Saturday in Austin. Vernon will officiate at the marriage.

### Prayers for . . .

Rachel Whinton has had multiple health issues in the past few months. most recently, arterial blood clots. She had surgery on Monday. Our prayers are with Rachel, Mike, Felicity, and Reece. Click this MealTrain [link](#) to provide a meal for Rachel and Mike and their family.

Fred Gehlbach, who is in St. Catherine's after a fall that took him to Providence; last Wednesday he moved to St. Catherine's. Nancy is staying with him there.

Linda Danels, the mother of Sara Gardner (and Danny Gardner's mother-in-law), had surgery in Kansas City on Monday morning to remedy a brain bleed that resulted from falling and injuring her head. After successful surgery, Linda is doing very well and may return home tomorrow.

Angela Whorton, who broke her wrist in a fall last week.. We prayers for Angela's healing and recovery.

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 Saturday, February 9, at 1:00 pm.

Becca Sharpless, whose husband, Tom Charlton, died early Friday morning, January 25. Tom and Becca were members of Lake Shore until 2010. Tom's memorial service will be at Lake Shore on Sunday, February 17, at 4:00 p.m.

This is a much delayed thank you to all our friends here at Lake Shore for the support you provided during the difficult time after the death of our grandson Jacob in October of last year. Everyone here helped us deal with this loss in so many ways. Your presence at the Memorial, the large quantity of food provided for the meal afterwards, the wonderful visits and cards and offers of sympathy during the difficult days afterwards and leading up to the holidays; all of this was an outpouring of God's kind of Love. So from Willie and me, from Wes and Shannon, Jacob's parents, from his 2 brothers, Steven and Gabe, and from all the extended family of aunts and uncles and nieces and nephews; we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Truly this is an exceptional church.

*Patty and Willie Field*

**Fiber Art Group**  
**Saturday, February 9 10:00 a.m. at**  
**Lake Shore**

This is a new group to bring together those interested in Fiber Arts: cross stitch, embroidery, tatting, knitting, crochet, weaving, spinning and quilting. If you are a beginner, an experienced artist or are just interested in learning about some these artistic expressions, please join us for an organizational meeting. For information, call Patty Field at 644-1908.



### 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, February 10

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

#### Monday, February 11

2:30 Staff Meeting

#### Wednesday, February 13

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

### Volunteers for

#### Sunday, February 10

Extended Care: Amanda Sevcik  
Ushers: Pamela Smallwood  
Vicki Kabat  
Greeters: Kay Neugebauer  
Henry Kari

This Sunday Lake Shore members put \$291 in the soup pot for the Souper Bowl of Caring. We've decided to hold the pots at the doors one more Sunday. If you did not get to contribute to this offering for Meals on Wheels, you can still put money in the pot this week after worship.



### Wednesday night Supper

#### February 6

Ham, sweet potato, green beans

children, \$3.00  
youth & adults, \$6.00

Write [Krysta@lsbcwaco.org](mailto:Krysta@lsbcwaco.org) by Sunday noon to add or cancel reservations.

### Youth Update

#### This Week

Wednesday (2/5) - Church Supper/Youth: Homework and Learning

#### Sunday (2/10)

9:30am - Sunday School: check ins

5:00p - Sunday Night Youth: Dinner and Discussion

#### Upcoming

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

March 1st - RSVP deadline for Summer Retreat

March 8th - Captain Marvel (possible youth activity)

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

April 12th - Company of Parents: Enneagram and Understanding

### Current Adult Sunday School Classes

[Click here](#) for a list of classes.

### New Rainbow Sunday School Class

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. 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.

[Good Neighbor Waco](#), a Christian non-profit, seeks single or married live-in volunteers to serve an average of 7-10 hours per week in exchange for partially subsidized rent. Resident workers live in private quarters on site and host groups using the community rooms at 2301 Colcord Ave. Residents must be able to live and work well with others and contribute meaningfully to community living, including household upkeep or administrative work. Resident volunteers run neighborhood projects in their areas of interest including the arts, urban gardening, community engagement, education, worship, etc. Applicants commit to 9-12 months of live-in service, to begin in July or August. For more information and an application please contact board member Laine Scales [Laine\\_Scales@baylor.edu](mailto:Laine_Scales@baylor.edu).