

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

October 23, 2019



Welcome . . .
**Casey and Brittany
Ramirez**
to supper tonight.
Hear them in
the seminar
at 6:15pm.

Casey, Brittany, Juniper, and Finnley Ramirez will be here at Lake Shore tonight to talk about their home in China. Here they are pictured at Casey's parents' home in Duncanville. Finnley was four-weeks-old yesterday. The Ramirezes already have their tickets to head back to China January 1. After Casey's surgery and Finnley's birth, they are eager to get back to their home in China.

Worship at Lake Shore
The Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost
The Worship of God
October 27, 2019
Sermon
Kathy Reid
The Scripture
Luke 18:9-14

Kathy Reid to Preach **Sunday, October 27**

Rev. Kathryn (Kathy) Goering Reid is currently the Executive Director of the Family Abuse Center in Waco, Texas. The Center's purpose is to eliminate domestic violence and to prevent abuse through education and prevention activities. Kathy came to this position in July 2009. The programs of the Center include a 56 bed emergency shelter, prevention programs working with families with small children, legal advocacy, counseling, and housing programs. Kathy is currently a consultant with Faith Trust Institute working congregations around the country. She has been trained as an expert witness and works with law enforcement and prosecutors in the Family Abuse Center's service area. Kathy has more than thirty years of experience working in the religious community to prevent child abuse and domestic violence.



While Kathy's family was Mennonite, her father moved to Illinois when she was in second grade and the family started attending the local Church of the Brethren. She graduated from Manchester College with a BA in English and taught more than 7 years in the public school system in the Chicago suburbs and in Atlanta, Georgia. She has a Masters in Education and a Masters of Divinity (Pacific School of Religion). First ordained in Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren in the late 1980s, Kathy began her ministry as first Director of Christian Education and later as Associate Pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church, Berkeley, CA.

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Urban Strategies/Refugio

an informational lunch for anyone who is interested
in supporting the program
after worship, October 27 — no cost

At supper last Wednesday night, many of you heard Laura Dávalos-Lind introduce us to the Refugio program that processes the cases of immigrant children for reunification.

The Refugio program, with an office here in Waco, leverages the strengths of churches and caring families to provide safe and nurturing transitional homes for immigrant children.

Urban Strategies/Refugio would like to collaborate with other congregations through the Refugio program to provide temporary care through foster families to 16 unaccompanied immigrant children (ages 1-12) as they are reunified with family members in the United States. This reunification process usually takes 1 to 2 months. As the children are in foster care, the Refugio program will provide case management, as well as mental health and education services in a day care setting.

We invite you to an informational meeting to learn how you can support the Refugio program and its children. October 27, lunch will be provided by Urban Strategies-Refugio.

RSVP to Sharlande@lsbcwaco.org by October 26

Carrie Newcomer Concert

Carrie Newcomer's presence in our sanctuary brought us challenging words and healing music. Sunday morning we received an email from Carrie Newcomer. Here is a portion of her words to us:

Thank you again for the opportunity to visit your wonderful community and present a concert last evening. It felt like a beautiful and powerful gathering of spirits.

Gary and I send our deepest appreciation for the time, care and attention given to making this event unfold so seamlessly. . . .

Lake Shore is a beacon of light, a reminder of what love and service as daily practice (3 feet around us) looks like. It was an honor to join the spirit of the community last night.

Warmly, Carrie

If you would like to order music from Carrie Newcomer, [click here.](#)

"We are living in a troubled time, a time that is calling us to be better people than we ever thought we would need to be." *Carrie Newcomer*



Family Corner

Needs of the People

We are in big need of volunteers for to work in the nursery in November..

We are blessed with new families visiting and joining. We also need to make sure we provide the care they need.

Please volunteer and fill these roles.

Parents of youth, if you have not signed up to deliver a meal, please do so.

If we want to continue eating together then we need help from you.

Pumpalooza

Wednesday, October 30, 2019
after supper.

Pumpkin carving and painting.
(Parents, work with your children.)
Please RSVP to Megan so she knows how many pumpkins to get!

Invite neighbors and friends!



Thank you for your donation to the Texas Hunger Initiative. Generous gifts like yours allows us to continue to work toward changing systems, strengthening families and ending hunger. We all greatly appreciate your support, and we look forward to continuing to work alongside you to achieve our goal.

Sincerely, Jeremy Everett and Sam Smith



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Celebrations...

Helen Hastings is a great-grandmother! Jeff Smajstrla and his wife, Paige, are the parents of a new son, Caleb, who was born in Austin last Wednesday. Anne and Paul Smajstrla are Caleb's Waco grandparents.

Prayer concerns . . .

David Hendon's sister, Jean Hendon Carson, of Powder Springs, Georgia, died on Saturday. David has been in GA with his family.

Missy Davis is in hospice care at Ridgecrest. Our prayers are with her and with JoLeen as she readies the house for Missy to come home.

Buddy Powell had a pacemaker procedure on Tuesday, October 15. He is feeling much better this week.

Tillman Rodabough had a rough meeting with the earth after a skydiving adventure a couple of weeks ago. Carolyn said he will be on crutches for several more weeks.

Jeff Davies is healing at home after back surgery last week.

Katie Gorham, 97, of Bosqueville, died on Sunday night; she was "Granny" to Lela and Jason's children — Jon, Lyndsay, Dylan, and Lyvi — and sister to Dr. John Belew.

Megan's grandmother will have back surgery in few weeks. Prayers for her safe surgery and quick healing.

Nabil Costas, CEO of the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development (LSESD) wrote to ask for our prayers for God's protection for staff and students in the midst of massive protests against economic uncertainty, unstable currency, and the inability for people to meet the needs of their families. LSESD is one of the ministries we have supported through several soup suppers and missions tree. We and continue to support them through our global missions budget. We continue to pray for wisdom for Lebanon and LSESD.

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In 1990, she was ordained in the Mennonite Church. For 12 years, she was a church planter in Austin (Austin Mennonite Church). At the same time, she served as the Executive Director of the Texas Homeless Network, an organization that built coalitions across TX and provided resources and technical assistance to homeless service providers. In 2004, she blended her passion for the caring ministries in the church with her skill in administrative and management work to become the Executive Director of the Association of Brethren Caregivers, Elgin, Illinois, until the 2008 merger of that organization with the General Board of the Church of the Brethren. For nearly a year, she was Associate General Secretary of Ministry & Program of the Church of the Brethren supervising nearly 100 employees and overseeing a nearly five million dollar budget. The ministries under supervision included: Office of Ministry, Congregational Life, Brethren Service Center, Global Mission Partnership, Brethren Press & Communications and the Caring Ministries.

Kathy is the author of several books including: *Preventing Child Sexual Abuse: A Religious Education Curriculum for Children Ages 5-8*, United Church Press, 1992; *Preventing Child Sexual Abuse: A Religious Education Curriculum for Children Ages 9-12*, United Church Press, 1989, co-authored with Rev. Marie Fortune; *Uncovering Racism*, Brethren Press, co-Authored with Dr. Stephen B. Reid, 1999; *Children Together: Broadly Graded Religious Education Curriculum for Children on Issues of Gender*, United Church Press, Co-Authored with Ken Hawkey, 2000.

Kathy is married to Dr. Stephen Reid, Professor of Christian Scriptures at George Truett Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, Texas. They have four children living all over the country. They also have five grandchildren.

Our Church Staff

Louis Garcia, Custodian

Sheena Gibbons, Pianist/Organist

Megan Grant,

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CALENDAR

Sunday, October 27

9:30—Sunday School

10:45—Worship

3:00—Newsletter Deadline

4:00—Soulfriends

Wednesday, October 30

5:15—Supper

6:15—Children's Activities

6:15—Pumpalooza

7:15—Choir Rehearsal

Missions Calendar

Meals on Wheels

Every Monday,

Wednesday, Friday

Children's Center

Monday-Friday, 7:15-5:30

To give online, please click [here](#).

[Sunday School Classes](#)

Staff Notes

Krysta will be out October 24 and 25.

Volunteers for Sunday, October 27

Extended Care: John Warren
Ushers: Mike Raymond
Beth Raymond
Greeters: Sandy Londos
Patty Field

Wednesday night supper October 30

Chicken Tetrazzini

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

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

Men's Choir Concert

Hear Jon Snyder and Ross Tarpley sing with the men's choir as they join with the women's choir in concert on Tuesday, October 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Hall.

Save the Date

Song for Shalom

Fundraiser for the

Shalom Children's Center, Ghana

November 9

At the home of Lela and Jason Wallis
in Round Rock

More information soon.

Budget Reminder

If you are a "line owner," you should have received an email from Mike. If you would like to request excess funding for your account, please send Mike a "Supplemental Request." Simply send Mike Raymond an email that includes:

- The 2020 target that was given to you for your budget line
 - The amount over this you are requesting
 - The rationale for this request
- All Supplemental Requests are also due no later than October 23rd. The Finance Committee will review all Supplemental Requests and make recommendations to the Deacons for their review. Once the Deacons have reviewed and approved the 2020 Budget, it will go to the Congregation for discussion at a called business meeting and a vote.

Advent 2019 — "Windows of Light"

This year our Advent theme is "Windows of Light." If you want to write an Advent meditation for the booklet, you may write either a reflection, a story, a poem, or a prayer.

Here are some prompts to spark your thinking. Perhaps a word or phrase from one of them will remind you of God's Light in your life.

- Do you remember a time or place where God's Light overcame the darkness for you?
- What signs or memories of the Advent or Christmas season – or any time of year – remind you of God's Light? What words? What music?
- Who has been a visible sign of God's light in your Life?
- How have you seen communities or individuals incarnate God's Light in the world?
- Is there a window that you remember specifically for its beauty?
- Do you have a story of a threshold place in your life was like a window through which you could see a new beginning?

Send your completed meditation, 500 words or less, to Sharlande@lsbwaco.org as soon as you can. The deadline for all the meditations is Friday, November 8.

Thank you for giving shape to your prayers and thoughts to this gift for our church.

