



THE BEACON

WATAUGA  FIRST
United Methodist Church

Rev. Sheila Fiorella, Pastor

May 2019



Congregational Care Workshop

Friday and Saturday, 3-4 May 2019

Arborlawn UMC
4406, 5001 Briarhaven Rd
Fort Worth, TX 76109

Congregational Care Ministry training by one of the nation's leading experts on Congregational Care, Rev. Karen Lampe.



The Church Office will be closed
Memorial Monday, 27 May 2019.



Shepherd Shop volunteers have been working extra hard getting Spring/Summer items on display. Rosemary & I recently visited Asbury United Methodist Church's Shepherd Shop in Haltom City, which was very helpful when FUMCOW started our Shop. Their doors are closed now & they've generously offered us display racks, shelving, & inventory we think we can use. We will need "2 men & a truck" volunteers one day in early May! We've some measuring to do before then! We don't want our Shop to become an archive. We pray we're open as long as our building is physically sound...especially now that a lot of area thrift shops have higher prices! We've had some new customers come in repeatedly. Our recent \$1 Winter Sale (bright pink sign added to our regular portable sign by the street) caught their attention! We hand out a Sunday or Wednesday church bulletin whenever the people seem receptive.

In order to maintain a steady, healthy staff of volunteers, we are in need of some new [read: younger] workers. My best "guestimate" of average age--of course I couldn't ask the women their age!!!-- of our current volunteers is upper 70's! And we pray, by the Grace of God, that we'll be able to continue for a long time, but you never know what tomorrow will bring! We need to be prepared. And sometimes we need a day off!

Thank you for your donations!

Thanks!
Ruth Strong

Holy Communion Sunday, 5 May 2019

Worship God, Learn the Scripture, Live it in the world.

Date	Ushers	Liturgists	Acolytes	Counters
5 May	Rosemary Norris and Wendy Garcia	Ron McLeroy	Maddie Mazza	Duane Buckley and Henry Harrison
12 May	Yoma and Don Johnson	Nikki McLeroy	Alexis Crocker	Carol McKone and Jim Bates
19 May	David Adair and Susan Tucker	Melanie Bell	Jackson Goodwin	Lori Duncan and Duane Buckley
26 May	Debbie and Henry Harrison	Betty King	Ethan Corrigan	Doris Maxwell and Paul Killion

Wednesday Night Bible Study		Potluck Dinner
1 May	Mexican	At 6:00 PM
8 May	Chicken	Bible Study
15 May	Italian	At 6:45 PM
22 May	Salads	New Worship
29 May	Barbecue	At 7:30 PM

Mission Statement

Making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the
world.

Vision Statement

Worship God,
Learn the Scripture,
Live it in the World

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A Message from Our Pastor

Well, another Easter has come and gone. Had death ended Jesus' life, He would have been nothing more than a man of exceptional character and ability with extraordinary claims of divinity surrounding him. The major difference between the life and teachings of Jesus and those of any other great religious leader lies in the fact that Jesus rose from the dead, and the others did not, no matter how persistent their influence may be.

The empty tomb evoked faith in the resurrection, which a fuller understanding of Scripture would confirm, validate, and grow. The way the fact of the empty tomb and Jesus' resurrection from the dead influenced a certain group of disciples made its reality to them undeniable.

So does the way you live your life after you believed in Jesus, His death for your sins, and His resurrection from the dead, relay clear evidence to others that YOU have accepted its reality by faith also? Or are you walking away like Peter once did, still in the dark despite the new dawn? I pray that your dark night will come to an end, and the warmth, the radiance, the light of God's love for you will shine in your soul this new day and beyond.

Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Let us be just as excited as those first disciples, racing neck and neck, to get the good news out that Jesus has been raised, and that we have been raised up with Christ to new life. May we be emboldened to trust, follow, and serve Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Let us be glad and rejoice in our forgiveness and salvation, giving thanks to Christ our LORD, for He is so good. God's steadfast love endures forever!

Rev. Sheila



Glen Lake Camp Summer 2019 is Almost Here!

We are so excited about our Summer Camps!

If you have not shared our Summer Camp opportunities with your church and your friends, now is the time. If you are considering volunteering with us this summer, now is the time to register. If you have not registered your child(ren) yet, now is the time.

We want campers to know that because of Christ they can lead, show love, and use the gifts they have been given, no matter what their age. This summer at Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center we are going to do this by focusing on the knowledge that through Christ you are old enough, big enough, and you have the gifts God gave you to lead MORE THAN ENOUGH.

To register, go to:
<https://www.glenlake.org/summer>



PURPOSE: **GROW - Nurturing a Culture of Growth** is to help create, nurture, or sustain a culture of growth within the local church.

This weekend experience begins with a Saturday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM workshop. Saturday workshop participants would include laity, lay leaders, staff, pastors, and anyone wishing to participate. The **GROW** workshop facilitator will preach each weekend service, culminating in a Sunday 11:45 AM to 1:45 PM workshop for key leadership, staff, and pastors - with a working lunch. *Note: Mark your calendars now for 1 June at 9:00 AM. We'd like as many people as possible to attend. Attendance at Sunday's workshop is required of clergy and all church leaders.*

Following the workshop, *Church leaders will be invited to attend three additional workshops throughout the first year: Leadership & Visioning, Hospitality & Worship, and Missional Church & Intentional Discipleship.* These will be held on Saturdays from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. (Dates to be announced later.)

- The senior pastor will be assigned a directive coach for support and accountability for the next 18 months.
- Quarterly progress reports will be supplied to Smith Center for Evangelism, Mission & Church Growth, and the local church's District Superintendent.
- The senior pastor, church leaders, and congregation will be responsible for the vision and mission, as well as implementation of key growth milestones derived from the **GROW** weekend and other resources.

The intent of this process is to nurture a culture of church growth by either kick-starting a new direction or helping sustain an existing effective vision and mission.



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Upcoming Events in Our Church

Weekend Snack Packs - Please help feed children.
Each Sunday at 11:45 AM in Room 107.
Donate food and/or help pack the bags.
A list of items can be found in lobby.



Help the Presbyterian Night Shelter!
Make sandwiches for those in need.
First Monday of each month
Starts at 6:00 PM in the church's kitchen.

New Day Gatherings—Wednesday Nights
6:00 PM Community Potluck
6:45 PM Bible Connection Groups
7:30 PM New Day Worship with Rev. Sheila
“A Safe Space Where Everyone Knows Your Name.”



William Kata	05/04
Paul Killion	05/07
Taylor Banks	05/08
Nikki Clugsten	05/15
Betty King	05/15
Troy Johnson	05/16
Billy Garrett	05/17
Mary Plant	05/20
Kevin Vaitai	05/23
William Vaitai	05/23

If your birth date is incorrect
or is not listed, please email
the church office at
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Laity Summit
Sunday, 9 June 2019, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Texas Hall at the University of Texas at Arlington
For more information and to register, go to:

[https://www.ctcumc.org/2019laitysummit?ct=t\(East_District_Newsletter_Volume_5_Issue_10_5_2017_\)](https://www.ctcumc.org/2019laitysummit?ct=t(East_District_Newsletter_Volume_5_Issue_10_5_2017_))

The East District hosts AC19 (and AC20!).
9-12 June 2019

We are asking for volunteers from across the District to volunteer as hospitality, greeters, tellers, and recording secretaries. This is an opportunity for East District to share the joy with our friends in other Districts across the CTC. Sign up to help by going to:
[https://form.jotform.com/90584620071150?ct=t\(East_District_Newsletter_Volume_5_Issue_10_5_2017_\)](https://form.jotform.com/90584620071150?ct=t(East_District_Newsletter_Volume_5_Issue_10_5_2017_))
or emailing pattiewood@ctcumc.org. Pattie will be in touch in the coming months.



The Church Office will be closed 26 June through 2 July, and 4 July.



Do you know how to sing?
Our choir director would love to have you join the choir and/or the bells. Contact Darin Hoppe at darinhoppe@gmail.com.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WATAUGA WELCOMES ALL TO COME AND JOIN US

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION SERVICE

8:30 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 A.M.

NEW DAY GATHERINGS

6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK 6:00 TO 6:45,
BIBLE CONNECTION GROUPS, 6:45 TO 7:30,
NEW DAY WORSHIP 7:30 TO 8:00



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