



**WHAT'S
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The Lakeside Spirit



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**THE NEXT COUNCIL
MEETING
MARCH 20th, 7 pm
All are welcome to attend**

Our Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8 am Early Adult Sunday School
- 9 am Worship
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- Adult Sunday School
- Choir Practice
- 6 pm Evening Worship

Just an item or two....

Please remember to feed our food bin in the Narthex. All items will be taken to the River of Life Food Pantry in Fairfield.



And So it Begins! Work continues on the expansion of our church.

Joe Hill has provided all the plans for the expansion at no cost to the church. Gene Byerly provided an overview of the plans to the congregation and requested the pledging process. Van Wagnon is serving as our General Contractor and has obtained bids for all the work needed to complete the expansion and is providing his services at no cost to the church.

What's the plan? We are planning to add a metal building extension to the back of the church that will serve as the new Fellowship Hall. The existing Fellowship Hall will be divided up as classrooms for adult and children's Sunday School, Pastor's Office, Secretary's Office and a conference room along with additional restrooms for use off of the new Fellowship Hall. The existing rooms used by the Children's Sunday School and Office will become a Choir Room and a Pantry, along with new dedicated storage space.

What's the Next Step? David Rist is serving as our financial guru for this project. He is working with the Texas Methodist Foundation to obtain the funding to begin the project. He is working on the paperwork for a ten-year loan at the most favorable interest rate.

What's All of This Going to Cost Us? Estimates provided by Van Wagnon indicate that the expansion will cost approximately \$242,700.00. This amount includes a 6% reserve for contingencies. We will not need to finance that entire amount, because the church has a start-up fund. Funds restricted for future building, parking lots or from memorials have been compiled (with all donors agreement) to start a very healthy startup fund. We anticipate a loan request of \$167,700. We remember the beginning of our church, where 30 dedicated people undertook the burden of an even larger mortgage to start our wonderful church, and we think the positive contribution of this expansion is something that we can do -leaving a great legacy for future members of Lakeside UMC and facilitating our mission to make disciples of Christ.

What Happens After We Get Our Funding? Construction begins! We use our on-hand funding as much as possible before using construction funds. We make mortgage payments. Those pledging support for the expansion will provide their pledges. Those that haven't pledged are welcome to do so! Van has put together a very easy-to-read list of task descriptions that are posted on our bulletin board. Each task has an obtained bid amount. If the work can be done internally, that is indicated also. We will do as much work internally as possible to save as much money as possible. We pay off the mortgage as soon as we can.

What Can I Do? Can you paint? Can you cut lumber? Serve as a go-for? Make sandwiches and refreshments for workers? Volunteer your time and we will find a spot for you in the construction process. Tell Van Wagnon of your multiple talents. There is a sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board entitled 'WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP WITH THE EXPANSION'. Sign up and attend meetings! And you can pray for our expansion to go well and further our spreading of God's Word and the love of Jesus Christ.

God Bless Lakeside UMC and All its Members

Our Church Directory is available to you 24/7.

That's right, we have a pictorial, online directory that you can access on your computer, laptop and mobile phone! The directory is password protected-you make up your own password so it is safe to use. Find it at:

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com>

We've been using it awhile now, why not check out your picture and see if you need to update it? Call the Office at 903 599-3080 for help with the application, or to request a hard copy.

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It's Easy!

1. Go to your device's App Store.
2. Search for Instant Church Directory.
3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
4. Enter the assigned password into the app to begin syncing.



The Cooking Forum Starts on Feb 21st

You have been hearing about the many families in our surrounding community that are at or below the poverty level, and the challenges they face with the everyday cost of life. The decisions they have to face...pay the utility bill or put groceries on the table? Many of us are blessed in that we don't face such issues, and we can help the ones that are. Susan Pokorski and Kay Cornish have put together a program for Lakeside to help community members that have food challenges. Their new program, **The Cooking Forum**, provides not only the food but the information needed to cook nutritious meals. This program is not just a *hand out*, it is a *hand up* and is really quite something. Our initial planning meeting brought out some great ideas and plans, with ideas for saving money (probably something we should share with everyone), extra items needed by the participants (spice kits, basic kitchen utensils and cookware) and the fact that our men in the congregation can cook as well as the women, and are needed to support this project!

The program is targeted to people in the area that are food challenged-meaning that they have problems meeting a food budget each month. These lessons are geared toward making good food choices featuring simple items that are easily prepared. We want people to feel comfortable in the kitchen and we will provide instruction to prepare meals worth eating. They are also engineered to provide good fellowship and help spread God's word and message.

The Cooking Forum was outlined in our 2017 budget, and Susan and Kay have made plans for the year. They have identified six participants in the local area that look forward to working with us. The date for the first Cooking Forum is set for **Tuesday, February 21st**, with Kay Cornish serving as our first "master chef". The menus include roast beef, beef stew, and chicken noodle casserole.

It works like this: Once a month, a "master chef" of our congregation provides a menu of three meals, along with a shopping list and recipes to Susan and Kay. The meals are

"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you."
Mother Teresa

designed to provide a nice "Sunday" meal, with a second meal using leftovers, and then a third meal for the week. Susan and Kay do all the shopping and put everything together. The participants come to a one-hour session once a month that goes over the recipes while the "master chef" describes the process for preparation.

The next step: We need your help. We have quite a few people signed up as our "master chefs", but we need more (**four more at least**). We want to make sure that all participants can replicate the recipes at home. Also, anyone is invited to attend the Cooking Forum sessions. The more the merrier! Along with providing good food and recipes, good fellowship with other Lakesiders is an important ingredient!

In case you are wondering, the participants have boundaries. These once-a-month classes require that each participant call in a week prior if unable to make class. Unattended sessions without prior notice will result in a participant excused from future sessions. We are hoping that in time the class will grow from six to twelve participants. We are hoping to break the fast food cycle so many have found themselves in, we are hoping to provide a way for those who need help meeting their families' needs. And we hope to have fun while doing it.

If you would like to help, please contact Kay Cornish at 501 580-5159 or Susan Pokorski at 804 338-5989.

**FREESTONE COUNTY STATS: POPULATION 19,661, MEDIAN INCOME \$44,072, MEDIAN AGE 40.9
17% LIVE IN POVERTY, NATIONAL AVERAGE IS 15.5%**



Your spare cash, check or change can help the Hope Center in Corsicana provide:

- Pregnancy Tests
- Peer Counseling Sessions
- Pregnancy & Parenting Classes
- Medical Support for Pregnant Women & Their Families
- Baby Care Items-Diapers, Wipes, Hygiene Items, Cribs & Car Seats

Please bring your bottles back by Feb 19th. THANK YOU!

Lent Begins Wednesday, March 1st

R-C Lake Community
Clothes Closet

Please donate your gently-used clothing to the new R-C Lake Community Clothes Closet scheduled to open soon. All sizes, especially children's sizes, are needed. Simply leave your bag of clothing outside the Youth Center, located just east of the Lakeside Church grounds, or call 903-389-5878 with your questions.

Please note: We also have a bin in the Narthex for your clothes contributions. You can leave items there and we will take things over as it fills up, or you can take them over to the Youth Center.

We Pray for...

- Dorothea Atkerson
- Barbara Bankston
- Aangie Bledsoe
- Brenda Cannon
- Bob Cappallo
- Carpenters for Christ
- Donna Crays
- Carolyn Draper
- Clark Fritz
- The Rose Gilbert Family
- Kim Gordo's mother
- Marlene Holiday
- Avery Hughes
- Bill Jet
- Ronnie Jones
- Kitty Marshall
- Pat McGuffey's Family
- Jerry Meadows
- Jackie Messer
- Jeffrey Miller

- Our Military and their Families
- Haleigh
- Cathy Moore & Family
- Barbara Parr
- The Family of Cameron Peters
- The Family of Pat Purcell
- Ruth Robbins
- Faye Robbins
- St. Elmo Christian Youth Center
- LaVonn Schlung
- Ed Scruggs
- Ed Scruggs' sister
- Nicole Steffls
- Jay Suggs
- Eileen Suggs' Son
- President Trump
- Sherrod & Sandy Waites
- The Family of Eldon Walser
- Patricia Weathered
- Wayne Westlake
- Jan Westlake
- Ed White
- Our Nation, Under God



Wednesday, Feb 1st
10-11:30 am Bible Study
7 pm Bridge

Thursday, Feb 2nd
GROUNDHOG DAY

Sunday, Feb 5th
COMMUNION SUNDAY
8 am Early Adult Sunday School
9 am Worship
10:15 am Adult & Children's Sunday School, Choir Practice

1 pm Superbowl Scramble & Party, Tri-County Golf Club, Fairfield
6 pm Evening Worship

Tuesday, Feb 7th
1 pm Stephen Ministers

Wednesday, Feb 8th
9 am Upper Room Small Group
10-11:30 am Bible Study
2:30 Winkler Water Meeting
5 pm Ladies Ensemble
7 pm Bridge

Thursday, Feb 9th
Noon-2 pm GOOD TIMES

Friday, Feb 11th
10-11:30 AM FBC
Woman Ministry
Speaker

Sunday, Feb 12th
BOY SCOUT SUNDAY
8 am Early Adult Sunday School
9 am Worship
10:15 am Adult & Children's Sunday School, Choir Practice

6 pm Evening Worship
Monday, Feb 13th
10 am CCC at LUMC

Tuesday, Feb 14th
VALENTINE'S DAY
1 pm Stephen Ministers

Wednesday, Feb 15th
9 am Upper Room Small Group
10-11:30 am Bible Study
7 pm Bridge

Friday, Feb 17th
4-6 pm Jordan World Circus,
Navarro Co Expo Center

Sunday, Feb 19th
COMMUNION SUNDAY

8 am Early Adult Sunday School
9 am Worship
10:15 am Adult & Children's Sunday School, Choir Practice
6 pm Evening Worship
Monday, Feb 20th
PRESIDENT'S DAY
Tuesday, Feb 21st
10 am FOOD FORUM
1 pm Stephen Ministers
6 pm Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, Feb 22nd

9 am Upper Room Small Group
10-11:30 am Bible Study
5 pm Ladies Ensemble
7 pm Bridge
Friday, Feb 24th
Fairfield Market Days
Saturday, Feb 25th
8 am 3rd Annual Heart for the

House 5K/1 mile Fun Run,
Corsicana YMCA
Motocross Racing, Freestone
Raceway, Wortham
Fairfield Market Days

Sunday, Feb 26th
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
8 am Early Adult Sunday School
9 am Worship
10:15 am Adult & Children's Sunday School, Choir Practice
6 pm Evening Worship
Motocross Racing, Freestone
Raceway, Wortham
Fairfield Market Days
Tuesday, Feb 28th
1 pm Stephen Ministers

**DID YOU KNOW?
THURSDAYS
9 AM—2 PM
FREE INCOME TAX
PREPARATION
FIRST UMC IN
FAIRFIELD**

NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING UP ON Wednesday, FEB 8TH UPPER ROOM SMALL GROUPS LED BY PASTOR THOMAS Q STARTS AT 9 AM Will meet each Wednesday

WEDNESDAY, FEB 22ND IS

MAIN COURSE: CHILI DOGS! BRING CHILI, CHEESE & STUFF!

Didcha read your issue of TEXAS CO-OP POWER this month? There's a really good article in there about knitting red hats for babies. February is American Heart Month. There are groups all over TX knitting these little caps for babies born during the month. Did you know that congenital heart defects are the most common type of birth defect? Over 40,000 per year! A prison ministry called Beyond the Fence is also working on caps for this project-they made 800 caps last year. Are you interested?
By visiting TEXASCOOPPOWER.COM, you can

- Download knitting and crochet patterns
- Find contacts to get involved

Ask around and see if anyone else is interested in helping with this wonderful project.

THURSDAY, FEB 9th—NOON TO 2 PM
GOOD TIMES!
Come by and have a delicious lunch, and then stay awhile and play some card games or dominoes or something. Talk, laugh, and have a GOOD TIME! Call Susan Pokorski for more information at 804 338-5989.