

WHAT'S
INSIDE

The Lakeside Spirit



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In 2018 we are planning to change our telephone number from (903) 599-3080 to **(903) 915-4754**. We'll have both numbers for awhile to get you used to the new one. Stay tuned for news!

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

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.



2018 Lakeside Council

Pastor Thomas Q. Robbins
Director of Music Janet Martin
Council Chair Sharon Largent (18)
Finance Chair David Rist (18)
Treasurer Diane Jones (18)
Staff Parish Relations Chair Lee Largent (19)
Trustees Chair Hank Ander
Evangelism/Witness/Outreach
Co-Chairs Susan Pokorski & Kay Cornish
Nurture Chair Eve Hamilton (18)
Stewardship Chair Gene Byerly (20)
Lay Leader Mary Rist (18)
Recording Secretary Betsy Metcalf
Representative to Annual Conference
Cynthia Gage (18)

A sincerely THANK YOU to those who have pledged their support to Lakeside! Be sure to show them your support and thank them for their service to our church.

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.

Sync Our Church Directory to Your Mobile Device

Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

Search for other members, and then email, call or text — right from the directory app.

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.



lific writer and voracious reader. Grow your faith by reading good books, Wesley's sermons, classics, histories, theologies, or whatever feeds your spirit. (You could also subscribe to an awesome podcast!)

3. Ride a horse

John Wesley, Francis Asbury, and every circuit-riding preacher in the early days of Methodism, traveled thousands of miles by horseback. Many were skilled enough to read and write while riding. Don't emulate them while driving your car! Wesley even had a chamber horse—a riding simulator—in his London home to use when the weather was bad.

4. Serve somebody

Wesley encouraged Methodists to practice acts of compassion by serving someone. Go on a mission trip, volunteer at the local food bank, meet the needs of your neighbor, and reach out to someone you pass on the street. Serve Jesus by serving your neighbor (see Matthew 25).

5. Join a small group

Small groups are at the heart of United Methodism. The Methodist movement began not as a church, but as a collection of connected societies, classes, and bands (oh my!). These gatherings were places where Christians would “watch over one another in love.”

Make 2018 Great! A UMC.org Feature by Joe Iovino

Joe Iovino works for UMC.org at United Methodist Communications. Contact him by email or at 615-312-3733.

When making New Year's resolutions for 2018, we hope you will consider joining us in participating in several of these very United Methodist activities in the months ahead.

1. Visit historic sites

As you plan the route of your spring break and summer road trips, include visits to historic United Methodist sites. We've compiled a couple of lists of some of our favorites and United Methodist Archives and History has a comprehensive list. In certain areas, you may be able to plan a vacation that includes a visit to a historic United Methodist site every day. [Find this list at <http://gcah.org/research/travelers-guide>]

2. Read

John Wesley may have considered himself “a person of one book,” but he was also a pro-

6. Enjoy a shared meal

Few things are more United Methodist than a shared meal, sometimes called a potluck supper or covered dish dinner. If you grew up in the church, you know the joy of sampling from a table filled with Crock-Pots and casserole dishes, then enjoying these favorite family recipes with your church friends. Consider hosting a shared meal in your home!

7. Stick to a budget

John Wesley gave some amazing advice for how we should handle our money: **(1) make all you can, (2) save all you can, (3) give all you can.** Make this the year you take control of your money, simplify, and live generously.

8. Stand up for another

Loving our neighbors includes working to right social wrongs that oppress them. Go to a rally. Write your government officials. Attend schoolboard and town council meetings. Get involved in working for justice in your community, region, nation, and world.

9. Hold family devotions

John and Charles Wesley's mom Susanna made special time for her children each week to mentor them spiritually. Some of John Wesley's very first class meetings met on Thursday evenings, which was his time with Susanna as a child. Coincidence?

10. Join a committee

As United Methodists, we're addicted to committees. Our congregations even have committees to form committees. While we joke about it, these are some of the best ways to get involved in your congregation, district, annual conference, and beyond. Serve your church by joining a committee.

11. Give to UMCOR

The United Methodist Church offers great opportunities to participate in ministries that serve people around the corner and around the world. Give to the United Methodist Committee on Relief on UMCOR Sunday (March 11, 2018) or anytime to help with their relief work.

12. Deepen your devotional life

Wesley said that two means of grace every Methodist should practice are “searching the Scriptures” and prayer. Find some helps from the Upper Room, Cokesbury, or elsewhere, to assist you as you listen for the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the Scriptures, and in prayer.

13. Eat spicy food

We cannot force an experience like the one John Wesley had near Aldersgate Street on May 24, 1738. The best we can do is simulate it with a good, spicy meal that will give us a different kind of heartwarming sensation.

14. Tell your mom you love her

Although his dad was the pastor, John Wesley's mom was probably the biggest influence in his life. Her spiritual leadership taught him to encourage women and men to lead in the Methodist movement. John often sought his mother's advice. Other times, it was unsolicited—like her encouragement to use lay preachers—and her son followed anyway.

15. Write a hymn

Charles Wesley, John's brother, wrote over 6,000 hymns in his

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Sharon Hall
 Eve and Darryl Hamilton
 Michael Hardin
 Tom Hecker
 Avery Hughes
 Vic Johnson and family
 Kay & Terry Kamp
 Janet Martin
 Jessica O'Neal
 Brody Pearson
 Vic Rice
 Faye Robbins
 Wanda Rollins
 Ed Scruggs
 Larry Sharp
 Nicole Steffls
 Roxie Steinburg
 Jay Suggs
 Eileen Suggs' Son
 The Victims of the Sutherland Springs Massacre
 President Trump
 Patricia Weathered
 Roger Woerner
 Billy Yarbrough
 Bless us all during these violent times

Karen Abbey
 The Family of Damon Allen
 Dorothea Atkerson
 Eddie Blalock
 Michael Bradford
 Terry & Dudley
 Judy Byerly
 Brenda Cannon
 Paige Cates
 Bill Drozd
 Clark Fritz
 Charles Garst
 Janene Glover
 Dan & Dorothy Graves
 Henry Grizzard
 Suzie Grizzard
 Robin



*Help plan
 The 2018
 Cooking
 Forum
 activities
 Tuesday
 Jan 16th
 10 AM*

Please make plans to join this important ministry as they plan their 2018 activities. The Forum provides recipes with the food needed for preparation to those that are food challenged. Each month the forum presents a "Master Chef" to teach the methods in preparation of three meals. Come share your knowledge or learn something!

lifetime! Surely, you and I can write one. Change the words to favorite tune to reflect a spiritual truth. It may not be publishable, but it can be something just between you and God.

16. Follow the rules

Following in the footsteps of John Wesley, we United Methodist like to follow rules. The very first societies were given three simple rules that we sometimes summarize as (1) **do good**, (2) **do no harm**, and (3) **stay in love with God**. It seems best if rules come in threes (see "Stick to a budget" above).

17. Attend worship every Sunday

Hearing the Bible read, joining our voice in song, hearing a sermon, receiving communion, and praying with others, are important ways we grow individually and together. Never miss an opportunity to worship.

18. Enjoy some coffee

Although John Wesley might disagree—he knew water was the healthiest drink—we United Methodists are known for our coffee consumption. Use the Sunday morning fellowship time before and after worship (even if you're not a fan of coffee) to greet your neighbors and connect with your church family.

And if you are searching for a group of United Methodists to join you in trying these tips, you can always try the Find-A-Church tool. *Have a terrific new year!*

Good Times!
Thursday, Jan 11th
12-2 pm
 Why don't you come and have lunch, play some games, have some good conversation, and have a
Good Time!

Bible Study—Wednesdays
10 am in the Fellowship Hall
Focus: Upper Room Small Group Studies
Led by Pastor Thomas Q.
Communion Served

JANUARY

Monday, Jan 1, 2018



Wednesday, Jan 3

6 pm Choir Practice

6 pm CYC

7 pm Bridge

Sunday, Jan 7

COMMUNION

8 am Early Sunday

School

9 am Worship

10:15 am Adult & Chil-

children's Sunday School

Tuesday, Jan 9

2 pm Stephen Ministers

Wednesday, Jan 10

6 pm Choir Practice

6 pm CYC

7 pm Bridge

Thurs-

day, Jan 11

12-2 pm Good Times

Sunday, Jan 14

HUMAN RELATIONS

DAY

8 am Early Sunday

School

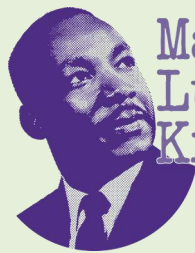
9 am Worship

10:15 am Adult & Chil-

children's

Sunday School

Monday, Jan 15



Martin
Luther
King Jr.
DAY

Tuesday, Jan 9

10 am Cooking Forum

Meeting

day, Jan 17

10 am Upper Room Bi-

bble Study

6 pm Choir Practice

6 pm CYC

7 pm Bridge

Thursday, Jan 18

Start of Week of Prayer

for Christian Unity

Sunday, Jan 21

COMMUNION

8 am Early Sunday

School

9 am Worship

10:15 am Adult & Chil-

children's Sunday School

Tuesday, Jan 23

10 am Cooking Forum

2 pm Stephen Ministers

Wednesday, Jan 24

10 am Upper Room Bi-

bble Study

6 pm Choir Practice

6 pm CYC

Wednes-

7 pm Bridge

Saturday, Jan 27

Fairfield Market Days

Sunday, Jan 28

8 am Early Sunday

School

9 am Worship

10:15 am Adult & Chil-

children's Sunday School

Fairfield Market Days

Wednesday, Jan 31

10 am Upper Room Bi-

bble Study

6 pm Choir Practice

6 pm CYC

7 pm Bridge

AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE
IN DECEMBER
Worship 95
Sunday School 18
Nursery 1
Bible Study 9

Birthdays

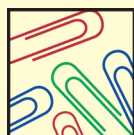
Linda Lewis	2-Jan
Kaylee Yarbrough	4-Jan
Billy Bankston	5-Jan
Maria Fernandez	11-Jan
Judy Mobley	11-Jan
Kathy Dube	13-Jan
Terry Cowan	17-Jan
Tom Gee	17-Jan
Patsy Wagon	19-Jan
Ruth Robbins	20-Jan
Jeff Grace	22-Jan
Ron Moody	24-Jan
Janet Hecker	25-Jan
Bill Groce	25-Jan

JANUARY



Anniversaries

DuWayne & Debbie Carpenter	1-Jan
Davie and Dickie Morlan	10-Jan
Barbara & Phil Sanders	10-Jan
Merle & Avery Hughes	23-Jan



Normal Church Office Hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8-5:30, lunch time around Noon. Please make a note of our new email address: lsumc416@gmail.com