

WHAT'S  
INSIDE

# The Lakeside Spirit



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## The Commission On A Way Forward

*The Commission on a Way Forward was proposed by the Council of Bishops and approved by the 2016 General Conference to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church. A Final Report will be issued on July 8th.*

### United Methodist Bishops Recommend A Way Forward

CHICAGO – United Methodist bishops, meeting in Chicago, engaged in a prayerful process to discern a way forward. At the conclusion of the discernment process, the Council of Bishops strongly approved the following motion and rationale:

Having received and considered the extensive work of the Commission on a Way Forward, the Council of Bishops will submit a report to the Special Session of the General Conference in 2019 that includes:

- All three plans (The Traditionalist Plan, The One Church Plan and the Connectional Conference Plan) for a way forward considered by the Commission and the Council.
- The Council's recommendation of the One Church Plan.
- An historical narrative of the Council's discernment process regarding all three plans.

**Rationale:** In order to invite the church to go deeper into the journey the Council and Commission have been on, the Council will make all the information considered by the Commission and the Council of Bishops available to the delegates of the General Conference and acknowledges there is support for each of the three plans within the Council. The values of our global church are reflected in all three plans. The majority of the Council recommends the One Church Plan as the best way forward for The United Methodist Church.

Guided by the mission, vision and scope document, the bishops agreed to recommend the One Church Plan. This plan provides conferences, churches,  
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Just an item or 2—Feed the Food Pantry bin in the Narthex. THANKS!



### **Our Sunday Worship Schedule** Communion will be served on the 1st & 3rd Sunday

8 am Early Adult Sunday School  
9 am Worship  
10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Adult Sunday School Choir Practice

*Bible Study is Suspended During the Summer but will Resume on August 15th At 9:30 AM Upper Room Small Group Study, Communion, then Bible Study-New Testament*

## 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.



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and pastors the flexibility to uniquely reach their missional context while retaining the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church.

The One Church Plan allows for contextualization of language about human sexuality in support of the mission; and allows for central conferences, especially those in Africa, to retain their disciplinary authority to adapt the Book of Discipline and continue to include traditional language and values while fulfilling the vision of a global and multi-cultural church.

This plan also encourages a generous unity by giving United Methodists the ability to address different missional contexts in ways that reflect their theological convictions. The One Church Plan removes the restrictive language of the Book of Discipline and adds assurances to pastors and Conferences who due to their theological convictions cannot perform same-sex weddings or ordain self-avowed practicing homosexuals.

The Council's discernment process was guided by the over-arching desire to strategically help the General Conference do its work and to honor the General Conference's request for the Council to help the church find a way forward.

"With convicted humility, bishops want to be pastors and shepherds of the whole church in order to maximize the presence of a United Methodist witness in as many places in the world as possible and with as much contextual differentiation as possible," said newly installed Council of Bishops President Ken Carter.

The bishops expressed deep appreciation for the diligent work that the 32-member Commission on a Way Forward did in formulating the three plans: the Traditionalist Plan, the One Church Plan and the Connectional Conference Plan.

While the bishops recommended the One Church Plan, they affirmed that the Connectional Conference Plan and the Traditionalist Plan held values that are important to the life and work of the church and will be included in the final report to the Special Session of General Conference that the bishops have called for Feb. 23-26 in St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

Bishop Carter, who served as one of the moderators of the Commission, said the bishops are adopting a spirit of collaboration with the Commission, and an attitude of respect for the delegations who will take up this work on behalf of the whole church.

"The Council's prayerful deliberation reflected the diversity of the global denomination on the matter of homosexuality and many other matters. The Council affirms the strength of this diversity and our commitment to maintain the unity of the church," Bishop Carter said.

Full details of the plans and accompanying legislative proposals will be released as soon as final editing of the entire report is completed and translated into the official languages of the General Conference. It is estimated this will be no later than July 8.

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For more information on The Commission On A Way Forward, visit <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward>

There is a very informative video describing the options on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3merErae12U&feature=youtu.be>



We're sending some lucky kids to summer camp this year! **Bethany and Kaylee Yarbrough, Jaydin and Jenae Weathered** are going to the July session of the Trailblazer Camp for grades 3-6. Also attending camp this summer will be **Maria Grace and her granddaughter Layla** at the Family Camp. We are so blessed to be able to do this! Merle Hughes will be driving out the Trailblazers. Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center is located in Glen Rose, TX.



Jay Ammons  
 Friend of Sue & Hank Ander  
 Dorothea Atkerson  
 Billy Bankston  
 Karen Brewton  
 Terry & Dudley Bumpass  
 Judy Byerly  
 Mike Byrne  
 Bob Cappallo  
 Brittany Chambers  
 Linda Cline  
 Tom Cottar  
 The Family of Carolyn  
 English  
 Families who need God's  
 help  
 Clark Fritz  
 Children of Bob & Cynthia  
 Gage  
 Susan George-Jelis  
 The Family of Carlton Grant  
 The Family of Rick Habecker  
 Laura Hahn-Conti  
 Ron Haley  
 Ron Haley's Grandson,  
 Brody  
 Janet Hecker  
 Jan Hefner  
 Mr. Hudson  
 Avery Hughes  
 Sid Isenberg  
 Terry Kamp  
 Kerri  
 Crystal Leech  
 LT  
 Janet Martin  
 Tom KcKinnon  
 Pastor Mize & Family  
 Frank & Caroline Neely  
 The Family of Helen  
 Patterson  
 Lynne & Clancy Phillips

Mary Plunket  
 Vic Rice  
 Faye Robbins  
 Marlene Russell's  
 Granddaughter Devin  
 Families of the Victims from  
 the Santa Fe Shooting  
 Aunt Bernie Scamp  
 Ed Scruggs  
 Kyle  
 Friend Doris  
 Bob & Betty Stample  
 Keith Stanton  
 Nicole Steffls  
 Roxie Steinburg  
 Carole Stubblefield  
 Eileen Suggs' Son  
 Jay Suggs  
 Kathy Troop's Sister  
 President Trump  
 Pray for the USA  
 Van Wagon  
 John Walker, Sr.  
 Patricia Weathered  
 Carolyn Williams  
 Connie Wolf's Daughter  
 Vickie  
 Tom & Connie Wolf  
 Jan Wright  
 Bless all Police, Military,  
 Firefighters & First  
 Responders  
 Bless all the workers on our  
 expansion project

**AVERAGE  
 ATTENDANCE  
 IN MAY  
 Worship 72  
 Sunday School 10  
 Nursery 2, Bible Study 7**

# Lunch, Learn & Play!



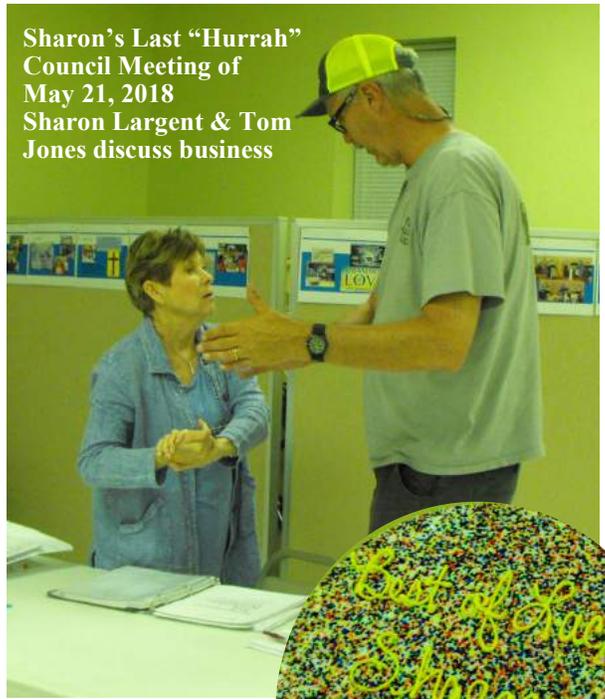
## A Summer Program for School-age Kids

Each Thursday from Noon to 1:30 pm,  
 beginning June 7th, Southern Oaks Clubhouse  
 (Lunch will be provided.)

Parents, learn more about this new, free  
 program at a special "Meet 'n' Greet"  
 held Sunday, June 3rd at 2 pm, at the  
 Southern Oaks Clubhouse  
 (located just north of Shell Station on 416.)

A cooperative initiative of Fairfield Food Pantry,  
 Southern Oaks POA, Lakeside Methodist Church,  
 the Community Care Club, Southern Oaks Fire Dept.  
 and Richland Chambers Hardware & Lumber.

Sharon's Last "Hurrah"  
 Council Meeting of  
 May 21, 2018  
 Sharon Largent & Tom  
 Jones discuss business



Sharon & Lee Largent  
 have moved away from  
 us—we will miss them  
 at our worship and  
 in the running of our  
 church. Blessings to both  
 Sharon & Lee!!



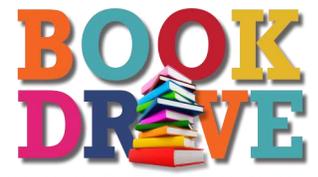
## JUNE 2018

**Sunday, June 3**  
**COMMUNION**  
 8 am Early Sunday School  
 8:15 am Choir Practice  
 9 am Worship  
 10:15 am Adult & Children's  
 Sunday School  
 2 pm Meet N Greet for the  
 Learn, Lunch & Play  
 Program  
**Tuesday, June 5**  
 2 pm Women's Retreat  
 Planning  
**Wednesday, June 6**  
 6 pm Choir Practice  
 6 pm CYC  
 7 pm Bridge  
**Thursday, June 7**  
 Noon-1:30 pm LEARN,  
 LUNCH  
 & PLAY PROGRAM  
**Sunday, June 10**  
**START OF ANNUAL CON-**  
**FERENCE**  
 Waco, TX  
 8 am Early Sunday School

8:15 Choir  
 Practice  
 9 am Worship  
 10:15 am Adult & Children's  
 Sunday School  
**Monday, June 11**  
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
 6 pm CCC Ice Cream Social  
 at the SOVFD Station  
**Tuesday, June 12**  
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
 2 pm Stephen Ministers  
**Wednesday, June 13**  
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
 5 pm Ladies Ensemble  
 6 pm CYC  
 6 pm Choir Practice  
 7 pm Bridge  
**Thursday, June 14**  
 Noon-1:30 pm LEARN,  
 LUNCH  
 & PLAY PROGRAM  
**Sunday, June 17**  
**FATHER'S DAY**  
**COMMUNION**  
 8 am Early Sunday School

8:15 Choir Practice  
 9 am Worship  
 10:15 am Adult & Children's  
 Sunday School  
**Tuesday, June 19**  
**FOOD PANTRY WORK DAY**  
**Wednesday, June 20**  
 5 pm Ladies Ensemble  
 6 pm Choir Practice  
 6 pm CYC  
 7 pm Bridge  
**Thursday, June 21**  
**FIRST DAY OF SUMMER**  
 Noon-1:30 pm LEARN,  
 LUNCH & PLAY PROGRAM  
**Sunday, June 24**  
 8 am Early Sunday School  
 8:15 Choir Practice  
 9 am Worship  
 10:15 am Adult & Children's  
 Sunday School  
**Tuesday, June 26**  
 10 am Food Forum  
 2 pm Stephen Ministers

**Wednesday, June 27**  
 5 pm Ladies Ensemble  
 6 pm Choir Practice  
 6 pm CYC  
 7 pm Bridge  
**Thursday, June 28**  
 Noon-1:30 pm LEARN,  
 LUNCH & PLAY PROGRAM



### SUMMER BOOK DRIVE FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Clean out those bookshelves  
 and bring in books for kids.  
 These books will be used at  
 the LEARN, LUNCH & PLAY  
 events this summer. There  
 is a red bucket in the  
 Narthex for your books.  
**THANK YOU!!**

## Birthdays June

Marlene Holiday	1-Jun	David Lott	15-Jun
Phil Draper	11-Jun	Royce English	20-Jun
Barbara Sanders	14-Jun	Tony Valdez	20-Jun
Edwin Scruggs	15-Jun	Pat McGuffey	23-Jun

## Anniversaries

Sue & Hank Ander	3-Jun	Barbara & Billy Bankston	13-Jun
Joe & Judy Vinson	5-Jun	Janet & Dick Martin	15-Jun
Linda & Bill Cline	5-Jun	Joanna & Clark Fritz	15-Jun
Mary & David Rist	10-Jun	Nancy & Joe Hill	21-Jun
Kay & Terry Kamp	11-Jun	Sue & Vic Rice	27-Jun



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