



**JOIN US FOR A FREE
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Sunday, February 11
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FEBRUARY 2018

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Valentine's Dinner

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
12:00 PM & 6:30 PM

DINNER IS FREE AND ALL ARE INVITED!

ALL ARE INVITED TO A FREE VALENTINE'S DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 12:00 PM OR 6:30 PM



MENU:

HASSELBACH CHICKEN, GARLIC POTATOES, BROCCOLI SALAD, AND DESSERT



RSVP:

RSVP WITH THE NUMBER OF GUESTS AND LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED CHILD CARE

ELIZABETH: TEXASEDMISTONS@GMAIL.COM OR 512-563-8840



IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER TO HELP COOK, DECORATE, OR SET UP,
PLEASE CONTACT ELIZABETH EDMISTON.

THIS EVENT MAKES FOR A FUN AND WONDERFUL DAY OF
CONNECTION WITH OUR COMMUNITY!

Prayer Requests



BEREAVEMENTS:

- **Shila & Steven Leos and family**, who lost their 22 year old daughter, Lauren due to a seizure on January 28
- **The family of Madeline Briggs**, Norman Briggs' mother who passed away on January 22
- **The family of Chris Nielsen**, Debbie Carlson's nephew who passed suddenly
- **The family of David Shepherd**, friend of Cindy Kainu who passed after a long battle with cancer
- **The family of Ed Pavlicek**, Mike Pavlicek's father who passed away

CONCERNS:

- **Larry Dunne**, recovering from surgery to repair a broken hip
- **Susan Widmer**, hospitalized
- **Susan Montesi**, recovering from nasal surgery
- **John Hale**, lost sight in one of his eyes due to an infection
- **Tim Abel**, former LUMC pastor who is recovering from surgery to repair some degenerated discs in his back
- **Debbie Disler**
- **Richard & Janet**, friends of Glenn Suchan who have health concerns
- **Walt**, friend of Sue Behm & Chad McCully who has been in the hospital for and extended amount of time
- **Ann**, Jeff Venditte's mother
- **David**, Phill & Donna Freebourn's son who is deployed with the USAF
- **Kaylee**, friend of Karen Saxer who has some health concerns
- **Alyssa**, Jerry & Pat Dunnivan's granddaughter
- **Nancy**, friend of Jerry & Pat Dunnivan who has a cancerous brain tumor
- **Ray Pletcher's mother**, who is on hospice after falling and breaking her hip
- **Dave Gmitter**, preparing to participate in races
- **John & Evelyn Sellers**, face cancer
- **Michael**, Glenn & Carol Suchan's nephew who is looking for a job
- **Todd**, friend of Glenn Suchan who is recovering from surgery
- **Jim & Jeanne**, Glenn Suchan's parents who have health concerns
- **Rachel & her father, Tom**, friends of Andy & Jennifer Welker, Rachel will be getting a kidney from her dad, Tom
- **Jennifer**, friend of Rene LaVance who is recovering from surgery

ONGOING NEEDS:

- **Donna Hendrickson**
- **Kathy Nielsen**
- **Nellie Smyth**
- **Jennifer Welker**
- **Chris Day**
- **Emily Surles**, health concerns
- **Kay Ward**, recovering from surgery
- **Mike**, Linda Brandimarte's brother who has heart issues
- **Tiffany & Jared and their son, Henry**, friends of Sarah Alexander, Henry has been hospitalized since his birth in August 2017 due to heart and airway abnormalities
- **Bobby**, Susan Montesi's cousin who has stage 4 lung and brain cancer and is recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor



CARE PACKAGE MINISTRY If you have a young adult in your family attending college or serving in the Military, please give Elizabeth Edmiston their name, school name or branch of service and station location, and mailing address to send a card or package. We love that our young adults are out in the world and we want them to know that!

We can use donations of Pop-Tarts, peanut butter and crackers, candy, gum, cookies, packets of nuts, and notes to fill our care packages. We currently prepare packages for 25 students and military personnel.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Join us at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch and fellowship with others. Bring a dish to share.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

February 14 @ 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lent, a forty day period of repentance and reflection. Ashes are placed in the shape of a cross on the forehead as a sign of mourning and repentance. The act echoes the ancient tradition of throwing ashes over one's head to signify repentance before God.



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

How often do you hear a "hard truth" directly? Who in your life will ask you tough questions and share concerns? When is the last time someone offered you Christian rebuke?

Christian rebuke is an opportunity for tremendous growth. As we hear, in love, how our thinking or behavior may be falling short of the Christ-like love we are invited to live in, we learn of blind-spots and places of numbness that are such wonderful opportunities for the saving working of the Christ.

But for many of us, this almost never happens. We may not have the kind of relationships that make such trust and sharing possible. Or, maybe we do not accept rebuke when it comes, putting up a shield of defensiveness and blame, missing the gift that has been offered. I know I put up such "shields" sometimes, even though when I reflect back on my life in Christ, those times where I did receive rebuke in faith proved to be a tremendous chance for Christian transformation.

As LUMC seeks to grow as a community of disciples on mission, may we grow in our willingness to offer and receive Christian rebuke. For some of us, the first step will be committing to a community within the Church of intentional relationships. For others, it will be a willingness to share and speak when the Holy Spirit is at work in that way. For all of us, we praise God that we are continuously invited to grow in the likeness of Christ. Our God comes to us in mercy, with forgiveness, and offers us new life each day, and often through our brothers and sisters. May we receive those gifts with thanks.

"Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive." Luke 17:3-4

In Christ,

Pastor Jon

GOING HOME IRRITATED

For over 39 years I served UM churches as a local pastor. That meant I preached a sermon at my church about 42 times per year. Often those sermons comforted people who were in difficult times with hurt, illness, emotional, psychological or physical pain. I have many times experienced the power the gospel has to comfort the afflicted. On other Sundays the opposite occurred. The message God gave me to preach was one that challenged, confronted, irritated, even angered people. Members of my congregation would say "you were really meddlin' today preacher." Those more prophetic sermons came because the Gospel of Jesus Christ also afflicts the comfortable.

I think people have forgotten that the gospel sometimes afflicts us. Folks come to church expecting to be lifted up and comforted. That happens much of the time. And I want to also remind you that God speaks through the service and preacher to challenge us to reevaluate our ideas, thoughts, our very lives. The next time you leave a service feeling like you are going home irritated, take pause. It just might be God afflicting you in your comfort to help you grow.

Rev. Larry Shores,
Retired UM Minister

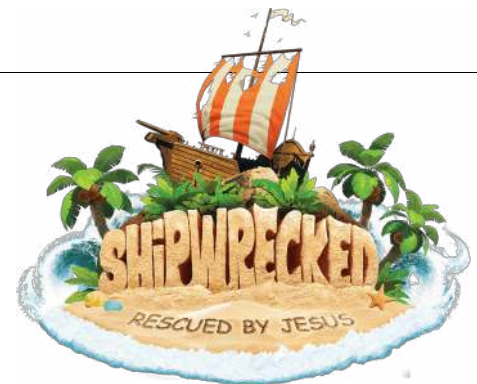
FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9 am-2 pm Mother's Day Out 6:30 pm Band Practice	2	3 8 am Methodist Men
4 8:30/9:45/11:00 Worship 9:45/11:00 Sunday school 10:00 Choir Practice 12:30 Spanish Service 5:00 No Youth Tonight	5 9:30 am Emmaus Group	6 9 am-2 pm Mother's Day Out 10:00 am Women Together 6:30 pm Choir Practice	7 6:30 pm Trustees 6 pm Food 4 Kids Packing 6:30 pm Mothers & Ministry	8 9 am-2 pm Mother's Day Out 6:30 pm Band Practice	9  12:00 & 6:30 pm Valentine's Dinner	10  9-11 am BLAST!
11 7-11 am Pancake Breakfast 8:30/9:45/11:00 Worship 9:45/11:00 Sunday school 10:00 Choir Practice 12:00 New Life in Christ Training 12:30 Spanish Service 4:00 Youth	12 9:30 am Emmaus Group 1:00 pm Crafters 6:30 pm Finance	13 9 am-2 pm Mother's Day Out 9:30 am Mary Martha Circle 6:30 pm Choir Practice	14 9 am-2 pm Champion Kids  12 pm & 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship	15 9 am-2 pm Mother's Day Out 6:30 pm Band Practice 7:00 pm CROP Packet Pick Up	16 9:00 am Linus Quilters  6-10 pm Parent's Night Out	17
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2/2 Karyn Raschke	2/11 Austin Edwards	2/25 Butch Millsaps
2/3 Alice Gaines	2/11 Chris Peckham	2/26 Christal Cantwell
3/4 Kara Fulkes	2/12 Weston Bonnet	2/26 Ben Nelsen
3/4 Bill Hanna	2/12 Doyle Lee	2/26 Amanda O'Connor
3/4 Conner McBride	2/13 Karen Saxer	2/27 Michelle Shearer
3/5 Frank Heffern	2/14 Rhet Bronstad	2/28 Tom Buckingham
3/7 Lane Elmore	2/16 Brian Elmore	2/28 Gabriel Malone
2/7 Paige Purvis	2/20 Olive Dyke	2/28 Jennifer Pavlicek
2/8 Stephanie Hill	2/20 Ivana Ulloa	
2/10 Jenny Griffin	2/21 Louann Gayle	
2/10 Belinda Guerette	2/21 Cari Ward	
2/11 Knox Dickinson	2/24 Daily Rodriguez	

If you do not see your birthday listed, please contact the church office and we'll update our records. (office@leanderumc.org or 512-259-1284)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

June 25-29
9:00 AM to Noon

REGISTRATION OPENS IN MAY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Contact Renee Purvis
512-565-3836 or purvisrph@earthlink.net



UNITED METHODIST MEN
FEBRUARY 3 | 8:00 AM

Join us in the fellowship hall on the first Saturday of each month for fellowship, coffee, breakfast and community service projects. The United Methodist Men's group is open to men of all ages.



NEW LIFE IN CHRIST PRISON MINISTRY

Want to impact the world for Christ from your living room chair? Join us in reaching Texas prison inmates through a correspondence based ministry. Last year, at Leander UMC, New Life in Christ launched with 12 prisoners and our harvest has been plentiful. Three of those have come to Christ and many more have deepened faith and knowledge with God. This year, we are up to 69 men and women we correspond with and we still have a dozen waiting for someone to study with.

The correspondence follows a 12 step study that encourages the prisoners to be reconciled with God, with others and within themselves. The process is simple. We receive their response to the last study, review their answers, encourage them, write a prayer and pray for them. Once you are familiar with the content, it requires around 15-30 minutes per prisoner to support. Study materials are provided to you and dropped off at the church each Sunday. All you need to do is provide 1-2 stamps and your availability while God provides the ability.

If you are interested in volunteering, come to the 30 minute training session on Sunday, February 11 at 12:00 in Meeting Room A. Contact Bob or Liza Bushn for more information: lizaandbob@msn.com



WOMEN TOGETHER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 | 10:00 AM

Our February meeting will take place at Casa Costa Bakery (201 Bagdad St in Leander). Women Together is a fellowship group for women which meets at the home of Helen Morris (1006 Oakridge in Leander; 512-826-3332). All women are welcome!

CRAFTERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 | 1:00 PM | ROOM 7

Each meeting of the Crafters begins with a devotion and prayer followed by a craft project and fellowship. February's project will be creating Valentine surprises for the Leander Head Start students at the Bagdad Center. Donations of toilet paper rolls and candies are needed. Crafters is open to anyone who loves to be creative and connected. For more info, contact Amy Cunningham (amy.y.cunningham@gmail.com).

METHODIST WOMEN MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 9:30 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Mary Martha Circle meets on the second Tuesday of each month for fellowship, refreshments and a variety of service projects. For more info about the Martha Circle, please contact Holly Briggs: (512) 566-2106 or hollyjbriggs@gmail.com.

LINUS QUILTING GROUP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 | 9:00 AM | ROOM 7

The Quilting Group makes quilts for Linus Connection. Bring your sewing machine. For more info contact Marjorie Pyle: (512) 294-1050.



NOTES & THANKS YOU'S

THANK YOU!

Thank ya'll so much for supporting life with your gifts. Many women & families will be blessed by your generosity

Sincerely,

Gretchen
Agape Pregnancy Resource Center



To Leander UMC:

Thank you for your gracious donation to Leander Middle School. We are so excited for the opportunity to put your generosity to good use in helping our less fortunate students and their families, as well as providing appreciation events for our teachers and staff. We are proud to live in a community of such giving and kindness!

Thank you & many blessings,

Principal Mark Koller & The LMS Office Staff



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Your congregation is an exemplary leader in the Rio Texas Conference. This is evidenced by your contribution of 100% of your Conference and District apportionments for the year 2017.

We are grateful for the willingness of your congregation to give so much to help carry out the ministry of our Lord and Savior both in the Rio Texas Conference and worldwide.

This is sent with prayers that God's blessings will continue to be with you in your local church. May we all move forward together on our journey in Christ.

Sincerely,

Kendall Waller
Director Financial & Administrative Ministries



THANK YOU, FROM ELIZABETH EDMISTON:

Thank You! Thank You! To Kathy Harlan for serving as our second adult for Martin Luther King Day and thank you to Tim & Kat Rubiera and Jamieson & Cindy Clem for volunteering to teach Children's Church on the fourth Sunday of the month.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
6:00-10:00 PM

Parent's Night Out is open to children ages 2 to 10. The cost is \$10 per child for the night and reservations are required. We cannot accept drop-ins. February is the month of love and we will be learning about the love between friends while we watch Charlotte's Web and make spiders and pigs!

To register, contact Elizabeth Edmiston: texasedmiston@gmail.com or 512-563-8840 by 9 pm Wednesday, February 14. There are also sign up sheets in the breezeway in the Education Building.

FEBRUARY CHILDREN'S CHURCH LESSONS:

- 2/4 Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son
- 2/11 Wise & Foolish Builders
- 2/18 Parable of the Sower
- 2/25 Jesus Calms the Sea

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS:

We will be learning through building and shaping using blocks, Lego, and Playdough.



During the holidays Leander UMC Mother's Day Out helped Hope Alliance Center, Acts of Love Teen Mom Childcare Center, and Agape Pregnancy Center by donating items for abused families, teen moms, and low income families. Thanks to our families, we were able to collect 15 pacifiers, 20 containers of baby wipes, 8 boxes of diapers, 19 bottles of baby wash, candles, makeup kits, stationary kits, and gift cards. As a community we were able to help bless many people over the holidays. Thank you all for your support and giving!



BLAST! KIDS PLAY & PRAISE OUR GOD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
9:00-11:00 AM

BLAST! is our one Saturday a month program for children ages 3 (potty-trained) through 5th grade. We do crafts, sing songs, play games, and hear stories all designed to help children learn about our Savior and loving those around us. There is no cost to participate.



UMYF for youth (6th-12th grade) meets 5:00-6:30 pm on Sunday evenings for fellowship, devotionals, games and service projects.

CALENDAR:

FEBRUARY 4

- 9:45 am Sunday School: "13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Teens"
- 11:00 am Confirmation Class: Local Church History
- 5:00 pm No Youth tonight due to Super Bowl

FEBRUARY 11

- 9:45 am Sunday School: "13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Teens"
- 11:00 am Confirmation Class: Local Church History Reflections
- 4:00 pm We will go on a hike. Please dress appropriately and bring a water bottle. We'll return to the church at 6:30 pm.

FEBRUARY 18

- 9:45 am Sunday School: "13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Teens"
- 11:00 am Confirmation Class: Baptism
- 5:00 pm No Youth due to 3 day weekend

FEBRUARY 24

- 6:30 pm Dinner for Graduating Seniors

FEBRUARY 25

- 9:45 am Sunday School: "13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Teens"
- 11:00 am Reflections, Opinions and Scriptures on Baptism
- 5:00 pm Youth meeting

If you have a student graduating from High School in the spring of 2018, please contact Elizabeth Edmiston. We want to celebrate your student's success at a Graduating Senior's Dinner on February 24.

For more info about our Youth program, please contact Elizabeth Edmiston: elizabeth.edmiston@leanderumc.org or 512-563-8840.



SCOUT SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
FEBRUARY 11

On Sunday, February 11 the Boy Scouts will be serving a free breakfast to the congregation to say "thank you" for supporting them. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee, and orange juice will be served in the fellowship hall from 7:00 to 11:00 am. Please come by and enjoy some breakfast!

"Troop 161 is thankful to have been part of the LUMC family for over 40 years!"



SATURDAY, MARCH 3 @ 5:00 PM

Get ready for our Annual Chili Chow-Down & Baked Goods Auction! There will be chili eat'n, a very competitive Baked Goods Auction, games, and a silent auction where you can bid on all kinds of things.

The winner of the "Best Tasting Chili" contest will win the much respected, though repulsive Stuffed Armadillo award. The baker of the item which receives the highest bid in the auction will win the highly coveted Floury Apron award.

We need folks to sign up to bring chili, baked goods for the auction, and items for the silent auction. Look for sign up forms during the month of February or contact Jenny Griffin: (512) 971-3614 or jenny@sykesgriffin.com.



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"The Church Love Grows"

Our Vision Statement:

We will be a hub through which the unconditional love and friendship of Jesus meets people where they are and transforms lives.

LUMC STAFF:

- Ministers:** All who worship & follow Christ
- Senior Pastor:** Rev. Ray Altman
- Associate Pastor:** Rev. Jon Snape
- Director of Family Ministries:** Elizabeth Edmiston
- MDO Preschool Director:** Maria Harrington
- Music Director:** Debra Carlson
- Administrative Assistant:** Stephanie Uys
- Custodian:** Linda Brandimarte

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



DICK CHRIST

Joined on December 10 at the 9:45 service by transfer from another Methodist Church



CONNER & BREONA MCBRIDE

Joined on December 17 at the 9:45 service by transfer from another denomination



KATHY BRIGHT

Joined on December 24 by reaffirmation of faith



SANDRA LARSEN

Joined on January 14 by transfer from another Methodist Church



DAN & JOYCE THOMPSON

Joined on January 14 at the 8:30 service by transfer from another denomination



RAMSINGH-EDWARDS FAMILY
Nyron Ramsingh & Romwala Edwards
Shanti and Dhar

Joined on December 31 at the 9:45 service by transfer from a Methodist Church



ROBBY ERSKINE BAPTISM
Parents, Bob & Melanie
Sister, Savannah

January 14