

# THE VOICE

June 7, 2017

## Bidding Farewell

Please come and express to Roy and TJ your appreciation for them sharing God's love through their ministries at FUMC. We also ask that you consider a love offering for each of them made payable to FUMC. Please make separate payments noting "Roy or TJ Love Offering" on the check. We also ask that you write a note to them about your favorite memory with them or provide some other kind words and bring to the receptions.



### RECEPTION FOR TJ GABELMAN THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 11

TJ's last Sunday is this Sunday, June 11, 2017. We will have our normal services with two receptions in the Cook Foyer at 9:50 a.m. and noon.

### ROY'S LAST SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Roy's last Sunday will be June 18, 2017. We will have one worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. There will be a reception prior to the service at 10 a.m. in the Cook Foyer.



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# Church News

## WELCOMING JAY JACKSON

### TWO WORSHIP SERVICES, JULY 2

Our new Senior Pastor, Jay Jackson, will start July 2, 2017. **We will have one Faith Matters service at 8:50 a.m. and one Traditional Service (God and Country Service) at 11 a.m.** with a reception at 9:45 a.m. in the Cook Foyer welcoming Rev. Jay Jackson and his wife LeAnn. We will have a new age pounding with gift cards to local restaurants so please bring gift cards. There will be no Sunday school that day.

### SAYING HELLO TO REBECCA NEWCOMB, JULY 9

Our new associate, Rebecca (Becca) Newcomb will be starting July 9, 2017. That Sunday, we will have our normal services and a reception at 9:45 a.m. in the Cook Foyer. We will have a new age pounding with gift cards to local restaurants so please bring gift cards.

### PRAYER BREAKFAST, JUNE 7

Prayer Breakfast will be Wednesday, June 7, at 6:45 a.m. in the Heritage Room. This group meets on the first Wednesday of every month to pray for our church and our nation, for a short devotional, and to fellowship together over breakfast and coffee.

### UMW MONTHLY MEETING, JUNE 13

United Methodist Women will hold their monthly meeting on June 13 at 9 a.m. in the Heritage Room. United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Join us for fellowship, missions and Christian growth opportunities, business meetings and Bible studies on the second Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Heritage Room in the church's Faith Center. Programs include spiritual growth, geographic and missions studies. Call the church office for more information at (903) 753-4463.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

**Stuffed bell peppers, (and Meatballs too!) rice pilaf, carrots, garden salad, and rolls, and of course dessert!**

Wednesday Night Dinner will continue throughout the summer at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP by emailing Sarah Mays, Event Director, at [smays@longviewfumc.org](mailto:smays@longviewfumc.org) or call at (903) 753-4463. If you have any food preferences such as gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, or sugar free, please let Sarah know.

Click here to RSVP for  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER**

## SUMMER AT FUMC

### Pastor-Led Combined Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:40, July 9-30  
In Nicholson Chapel

### Wednesday Night Dinner

Every Wednesday at 5 p.m.  
In the Fellowship Hall

### Mom to Mom

July 12-August 9  
Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m.  
In the Heritage Room  
"Trusting in Christ"

### Adult Bible Study

July 12-August 9  
Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m.  
In the Heritage Room  
"Trusting in Christ"

## BROADWAY MUSIC COMING FOR PIONEER PROGRAM, JUNE 8

We are in for a real treat this month when we welcome soloists from ArtsView Children's Theatre presenting "Broadway Beat! Celebrating the Music of Broadway" for our Pioneer program 11 a.m. Thursday, June 8, in the Faith Center. These talented students are under the direction of Alisha Kimbley, education director for ArtsView.

Chef Debbie will be preparing a delicious meal: pistachio salad, chicken roulade, saffron rice pilaf, green beans, rolls, and "strawberry shortcake" cake for dessert. When making your lunch reservation, please tell us if you need a sugar-free dessert. Meal is \$5.

Those with June birthdays will be recognized and receive a birthday cake compliments of United Methodist Women. Bring a friend! Invite your neighbors! Pioneers welcomes anyone, especially those who are retired or of retirement age. Please call the church office (903) 753-4463 to make a reservation for lunch.



## ASBURY HOUSE GARAGE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED

The Annual Asbury House Garage Sale will be August 4 from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. and August 5 from 8 a.m.–Noon. This garage sale benefits the wonderful children at Asbury House Child Enrichment Center and would not be possible without your support. Please drop off your items at the storage container on the corner of Green St. and Whaley St. (No adult clothing, computers, or old TVs) every Tuesday & Thursday from 7–8 p.m., and Saturdays 4–5 p.m.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT, SUMMER IS HERE!

Newgate Mission is making plans to have “Survival Bags” to hand out during the hot summer months. Your help is needed in collecting the items to fill the bags. Items needed:

- Gallon size plastic baggies
- Small cans of tuna or chicken
- Bags of peanuts/beef jerky or Slim Jims
- Small boxes of raisins, pudding cups, crackers, fruit cups or cookies
- Hardy candy, gum, mints
- Bottled water or small juice boxes
- Socks
- Deodorant
- Handy wipes/small soaps

Notes of scripture or words of encouragement (Please do not sign your full name or give out any personal information.)

There are a few items NOT to include:

- Chocolate, refrigerated items, fresh fruit, soft drinks, glass items, money,
- Cigarettes, mouth wash

Thank you for helping us collect these items so we can hand out the bags this summer to the people! Items can be dropped off at the mission office on Mobberly Ave! Thank you for ALL you do for the people of Newgate. For questions or info, call (903) 757-6146 or email [brenda@newgatemission.org](mailto:brenda@newgatemission.org).

## VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VBS is still seeking shepherds to accompany children between activity stations, June 26–30 from 8:45 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Duties include welcoming children, checking roll, escorting children to activity stations every 20 minutes, signing children out at end of the day’s session. Come for free snacks and meeting lots of new friends. To serve, please contact Nathan Firmin at [nfirmin@longviewfumc.org](mailto:nfirmin@longviewfumc.org) or (903) 753-4463.

## SFLC LIMITED OPENINGS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

SFLC has limited openings available for Summer, as well as, Fall 2017–Spring 2018. Please call the School Office at (903) 753-3121, or email Dallas Lemmon at [dallas@longviewsflc.org](mailto:dallas@longviewsflc.org) if you have any questions.

## LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The church library book sale will be Saturday, September 9, and Sunday, September 10. If you would like to donate books (any except encyclopedias), DVDs, or CDs for the sale, please take them to the church library workroom (located near the church office) at any time.

## ARE YOU IN THE LOOP?

If you suffer from hearing loss, you will be glad to know that our OnWave phonic ear listening devices are once again working in the Sanctuary. These devices are set up on a hearing loop which allows the listener to hear with greater clarity the spoken word and music in the worship service. You can pick up a listening device in the Narthex when you enter the church. (Headphones are supplied, or you can bring your own!) Audio signals in the Sanctuary can also be transmitted directly to a telecoil (T-coil) equipped hearing aid. Please set your hearing aid to the ‘T’ position.

## LCM JOB OPENING

Longview Community Ministries is hiring an Assistant Director of Food Services. This is a part time position, and the successful candidate must be at least 25 years old with a clean driving record. This is because part of the job will be making daily pickups of groceries using our box truck. Occasional heavy lifting may also be required. For further information or to express interest please contact Robin Fruia, LCM Executive Director, at [lcmexecdirector@cablelynx.com](mailto:lcmexecdirector@cablelynx.com).

## YOUTH MINISTRY PRAYER BANDS

Youth Ministry will begin offering prayer bands for our students traveling on Mission this summer. Please pick one up after services on July 2 and July 16. You may also pick up a band in the church office. These students need prayer for their mission work as well as their spiritual growth. Our focus in youth ministry is to help students come to know God, others, and themselves through Jesus Christ. Listed below are our trips, dates and brief description. We thank you in advance for your love, prayers and devotion to all of us in Youth Ministry.



### SOS—Service Over Self

Our high school mission to Memphis, TN, where we have the opportunity to help roof homes in the economically challenged neighborhoods of downtown Memphis. We also spend time in spiritual devotionals, worship, and fellowship. UMC Pittsburgh (10 participants) is joining us this year to have a total of 51 adult and youth headed to Memphis. We have partnered with SOS for over 20 years and hope to one day start our own SOS ministry in Longview, TX. We look forward to sharing our experiences and testimonies when we return. Mission dates are June 11–17.



### Thirst Mission—Belize International Trip

A 28 member (7 adults, 21 students) mission team partnering with Thirst missions and with Pastor Jose Babb and his church, Rios de aqua viva—River of Life Church located in Chunox Town in the Corozal District of Belize.

This is the northern part of Belize where the community is approximately 1,100 in population and sugar cane is the predominate crop grown in the area. We will be teaching VBS, hosting a teen fellowship in the area, joining in worship with our church, hosting a Texas theme night, helping paint, and do some construction for the host church. Mission dates are July 9-15.



### Big House—Middle School Mission

20 students and 6 adults are headed to Cold Spring, TX, to serve one of the oldest Methodist churches in Texas (Built in 1848). This trip gives middle school students the introduction to engage in mission for others away from home. In this quaint community, we will be helping with yard work for the elderly, painting churches and homes and working in the mission resale shop and anything else that will come our way. Coldspring UMC is hosting us and we look forward to learning more about serving others, discovering more about ourselves and intentionally walking with God in our life. The trip will culminate with worship with the members of Coldspring. The dates are July 20–23.

## GRILL AND SWIM DIVES IN STARTING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Youth ministry continues Wednesday nights from 6–8 p.m. for our Grill & Swim Devotionals. This summer we are focusing on the theme of “WATER.” We have great interactive lessons planned, and someone may even get thrown in the pool. We will post the swim location each week. Parents, we need help with food supplies. We will set up a sign up in the coming weeks.

**No grill and swim on JUNE 14 due to SOS Mission trip. We will start back on June 21. Please pray for the students and adult leaders who will be at Service Over Self Mission in Memphis, TN., June 11-17.**

# SUMMER SLAM!

## LAST DAY TO REGISTER

SummerSlam!, June 18–21, is a district wide pre-teen mission open to kids entering the 4th–6th grade in the fall. They will overnight at Longview FUMC and spend the days in mission projects around town. **Registration deadline is TODAY, cost is \$75.** Sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/xljO7dXa0mt7q1Rz1>. Because it is a multi-church event, registration must be completed through this website if your child is planning to attend SummerSlam! Scholarships are available. Contact Nathan Firmin at [nfirmin@longviewfumc.org](mailto:nfirmin@longviewfumc.org)

## VBS JUNE 26–30, REGISTER TODAY!

VBS will be June 26–30 from 9–11:30 a.m. VBS is open to all children ages 4 years as of September 1, 2016 through those entering 6th grade in the fall of 2017. You can register online now through June 22 at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5Y\\_VL9qA8gfe1MAFNNnH0HhMwPKIoEig-q9riSQ0V82k-Mw/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5Y_VL9qA8gfe1MAFNNnH0HhMwPKIoEig-q9riSQ0V82k-Mw/viewform?c=0&w=1).

**Registration is online only. Please contact Rachel Geist at (903) 753-4463 if you have any questions.**

## FASTEN YOUR SEATBELTS! THE YOUTH ARE HEADED TO SIX FLAGS, JUNE 19

Youth Students who have earned 3 mission points for service since January 2017 are eligible for a trip to Six Flags on June 19. Tickets are \$35 each. Youth Ministry will provide one meal ticket per student. Seating is limited so begin making your reservation with Janice ASAP.