

Love  
...  
our  
endless  
Story

## Advent and Christmas 2007

### First Sunday of Advent

**December 2**

“The Story of Hope”

*Isaiah 2.1-5, Matthew 24.26-44*

**The Gathering Sunday**

**Mission Tree after Morning Worship  
Advent Books after Morning Worship**

**Advent Craft Workshop**

5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Family Self-Sufficiency Christmas Party**

Thursday, December 6, 6:00 p.m.

### Second Sunday of Advent

**December 9**

“The Story of Peace”

*Isaiah 11.1-10, Luke 1.68-79*

“*The Story of Christmas*”

by Alexander Matthews

### Third Sunday of Advent

**December 16**

“The Story of Joy”

*Isaiah 35.1-10, Luke 1.46b-55*

**Christmas Open House**

4:00-6:00 p.m.

at the home of Steve & Sharon Fontaine

**Christmas Caroling on the bus  
and Chili Supper**

Wednesday, December 19

5:30 p.m.

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**December 23**

“The Story of Love”

*Matthew 1.28-35*

### Christmas Eve

**December 24**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

6:00 p.m.

## Our Advent Booklet

"Never save a story," June Osborne always told me whenever I pondered whether to put an experience on paper or keep it for the next book, sermon, or column. "Write the story in you right now. There will always be another one to write tomorrow if you just pay attention to what's going on around you today."

As the editor of Lake Shore's advent booklet for so many years, June knew that storytelling is one of Lake Shore's greatest treasures and that if she asked the right questions -- How has God been a dwelling place for you? When was a simple gift actually an extravagant one? What experience this past year was a flash of brightness? Who has shown you that peace comes to the world through the actions of people we know? -- we would remember the stories that make us who we are as individuals and as a church. In the days before e-mail, we typed our stories and mailed them in. Every year, behind the scenes, the meditations were entered, edited, proofed, printed, collated, and bound. And, miraculously, it seemed, by the first Sunday of Advent (except when the Post Office lost our bulk mail!) a booklet of meditations appeared in our mailboxes.

Since this year's theme is "Love . . . Our Endless Story," it seemed right that our book of meditations be a gathering of remembrance and love. Good stories grow better with each retelling. With over eight hundred meditations from which to choose, we set a few criteria for making selections: (1) each meditation written as a story in pure narrative form, (2) each story told from the point of view of the narrator, and (3) each story originally written that year's Advent theme in mind. Some of the writers have written for all twenty-two previous books. Nearly all of the writers wrote for more than one Advent book. Many of the writers are active at Lake Shore today; others are part of our extended congregation in other places; still others are part of the great cloud of witnesses who helped make Lake Shore the great storytelling community that it is.

If you've been at Lake Shore for a while, you'll see some names you know. You'll remember Rufus Spain's boyhood Christmas in Alabama or move to a new home with Kathy Gardner or take a mission trip with Steve Fontaine. If you've recently brought your story to Lake Shore, you'll learn a little more about the people with whom you worship, pray, and serve and the heritage that's yours now, too. Most of all, you'll have a chance to stop each morning and evening to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ.

Thank you to these people for helping complete this year's collection, both those who read and made selections and those who entered and proofed copy: Becca Sharpless, Jo Pendleton, Judy Prather, Catherine Davenport, Genie Dyer, Emily Fau, Gladys Hudson, and Celia Dupree.

A huge thank you to Leslie Fontaine Rosencrans who grew up at Lake Shore amidst all these Advent themes and banners, and found herself in our story in a new way when she prepared the final computer document for publication. We are deeply grateful. Lake Shore offers its twenty-third annual "thank you" to Pam Allen for interpreting the theme for the banner and book.

And endless thank you's to everyone who wrote and edited these stories the first time around. And to all the present day storytellers . . . may the Christ who came to make his dwelling place among us write God's love on the world through you.

**After worship on Sunday you may pick up one copy of the Advent book for your home. Additional copies are available in the church office for \$2 each. Let us know if you want to help deliver books Sunday afternoon.**

## Missions Tree

This Sunday, the Missions Tree in the hall will be decorated with over 100 handmade ornaments. Each one represents a way you can help someone in our community or our world. If you are new to Lake Shore, you will find this to be a highlight in Lake Shore's Advent season. Take an ornament to hang on your own tree. Here are a few examples of ways you may choose to give:

- \* Buy warm socks and gloves for homeless men who go to Mission Waco's Meyer Center.
- \* Buy an HEB gift card for our food pantry clients.
- \* Buy a fireman smock for the children in our Children's Center.
- \* Wrap a toy and an article of clothing for a child whose family lives at the Family Abuse Center.
- \* Buy an Etch-A-Sketch for special needs students in Sharon Fontaine's classroom at Lake Waco Elementary
- \* Buy a pair of pajamas and some lotion for a client of Friends for Life.

Several children on our list have requested bicycles and lap top computers. If any one has either of these used, let Catherine know that they are available. She will direct you to the right ornament.



### Preparing the Sanctuary for Advent

**Saturday, December 1**

9:00 — 11:00 a.m.

*Join us Saturday morning we'll hang the banners and put the final Advent touches on the sanctuary and the rest of the church.*

### Family Self-Sufficiency Christmas Party

**Thursday, December 6**

6:00-8:00 p.m.

***We need your help!***

Some of our regular FSS workers will not be here for the party. Please call Joyce McKee at 662-3255 and plan to be at the church at 5:00.

## Advent Wednesday Nights 6:30 p.m.

December 5

*Sharing Our Story in our Community*  
Friends for Life  
Family Self-sufficiency  
Children's Center

December 12

*Telling Our Story*  
favorite Christmas stories

December 19

*Singing Our Story*  
caroling by bus

## Children's Corner



### cookie decorating party

Saturday, December 9 10:00-  
11:00

for preschool, kindergarten,  
and first-grade children

(Please contact Rachel Seiretti if you are willing to  
make shaped sugar cookies for the party)

*Welcome to church, Zoel! Welcome back, Rachel!*

## Prayer Concerns

Bertha Cain is recovering at Regent Care after hospitalization at Hillcrest during the Thanksgiving weekend.

Louise Powell is recovering at home while her legs heal from different injuries.

Jim Hooper is going to have a catheter procedure done on his heart this Friday, November 30, 2007, at the Saint David Medical Center in Austin, Texas.

Linda Olson is in Emory University Hospital following the car accident that crushed several of her vertebrae. The first of two surgeries is scheduled today (Wednesday). She truly would appreciate your thoughts, prayers, and communication at 1364 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30322, 404-712-3255.

## Good News

Anne Smajstrla is Outstanding Teacher of the Year at Mountainview Elementary School where she teaches first grade.



## Advent Craft Workshop

Sunday, December 2  
5:30-7 p.m.

in the sanctuary  
Fun for the whole family



This Sunday marks the last **Gathering** for 2007.

In addition to the staples for winter—soup, canned fruits, canned corn, mac & cheese, and canned meats—you may also bring 5 pound bags of sweet potatoes or Irish potatoes. Some of this food will be used as we prepare baskets for Missions Tree families.

### Shawl Ministry — December 1

at Lake Shore on  
Saturday after the Advent decorating.  
E-mail Patty Field for more information.

## Barbara Francis Pottery Annual Christmas Open House and Pottery Sale

Saturday, December 1, 10-6  
Sunday, December 2, 1-4

107 N Bend Ct  
Waco TX 76712  
666-4295 or 644-3223

Lake Shore is invited to  
a ceremony conferring the rank  
of Eagle Scout  
on Brad SoRelle  
Sunday, December 9, 2007  
at 2:30  
at Vanguard  
2527 Mt Carmel Drive

## Pledge Cards ...

*Please remember to fill out  
your 2008 pledge card . Place it  
in the offering plate, in Jo  
Polansky's office, or in the mail.  
If you have misplaced yours,  
extra copies are in the hallway or  
the office.*



## Poinsettias for Advent

You may give a poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary during Advent. Please complete the information in this box and send it, along with \$12, to the office by **Friday, December 8.**

*We will place the poinsettias in the sanctuary  
on December 16, so they will still be  
fresh for Christmas.*

I would like to add a poinsettia(s) to the sanctuary during Advent:

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a check for \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed cash in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

Our Church Staff

Richard Aslanian, Music Director  
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**MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Thursday, November 29**

10:00—Food Pantry Open

**Saturday, December 1**

9:00—Preparing the Sanctuary  
11:30—Shawl Ministry

**Sunday, December 2**

Gathering Sunday  
9:30 — Sunday School  
10:45 — Worship  
Mission Tree  
Advent Books  
12:30— Youth Lunch  
5:30—Advent Craft Workshop

**Wednesday, December 5**

8:30 —Staff Meeting  
5:30 — Supper  
7:00 —Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 6**

10:00 – Food Pantry Open  
6:00—Family Self-Sufficiency  
Christmas Party

**Wednesday Night Supper  
December 5**



*Jambalaya with  
Shrimp & Sausage  
Green Salad  
Bread Pudding*

**Extended Care  
Visitor Cards/Offering  
Sunday, December 2**

Infants: Alice Baird  
Toddler: Gin Courtney  
Preschool/K: The Seibel Family

Visitor Cards: Chandler Evans  
Killian McNeil  
Offering: Vern & Martie Sauter,  
Roy & Pam Smallwood  
Ushers: Missy Davis  
Donna McMullen

**Youth News**

**Sunday Morning:**

Breakfast — Miller  
Sunday School — Charles

**Sunday Evening:**

J2A 5:00-7:00  
No Sunday Night Meal

**Save the Date: We will be attending Passport in Macon, Georgia during the week of July 13-18.**

Sign up for the Mid-Winter Retreat on January 18-20. The cost is \$95. We need adults for chaperones; please help.

Sunday: Lunch at Buddy & Judy Prather's house following the worship service. Please let Charles know if you are planning to attend.

No Youth activities on Sunday, December 2, as we will be joining the church in craft night.

**Coming Up:**

- December 2: Lunch after Church at Prathers'
- December 15: Christmas Party and Dinner
- December 19: Chili & Caroling
- January 18-20: Mid-Winter Retreat

**Weekly Budget Report**

Your contributions to our budget help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for our 2007 budget of \$435,456 are \$8,374.15.

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$393,585	\$338,659	\$(54,926)