# THE GLEN OAKS EXPRESS

## Message from Pastor:

Greetings to All,

Last month brought many challenges, but through it all, God's grace has sustained us. As we step into June, we enter a sacred time of reflection and celebration.

This month, we honor Juneteenth, a powerful reminder of God's gift of freedom and the ongoing journey toward justice and equality. May we hold close the stories of perseverance and courage that have shaped our community and nation.

We are now in the Season of Pentecost, a time to embrace the Holy Spirit's power and renewal. Following the joy of Easter, Pentecost invites us to live boldly in faith, empowered to continue the work God has set before us.

Though we have faced challenges, we remain steadfast in our belief that Glen Oaks United Methodist Church is more than a building. We are rooted in God's love.

Thank you for your faith, support, and prayers. Let us move forward together—hopeful and united.

You<mark>r Sister in Christ,</mark> Pastor Annelda Crawford

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## Who Are We? New Names, Same Mission

As we continue to grow and move forward in faith, it's important to stay informed about the changes within our larger church family. Glen Oaks United Methodist Church is now a part of the newly formed Horizon Conference, formerly known as the North Texas and Central Texas Conferences.

Additionally, the United Methodist Women has a new name: United Women in Faith. Their mission remains the same, but the name better reflects their bold commitment to spiritual growth and service in today's world. We are excited to embrace these updates as part of our identity, always grounded in God's love and our church's legacy.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11



## Juneteenth June 19

Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19th, commemorates the end of slavery in the United States and the long-awaited freedom of African Americans in Texas in 1865.

As a church, we honor this day as a reminder of God's justice and the ongoing work of healing and reconciliation. It calls us to reflect on the importance of freedom, equality, and living out Christ's love by standing against injustice in our communities.

## **Upcoming Events**

## Horizon Conference Annual Gathering

Sunday, June 8 First UMC Richardson

- 3:30 PM Laity Session
- 7:00 PM Opening Worship Monday, June 9
   McFarlin Auditorium, SMU
- 8:30 AM Opening Session First UMC Richardson
  - 7:00 PM Ordination & Commissioning Service
- Reception to follow
   Tuesday, June 10
   McFarlin Auditorium, SMU

8:30 AM – Memorial Service

### **WasteNotWantNot**

#### **Food Handlers Certificate Class**

Saturday. June 7 | 1:30PM-4:30PM
Join Texas A&M's Family and
Community Health Agent Liz Espie for
a \$20 food handler class. The certificate
is good for 2 years. Class covers cross
contamination, time and temperature
abuse, and personal hygiene.
Accredited by the Texas Dept. of State

Health Services. Required for all food service employees in the state of Texas. \$20 cash or check only.
For more information contact
Minister Etheleen Lengyon.

### Pause to Pray

Stop and take time every Wednesday evening to pray for your family, friends and church home.

## Leadership Meeting

Location: Cole Center
Thursday, June 12 | 5PM
Members are welcome to join.



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| SUN  | MON                   | TUE                   | WED              | THU        | FRI | SAT |
| Sunday<br>Worship<br>Ham   | 2                     | 3                     | 4                | 5          | 6   | 7   |
|  |                       |                       | Pause to Pray    |            |     |     |
| 8<br>Sunday<br>Worship<br>11am   | 9                     | 10                    | 11               | 12         | 13  | 14  |
| Horizon<br>Conference  | Horizon<br>Conference | Horizon<br>Conference | Pause to Pray    |            |     |     |
| Sunday<br>Worship<br>Ham   | 16                    | 17                    | 18               | 19         | 20  | 21  |
|  |                       |                       | Pause to Pray    | Juneteenth |     |     |
| Sunday<br>Worship<br>Ham   | 23                    | 24                    | 25 Pause to Pray | 26         | 27  | 28  |
| 29<br>Sunday<br>Worship<br>Ham   | 30                    | 1                     | 2                | 3          | 4   | 5   |

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