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NEWS BRIEFS

Desserts needed!!!

We need desserts for the Missions Chili Lunch on Sunday, February 4. Please call Liz Holliday, 892-0833, if you can make cookies and/or cakes for this lunch.

Calling All Costumes!

All Road to Bethlehem costumes need to be turned in ASAP. Please wash it in cold water, gentle cycle, and hang to dry. You may return it to the church office. Thanks to all who have already turned in their costumes. Call Debbie Riggs at 892-6230 with questions.

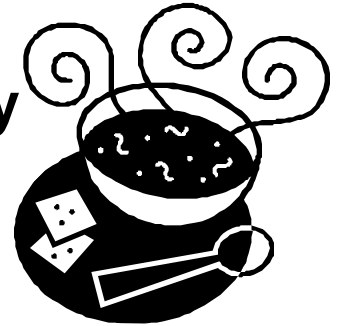
Preschool/MDO Fall Registration

On Tuesday, February 6, registration for Wesley Preschool and Mothers Day Out programs will begin for current students and church members. Call the school office, 892-7012, for more information.

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Missions Chili Lunch on Super Bowl Sunday



On February 4, our chili lunch will include beef or deer chili, with your choice of rice, beans, cheese, onions, crackers, or chips. As usual with any of Wesley's famous dinners, you will have cake and tea. After the 10:30 a.m. service, you can eat your chili in the Dining Hall before heading home to get ready for the Super Bowl. Plus, you can purchase take outs after the 8:00 and 9:15 a.m. services in the Dining Hall and by the Parlor after the 10:30 a.m. service. We will also have a cross-stitched "Dove of Peace" by Sherry Beckham for silent auction. It will be displayed after church services for bids and then a live auction after the meal at 10:30 a.m. Whole cakes will be auctioned off also. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support our Missionary in Guatemala and help less fortunate people around Beaumont. Normal donations are \$5 per meal. If you just want to donate to this effort, you can note "Missions" on your check or envelope and place in the offering plate. If you want to help or want to donate any deer meat, contact Scotty Gregorcyk, 896-5120.

"Souper Bowl of Caring"

Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 4th. They will join young people in churches all across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2006, 11,000 groups in all 50 states and outside the United States participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring generating over \$5 million. Since 1993, nationally more than \$33 million has gone to help those in need.



All of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by the participant. None of the money is sent to Souper Bowl headquarters. Our church will donate our Souper Bowl collection to Some Other Place.

Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on Souper Bowl Sunday.

The people of Wesley United Methodist Church are called to know God and to make God known.



From the Pastor

My Dream for Wesley United Methodist Church (Part 1)

The old story goes like this:

"Once upon a time there was a certain wife who suddenly had an urge to live in the past. She said to her husband, 'You used to hold my hand,' so he reached out and took her hand. She said, 'You used to kiss me,' so he reached out and kissed her. She said, 'You used to nibble on the back of my neck.' At this point he got up and started to walk out of the room. 'Where are you going?' she asked. 'To get my teeth,' he replied."

Sometimes we have the urge to live in the past. For one reason or another, we remember only the good stuff about the past and want to go back to the good stuff. We want the GOOD OLD DAYS when there wasn't any crime and when prices were lower and the world seemed safer and everybody went to church. A time when there were no drug problems, no divorces, no high-school drop-outs. But our greatest HOPE and our greatest chance for CHANGE doesn't lie in the past and trying to bring it back to life. Our greatest hope and our greatest chance for change lie in the future which God has already prepared for us and into which God invites us to step.

I couldn't be more excited about where we are headed as a church. I don't pretend for a minute that we've got a cake walk over the next few months. The variety of people at Wesley is our greatest charm and yet, at the same time, is one of our greatest challenges. This place feels like home to so many because there are people of all ages. It feels like a real family because for the young people there are people here who have been through what we're going through and can give us the benefit of their wisdom. For the older people, it feels good to see young folks who seem to care about the future and the direction of the church. Fact is, we've got children of the depression, children of Vietnam, and children of the Gulf War sitting right next to each other and that means that there will be genuine differences of opinion about how to get things done. **I pray that the desire to walk into God's future will be the force that continues to unite us.** My dream is that we will continue to work together and share each other's wisdom.

I also feel that if this church is going to continue to be a strong and active presence in this community, then we must continue to have solid, attainable mission goals and a plan for getting them accomplished. (Please notice the information about this Sunday's Missions Chili Lunch). As you know, a church without goals and a plan is like canned tuna without mayonnaise: You might try it once and not find it terribly objectionable, but you wouldn't come back for more.

The people of Wesley United Methodist Church can **and are** making a profound impact on this strife-torn world. You see, God is a vision planter and I pray that God will sow visions very deeply in this congregation in 2007 and beyond.

Thanks for doing your part! See you Sunday,
Robert

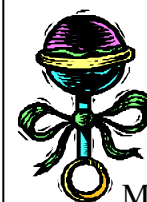
Scouting News

Cub Scouts Stage Pinewood Derby at Wesley

Wesley's Pack 65 Cub Scouts enjoyed a Pinewood Derby at Wesley on Saturday, January 20. A large group of Cub Scouts had a spirited competition. Daniel Beard (shown in the photo) built the fastest car and was the first place winner. Pack 65 meets at our church weekly. Come to a meeting and check us out, or call one of the pack leaders: Danny Beard, Jeffrey Pritchard, Tammy Toups, or Laurie Meyer. Our Cubmaster is Jennifer Reed, 659-7635.



Pinewood Derby winner and Wesley member, Daniel Beard.



Welcome!

Congratulations on the birth of Landon Michael Smith on January 21, 2007. His great-grandmother is Shirley Ketterer.

Area Part-Time Job

Brent Christopher Photography has a part-time office position available. The position is perfect for college student. For more information contact Brent Christopher at 892-4522.

Children's Ministry

For more information, contact Pam Besser
at pbesser@wesleyumc.com

Parent's Night Out

February 9, 2007
Time: 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Cost for each child is \$5.

Call Kelli Reyes at 860-3996
or 782-0234 if you have
any questions.

Thank You!

Dear Friends of the Children,

We wish to acknowledge your *extremely kind* donation of stuffed animals to the Garth House, a non-profit organization. We are thankful for friends who share and support our mission to help the child victims.

The Garth House has interviewed 6,400 sexually and physically abused children since its doors opened in July 1991. Approximately 600 children will walk through our doors this year. We continue to offer counseling services to the victims and their non-offending family members, at no cost to the family. The community's assistance of this program has been extremely vital, and thanks to contributions like yours, we will be able to continue our work helping the children of Southeast Texas. On behalf of the children, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

Very Sincerely, *Marion Tanner*, Executive Director

Vacation Bible School

The dates for this summer's VBS will be **July 23-27, 2007.**

Announcing our VBS Directors for 2007:
Barbara Galloway, Debbie Sims, Gail McMillon,
Laurie Lewis and Erin Bunch

The next Children's
Ministry Team meeting
is Tuesday, February
6, at 6:30 p.m. in
Room 108.

Youth Ministry

For more information, contact Drew Swanson
at dswanson@wesleyumc.com

Annual Youth Super Bowl Party

The Youth Ministry will be hosting their annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 4, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. or the end of the game.

The game will be showed in both the Praise Center and the Youth Center. Halftime will include a touch football game. Snacks and drinks will be available throughout the evening.



crossalk February Locations

Monday – Kolache Factory
Beaumont ISD
Wednesday – Day Light Donuts
Hardin Jefferson ISD
Thursday – Southern Maid
Lumberton ISD

Summer Youth Missions

UMARMY for High School Students – June 17-23

The cost for students will be \$120. (\$60 is due with your registration before April 1.) Our total cost for this trip will be over \$7,500.

BIGHOUSE for students in 6th – 8th grade – July 26-29

The cost for students will be \$60, which is due with your registration before April 1. Our total cost for this trip will be over \$2,200. We will be going to Texarkana.

If you have any questions,
please contact Drew.

Women of Faith Conference Tickets

This is a wonderful opportunity for women of all ages to join together to attend a fantastic nationally recognized two-day event. The 2007 Amazing Freedom Women of Faith Conference will be September 28-29, in Houston. *There are a few of the tickets still available in our first section just one step up from the floor seats!*

Contact Kathy, khaskins@wesleyumc.com or 892-7733, right away to reserve your ticket. After this group fills, we will begin a waiting list—those seats will no doubt be in a different section of the Toyota Center.

Tickets will be \$125 for both days. Go to the website www.womenoffaith.com to get more details and see the featured speakers. Get a friend to come with you and call now to reserve your spot!



Special Lenten Study Begins Soon

Travel to Israel and radically change your understanding of the Scriptures. Wet your feet in the Jordan River and impact the culture with life-giving water. At 10:30 a.m. each Sunday in Room 104, the Friends at Wesley Sunday group will begin an exciting five-week study called “Faith Lessons on the Promised Land.” With great video filmed on location in Israel, this study brings God’s Word to life with astounding relevance. It weaves together the Bible’s fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts as the author, Ray Vander Laan, reveals insights into the significance of Scripture for modern believers. It will ground your convictions and transform your life! With sessions titled “Standing at the Crossroads,” “Wet Feet,” “First Fruits,” and “Confronting Evil,” it will prove to be a great study and discussion.



Adult Mission Trip News

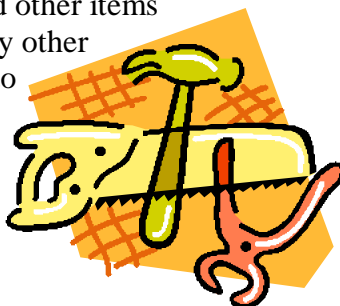
Utila Summer Mission Trip

The rumors about a return trip to Utila, Honduras, are true. There are some essential buildings in a critical stage of disrepair and the pastor and some others have put out a request for help from Wesley UMC. The church parsonage (Mission House) and the Annex (Fellowship Hall) are both in bad shape.

In June 2007, Wesley’s work will be to demolish the current Annex. This is a low-skill task with little need for new materials. Then in 2008, the plans are to tackle the Annex reconstruction (similar to the construction trip we did with the teacher residence some years ago).

We will need participants who could set their own level of commitment by taking one or both trips, working on organizing the trips, helping put together the materials and other items that will be needed for the work in 2008, or any other of a number of needs that will have to be met to make the project successful.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in making the mission trip or sponsoring someone else to attend, please contact Dana Timaeus, 835-7300.



MOSAIC Mission Meeting

The next organizational meeting for MOSAIC will be Thursday, February 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Scott Gittinger (2593 Sunflower Lane). Anyone interested in helping with this mission ministry in Tuxpan, Mexico, is welcome to attend.

We are in the early stages of planning a work-trip at the end of April, support efforts of compassion here in Beaumont, and other organizational details. Help is needed in all areas.

If you would like more information, see www.mosaicorg.com or contact Mark Bunch in the church office.

Special Gifts

Gifts as of January 21, 2007:

Nursery Fund

In Loving Memory of Curt Pearson
By: The Nursery Workers

Prayer Garden Fund

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell
By: Evelyn McDonald

Budget Fund

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell
By: Charles & Opal Beard
In Loving Memory of June Ferrell
By: Jon & Leslie Symmonds & Family
In Honor of Christina Knight, Inez Knight, Dee Franklin and Bereavement Team B
By: The Peggy Sanderson Family

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell
By: Julie & Gary O'Donnell

Parsonage Fund-Correction

In Honor of The Brown Bag Class
By: June Dudley

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1

Sanctuary Gifts

Don't forget to reserve your week for your loved ones, in memory or in honor, for the Sanctuary Lamp. Call Malana in the church office to reserve a week. The cost for each reservation is only \$5.00.



Special thanks to Carl Johnsen Florists for donating the altar flowers for worship each week.

Calendar

Sunday, February 4

8:00 am
9:15 am
9:15 am
10:30 am
10:30 am
11:30 am
2:00 pm
5:00 pm
5:00-8:30 pm
5:30 pm
6:00 pm

Monday, February 5:

6:30 am
7:00 am
8:30 am
9:00 am
7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 6:

10:00 - 11:00 am
5:30 pm
6:30 pm
6:30 pm
7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 7:

7:00 am
9:00 am
12:15 pm
4:15 pm

4:30 pm
5:00 pm
5:45 pm
6:00 pm

7:00 pm
7:30 pm
7:30 pm

Thursday, February 8:

12:00 pm
12:30 pm
7:00 pm
7:30 pm

Friday, February 9:

6:00-10:00 pm

Saturday, February 10:

7:00 am
9:00 am-4:00 pm
7:30 pm

Sunday, February 11:

2:00-5:00 pm
3:00 pm

Missions Chili Lunch Take-Out after each service

Chocolate Boutique Retreat Ends

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
Contemporary Worship, Praise Center
Sunday School, Classrooms
Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
Second Hour Sunday Classes, Classrooms
Missions Chili Lunch Dine-In, Dining Hall
UMW, Parlor
Knitting Class, Room 102
Super Bowl Party, Youth Center & Praise Center
Cub Scouts—Bear Cubs, Room 112/114
Cub Scouts—Wolf Cubs, Room 108

Crosstalk, BISD, Kolache Factory

UMM Breakfast, Dining Hall

Attendance Volunteers, Workroom

Counters, Conference Room

Boy Scouts, Youth Center Green Room

Pre-School Registration

Staff Meeting, Conference Room

Worship Ministry Team: Traditional, Rm 104

Worship Ministry Team: Contemporary Rm 104

Children's Ministries Team, Room 108

Al Anon, Rm 101, AA Meeting, Rm 112

Crosstalk, HJISD, Day Break

Circuit Rider Volunteers, Teacher's Lounge

Communion, Sanctuary

King's Kids Choir, Choir Room

Wednesdays @ Wesley

Confirmation Meeting, Youth Center

Dinner (Chicken & Rice Casserole)

Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Adventure Club studies for children, Youth Ascent, Adult

Bible Studies, Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting

Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

N Major, St. Francis Women & Men AA, Rm 101,112,106

Overeaters Anonymous, Room 108

Brown Bag Bible Study, Parlor

Senior Games Day, Youth Center Building

Deborah Circle, Parlor

Al Anon, Rm 101, AA Meeting, Rm 112

Parent's Night Out

Church lawn maintenance (volunteers are appreciated)

SE District Lay Speaker School, Rm. 112/114, 108, 104

St. Francis AA Meeting, Room 112

Scout Sunday

SE District Lay Speaker School, Rm. 112/114, 108, 104

VBS Directors Meeting, Teacher's Workroom

If you have additions, deletions, or changes to the calendar, contact Malana Hearn at mhearn@wesleyumc.com.

Our Faithfulness

Our Attendance

Sunday Worship	January 28th
8:00 a.m.	140
9:15 a.m.	260
10:30 a.m.	431
Total	831

Sunday School	January 28th
Children	161
Youth	32
Adults	215
Total	418

Adventure Club	January 24th
Total	101

Our Gifts

2007 Church Budget \$1,257,029
(incl \$274,884 for debt service)

Needed Each Week	24,174
Received This Week	20,255
Needed Year-to-date:	96,695
Received Year-to-date:	96,361
Difference (short)	(334)

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received:

Building Funds	\$2,900
Women's Ministry	50
Choir Fund	25
Parsonage Fund	70
Nursery Fund	20

Monthly Debt Service: 22,907

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Lynette Klumpp
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Linda Carroll
Preschool Director
Kay Bender
MDO Director

Guests

Joshua Amos
Arthur Baize
Sharon Boldt
Webb & Lisa Broughton
Lynn Callas
Joann Cherry
Nancy Crawford
Ted Dailey
Katherine Davis
Loretta & James Davis
Artie Paul & Lee Decuir
Crystal Dyer
Vivian Emmert
Brian & Kerry Glenn
Kirk & Patty Gordy
John Griffin
Jarrot & Krisiti Harwell
Deena Horn
Lillian Howard
Ian, Darcie, Vincent, & Colette
Hunter
Erin Kny
Drew Lacy
Wanda Lanham
Volkert & Brenda Laser
Douglas & Geraldine Leger
Amy Lindoferfer
Elmer & Kay Long
Kim Miller
Lindsey Miller
James & Karen Parsley
Tom & Lisa Peterson
Mr. & Mrs. Pope
Clifton Posey
Cliff Posey, Jr.
Kris & Tara Revia
Rocky & Gayle Rhoads
Ann Sandefur
Brad, Connie, & Janet Schroeder
Wendi & Max Shiff
James, Courtnei, Alexander, &
Maddie Skoruppa
Sybil Taylor
Timothy & Ann Vincent
Shawn & Nikki Walker
Paige & Johnathan Weatherly
Ryan & Stacey White
Harry & Ann Williams
Jean Worsham
Chris & Peggy Yetman

News and Coming Events

We Need Your Thoughts!

Lent will be here before we know it—Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and then Easter! This year we would like to have a Wesley Lenten devotional book available for everyone by Ash Wednesday.

Like the Chrismon booklet, it will tell about some of the Christian signs and symbols of this season, but we also want it to include things from you, the church family! What's your favorite poem, quote, devotion, Scripture, or story about this wonderful season?

Email Kathy at khaskins@wesleyumc.com or drop it by the office (the staff mailboxes are in the workroom). The deadline is February 21. Be sure to include your name!



SE District Lay Speaking Training Event

Wesley will host the annual Lay Speaking Training Event on Saturday, February 10, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, February 11, from 2:00–5:00 p.m. **YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS TO BE CERTIFIED!** Late registration is available. Registration fee is \$30 and includes lunch and materials. The courses offered are: Lay Speaking Ministry: Basic Course; Lay Speakers Lead in Stewardship;* Lay Speakers Lead in Bible Study.* (*Advanced courses for those having completed the “Basic Course” within the last 3 years.) To keep certification current, you **MUST** take a course every three years. Contact Roy Follmar for more information.



UMW News

The Unit Meeting of United Methodist Women is on the first Sunday of each month. It will be February 4, at 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor. All ladies of Wesley are invited.

We have two circles. The Deborah Circle meets on the first Thursday of each month. This month it will be February 1, in the Parlor. The Mary Martha Circle meets on the third Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting will be February 21, in Room 104.

Seven members attended the Officer Training at First Methodist Church on Saturday, January 20. Our prayers go up for France Hennigan in Houston. We were happy to have Sybil Taylor and Sherry Beckham meet with us on January 7. Our program on February 4 will be given by Marion Godwin on Prayer and Self-Denial.

We hope to see you at our next meeting.

Cook for Some Other Place

Wesley UMC cooks and serves the lunch meal at Some Other Place every month on the second Tuesday. Our next day of service is Tuesday, February 13. Help is always needed to cook and serve. We begin cooking at 8:30 a.m. at Some Other Place. If you cannot help in person, we are always in need of extra-large cans of green beans. Donation collection boxes are located in the Sanctuary and Praise Center buildings. If you would like to help or need more information, contact Mark Bunch in the church office or speak with Roy Follmer.

50-50 Talent Show

It's time for the 50-50 Talent Show again and time for you to "get your act together." The show will be Sunday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m. Links and drinks will be sold 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall before the show. There will be a limited number of acts, so call Mabel Matthews at 753-3140 to get your act on the list. Let's have fun!!!

Church-Wide Trip to the Texas Wildcatters Hockey Game



February 25
Game Time: 2:05 p.m.
Place: Ford Park
Cost: \$12

Tickets on sale this Sunday!

If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact Pam Besser at 892-7733 or pambesser@wesleyumc.com.



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The people of Wesley United Methodist Church are called to know God and to make God known.

Happy Birthday!

February 4

Karen Butler
Brenda Coffman
Charles Partain

Listed are those of our church family who are celebrating a birthday next week. Keep these persons in your prayers for that day. Let's pray in unity for each other! It is our desire to have every Wesley member's birthday listed. If your birthday is not listed, please inform the church office.

February 5

Adam Combs
Liz Holliday
Joe Landon
June Miller

February 7

Brittani Franklin
Jeffery Griffin
Mildred Sampson
Alexandra Thorne

February 9

Kellye Badon
Gayle Sutton

February 6

Robert Besser
Tommy Butler, Jr.
Maria Coppage
Chris Dolan
Sandi Ferrell
Karen Flocke
Danielle Giles
Jayce Giles
Michael Giles
Cristal Johnsen
Emily Linscomb

February 8

Tammy Crutchfield
Chaney Haynes
Candice Hiltbold
Robert Kent
Darline Michol-Fair
James Smith
Brandon Still
Maridale Still

February 10

Judy Arnold
Alex Balleza
Joan Conn
Jackie Engstrom
Stephanie Flory
Don Hall
Golda King
Morgan Korn
Gracie Lewis
Luke Morreale
Amanda Ward