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NEWS BRIEFS

Calling All Costumes!

All Road to Bethlehem costumes need to be turned in ASAP. Please wash your costume 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

Registration for Wesley Preschool and Mothers Day Out programs has begun for current students and church members.

For more information, see Page 2 or call the school office, 892-7012.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Glenda and Lindy Menefee on their 50th Anniversary on February 9, 2007.

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Scout Sunday is This Sunday

Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting have long been a part of the ministries at our church. Our Boy Scout Troop has been continuously chartered since 1947, when A. W. Schlesinger, Jeff Porter, Earl Davis, Charles Wilbanks, and others formed the Troop. Earl Davis was the first Scoutmaster.

Girl Scouting also goes a long way back. We do not know the details of the first Girl Scout activities, but Girl Scouting continues to be a part of our community today.

This Sunday, February 11, we will celebrate Scout Sunday with youth and leaders from Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts participating.

The Boy Scouts of America was founded in February, 1910, and has been instilling character and citizenship in youth for ninety-seven years. The values and virtues of the scouts center around Duty to God and Country, Duty to Self, and Duty to Others.

The scouts are thankful and Wesley Church can be very



Gazebo Dedication — This Sunday

The gazebo at the north end of the Sanctuary has been built by Matthew Bender and Logan Smithey as part of their Eagle Scout projects. This Sunday, in connection with Scout Sunday, the gazebo will be dedicated following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The gazebo at the Dowlen Road location was given in memory of Billy Fairchild who died on August 25, 1998. The new gazebo will also be dedicated in memory of Billy Fairchild.

Attention Rose Growers

Actually, everybody loves roses, whether they give them, receive them, or grow them. If you fit one or more of these categories, you need to be at Wesley at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, February 10. At that time, several members of the Golden Triangle Rose Society will be at Wesley to conduct a hands-on demonstration of rose pruning, planting, and feeding.

Most rose growers know it is necessary to prune (cut back) rose plants in the spring following their winter vacation. It is surprising, to some, that after we've lovingly cared for our roses to produce beautiful plants,

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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 2

Last week, I began writing down my dreams for Wesley. (See last week's *Circuit Rider* for Part 1). This week I conclude my dreams for Wesley:

The next thing I've been thinking about needs some background information. I am mindful of the statistics that reveal that in the so-called mainline churches, men's attendance and participation has been slowly dwindling. So it is not inaccurate to say that many mainline churches have very little male leadership and very sparse male attendance at worship. This is coupled with a sort of permission that our society seems to give that "church" is the woman's business so that the woman in a family is responsible for the holiness for the family.

This is regrettable because men have just as deep a need to search for and find meaning as women do and they have just as deep of a need to feel in community with other people. I feel that Wesley Methodist has both a gift and a challenge. The gift is that we have a remarkable group of men, young and old. The challenge is to beat the cultural permission that keeps men in the 21st century from enjoying and benefiting from the life of the church.

Would you consider writing your dream(s) for Wesley as well? Please write, email, or bring them to me. Whether they are printed for others to see or not, I would love to hear what you are thinking about our church.

I think the people of this congregation can make 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 making it happen. This Sunday is Scout Sunday. All past and present Scouts will be recognized in worship. Hope to see you there!

Robert

Preschool & Mother's Day Out

Giving Back

Our St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon was a roaring success! We raised \$2,769.10 for this worthwhile cause. A big "thank you" to Eric Bender for the safety presentation and a huge "hug" to everyone who helped make this project a success.

The DVD sale of our Christmas Program was also a big success! We collected \$498.00 that was donated to the church. Thanks to all!

Registration for the Fall

Registration for the 2007-2008 school year is now open for those children presently attending Wesley Preschool or Mother's Day Out and for church members. We will open registration to the public on March 6. The registration fee is due at the time of registration. You may come by the school office to pick up the necessary paperwork.

New Members



Jeanette Findley
9695 Southmeadow
Beaumont, TX, 77706
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Rocky & Gayle Rhoads
50 Sandelwood Trail
Beaumont, TX, 77706
409-892-8944

Thank You

For Visits and Gifts

I would like to thank the pastors and Wesley members that visited and called while I was in the hospital. The gifts, calls, cards, and visits were all deeply appreciated.

Phil Reyes

For Desserts

Liz Holliday would like to thank everyone for donating the desserts for Sunday's Mission Chili lunch.

Children's Ministry

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

Parent's Night Out

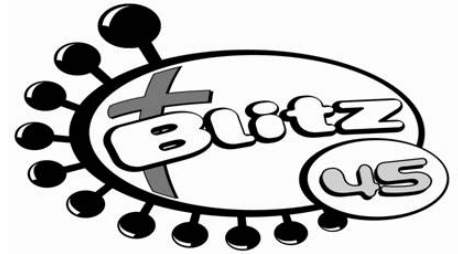
Parent's Night Out is Friday, February 9, at 6:00–10:00 p.m. PNO is an opportunity for your children, nursery through 5th grade, to enjoy an evening at the church with their friends while parents enjoy an evening out. The cost is \$5.00 per child for the entire evening. Come to the Praise Center entrance and sign your child/children up for a great evening. If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Reyes at 782-0234 or Rev. Pam Besser at 892-7733.

Kelli Reyes oversees the ministry of Parent's Night Out and does an excellent job. I appreciate her and her family's hard work and dedication to the children at Wesley. Thanks, *Pam Besser*

Worship bags

Worship bags are available for our younger members outside the entrance to worship. In each bag will be pencils, two children's bulletins for different ages (3-6 & 7-12), and paper. Please return the bag to the basket after the service.

Thanks to the office volunteers who fill these bags weekly and have them ready for each Sunday.



Blitz 45 T-shirts are on sale. They are black and white camo with an orange logo and letters. The cost is \$10. Contact Rev. Pam Besser or Casey Tucker to purchase a shirt.

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

Youth Ministry

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

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.



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.

Special Sunday Study for Lent

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 each Sunday morning in Room 104, the Friends at Wesley class will be participating in an exciting 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! Everyone is welcome to join the five-week long study beginning on February 25.

Stop a Stroke In Its Tracks!

On Monday, February 19, Wesley is hosting a LifeLine Screening. There are four different tests for only \$129: Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial, and Osteoporosis. These are lifesaving tests rarely prescribed by physicians until a patient has symptoms, but that can be too late. Appointments are required. Call 1-877-792-8480 to schedule your appointment for one or all of these important health screens. Protect your health. Protect your life.

Attention Classes or Other Wesley Groups

Have you ever wanted to take one of the classes or studies offered on Mondays or Wednesdays, but were unable for one reason or another? Maybe you thought the idea of studying about other world religions was interesting, or perhaps the "Invitation to the Old or New Testament" studies, or one of the wonderful women's studies?

Your classes are welcome to borrow any of the programs the church owns to use for your group. Maybe you'd like to change gears for a month or two, break away from your routine study or maybe you have been wanting to try something different. If you're interested in finding out what we have here, contact Kathy.

Methodists on the Web

www.UMC.org

After more than two years of development, United Methodist Communications is proud to announce the launch of the newly redesigned www.UMC.org, the website of the people of The United Methodist Church. United Methodist Communications invites you to visit www.UMC.org today and take a look at the new resources and features available.

As a church leader, you will be able to use UMC.org to find leadership resources, learn more about what's going on in the church globally, register your congregation's needs to connect with volunteers, help seekers find your church, and much more.

We encourage you to visit www.UMC.org/Launch to download a bulletin insert and sample announcement that highlight the UMC.org features of interest to you, including tools to discover your spiritual gifts, find volunteer opportunities, and connect with people of faith around the world.

UMC.org was designed to be the Web site of the people of The United Methodist Church. We want to hear what we can do to make UMC.org a more useful tool for you. Please send your feedback to umc@umc.org. Please visit www.UMC.org and be among the first to see the new Web site of the people of The United Methodist Church.

www.wesleyumc.com

Did you know Wesley has a website? You can find it at www.wesleyumc.com and it is full of information for members and visitors alike.

If you take a minute to register on the website, you will be able to visit many more areas of www.wesleyumc.com that are not generally available to unregistered users. So click on the "register new user" link at the top right on the home page, pick a username/password and register.

Don't worry, we won't share your email address with any companies or people outside of Wesley, and we won't send you unwanted emails!

Memorials

Parsonage Fund

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell
By: Marian Godwin

Budget Fund

In Loving Memory of Joe Kirkland
By: Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Sykes
In Loving Memory of Dorothy
Hall

By: Roy & Jennifer Taylor
In Loving Memory of Gene Garcia
By: Kenneth & Marlea Smith
In Honor of Lindsey Walker
By: Kenneth & Gretchen Horn

Choir Fund

In Loving Memory of Evelyn
Rabeaux
By: AAA Sunday School Class

Sympathy

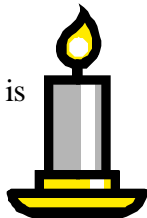
We extend our sympathy to and our prayers for the families of:

Ryan Barnes, **Jerry Barnes' nephew**, who passed away on January 27, 2007,

Edna Sanft, **grandmother of Drew Swanson**, who passed away on February 3, 2007, and **Kitty Garrett** who passed away February 4, 2007.

Sanctuary Gifts

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in honor of Joan Conn.



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

Calendar

Sunday, February 11: Scout Sunday (All Services)

8:00 am	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15 am	Contemporary Worship, Praise Center
9:15 am	Sunday School, Classrooms
10:30 am	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:30 am	Second Hour Sunday Classes, Classrooms
2:00 pm	SE District Lay Speaker School, Rm. 112/114, 108,104
3:00 pm	VBS Directors Meeting, Teacher's Workroom
5:00 pm	Knitting Class, Room 102
5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live, Dinner, Dining Hall
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts—Wolf Cubs, Room 108
6:00 pm	Sunday Night Live Programs, Youth Center
6:00 pm	Wesley Student Center Rededication, Lamar Univeristy

Monday, February 12:

6:30 am	Crosstalk, BISD—Kolache Factory
8:00 am	Attendance Volunteers, Workroom
9:00 am	Counters, Conference Room
6:30 pm	Chrysalis Board, Room 102
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts, Youth Center Green Room

Tuesday, February 13:

8:30 am	Cook for Some Other Place
1:30 pm	Crafters, Room 102
2:00 pm	Fidelis SS Valentine Dessert, Parlor
5:30 pm	Health Care Ministries Team, Room 108
5:30 pm	Missions Ministry Team, Room 104
6:00 pm	Girl Scouts, Dining Hall
6:30 pm	Adult Ministries Team, Room 108
6:30 pm	Outreach/Publicity Ministry Team, Room 104
6:30 pm	Youth Ministries Team, Youth Center
7:30 pm	Al Anon, Rm 101, AA Meeting, Rm 112

Wednesday, February 14: Preschool Valentine Party

7:00 am	Crosstalk, HJISD, Day Break
9:00 am	Circuit Rider Volunteers, Teacher's Lounge
12:15 pm	Communion, Sanctuary
4:15 pm	Confirmation 1 (Sessions 1 & 2) Youth Center
4:15 pm	King's Kids Choir, Choir Room
	Wednesdays @ Wesley
5:00 pm	Dinner
5:45 pm	Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Adventure Club studies for children, Youth Ascent, Adult Bible Studies, Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room
7:30 pm	North Major, St. Francis Women & Men AA, Rm 101,112,106
7:30 pm	Overeaters Anonymous, Room 108

Thursday, February 15:

7:30 am	Crosstalk, LISD, Southern Maid Donuts
12:00 pm	Brown Bag Bible Study, Parlor
12:30 pm	Senior Games Day, Youth Center Building
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts, Blue & Gold Banquet, PWC
7:30 pm	Al Anon, Rm 101, AA Meeting, Rm 112

Saturday, February 17:

7:00 am	Church lawn maintenance (volunteers are appreciated)
8:30 am –3:00 pm	Restorative Justice Conf., Rm. 112,102,104,106,108, DH
7:30 pm	St. Francis AA Meeting, Room 112

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

Our Faithfulness

Our Attendance

Sunday Worship	February 4th
8:00 a.m.	120
9:15 a.m.	206
10:30 a.m.	306
Retreat	59
Total	691
Sunday School	February 4th
Children	161
Youth	35
Adults	231
Retreat	59
Total	426
Adventure Club	January 31st
Total	108

Our Gifts

2007 Church Budget	\$1,257,029
<i>(incl \$274,884 for debt service)</i>	
Needed Each Week	24,174
Received This Week	33,734
Needed Year-to-date:	120,868
Received Year-to-date:	130,095
Difference	9,226
Non-Budgeted Gifts Received:	
Building Funds	\$1,555
Society of St. Stephens	853
Sanctuary Candle	20
MOSAIC	131
Souper Bowl-SOP	739
Parsonage Fund	775
Prayer Garden	50
Missions Fund	70
Monthly Debt Service:	23,300

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Webb & Lisa Broughton
Joann Cherry
Chad Clark
Charles Collida
Nancy Crawford
Katherine Davis
Artie Paul & Lee Decuir
Blaine & Darla Duplecion
Vivian Emmert
Tim Frasher
Tinnie & Cindy Gillard
Terry, Alicia, Alec, Cora, & Jake Hain
Henry & Virgie Harper
Scott & Erica Hatcher
Adam & Michelle Jackson
Geoffrey & Robin Kret
Terry LeGrande
Sue McNeely
Kim Miller
Jory & Chrissi Odom
Chris & Rebecca Paine
James & Karen Parsley
Tom & Lisa Peterson
Mr. & Mrs. Pope
Kris & Tara Revia
Phil Reyes
Gary & Nancy Scott
Robert, Tara, Drake, & Marren Silva
Jason Smith
Kathy Tait
Timothy, Ann, & Makenna Vincent
Shawn Walker
Donna & Christine Ware
Ryan & Stacey White
Harry & Ann Williams
Chris & Peggy Yetman

For more information about joining Wesley United Methodist Church, contact Rev. Mark Bunch at mbunch@wesleyumc.com.

News and Coming Events

ROSE

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we now must cut them back to a shadow of their former selves. Miraculously, our plants respond by bearing armloads of beautiful roses in generous repayment of our efforts. The pruning process seems heartless to many beginning, or otherwise unsuccessful, growers and their plants fail to meet their expectations. This demonstration will show you how to properly prune the plants and bring them up to their capabilities. As a matter of fact, we invite you to practice what we preach on Wesley's roses. So bring your sharp pruning shears (the by-pass type that cut like scissors), a sharp pruning saw, a good pair of snug-fitting leather work gloves, and long sleeves. We will still prune if it is raining, although we might be a little selective in seeking shelter in hard rains and working in milder ones, but we get the job done.

We will also demonstrate fertilizers and their application, planting of potted or transplanted roses, and placing of the mulch. There is nothing difficult about any of these operations when done properly, and even if the plants are mispruned, they are both tough and forgiving.

Following the pruning process, we will need to pick up the cuttings and give them a wheelbarrow ride to the disposal area. This will give you a chance to retrieve a few cuttings to root and add to your gardens. We will supply the digging tools, fertilizers, and mulch. Please bring a rake or garden fork to pick up the cuttings.

Share the pride of helping Wesley's roses continue to be beautiful and provide such a perfect setting for our church. We are already known as the "rose church" and we need to uphold that title. You are invited to join our rose care team and this demonstration will make you a Rosarian.

See Tommy Hebert if you have questions. He hopes to see you on February 10 at 8:30 a.m.

Missions Chili Lunch Results

The Missions Committee made a profit of \$2000 on the Chili Lunch on February 4, and had a lot of fun doing it. This will be used to buy food gift certificates for unfortunate people around Beaumont and to support our Missionary family in Guatemala. Thanks to everyone who participated by cooking, serving, buying meals and cakes, and the staff for promoting the event. A special thanks goes to Sherry Beckham for making the beautiful "Dove of Peace" cross-stitch and John Smithey for buying it.

Also thanks to those who prayed we would have a successful event.

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. 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!!!

Wesley & An Astros Game—2007 Edition!



We got our seats for Minute Maid Stadium as the Houston Astros take on the Pittsburgh Pirates on Saturday, August 25.

Call or email Kathy to reserve your seats on the bus and in the park. The game is at 6:00 p.m. and our seats are in the bullpen adjacent to the Astros bullpen. We will be close enough to marvel at the speed and movement of major league pitches! The cost for the trip (bus and game tickets) will be \$40 each. Call Kathy early to be sure you're on the list!

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!



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Happy Birthday!

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 11

Maureen Givens
Mary Leger
Juliana Reese-Colson
Donald Richardson
Jane Tunnell
Nancy Wisdom

February 13

Casey Chilton
Frank Corley
Sandy Jones
Nancy Kuecker
Lily Norman
Icylene Wainwright
Payton Weinbaum
Colin Yohe

February 14

Mary Albright
Sherry Beckham
Taylor Busby
Jennifer Neil
Mark Porterfield
Scott Sims
Sophie Sweeney

February 15

Kendra Barnes
Deborah Hansen
Allison Jones
Linda Loesch
Gracia Savage
Jay Smith
Allen Tirey
Casey Weiblinger

February 16

Patty Burleson
McCain Devillier
Zachary Gerlufsen
Linda Goans
Stacie Swearengin
Bradna Vardiman

February 17

Meagan Byrd
Jamie Gaudet
Kim Hood
Wilton Johnson
Cheryl McMillon
Melissa Orwig
Hazel Pattison
Kaylynn Smith
Emily Swanson
Cory Talbot
William Talbot