



This Sunday
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Spring Ahead One Hour

Lenten Tree

Lenten Tree Addition for March 11: The Chalice

In the final days before the crucifixion, Jesus chose to eat his final Passover meal with his twelve disciples. During this last supper, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper (Communion) by the sharing of bread and wine. Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, and Luke 22:15-20 all tell of the symbolic nature of the bread, representing Christ's body; and wine, symbolizing the blood of the new covenant.

Also read Children's *Lenten Reflections* on Page 4.

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Texas Conference Bishop Visits This Week

Bishop Janice Huie will be visiting with clergy and laity from the Southeast District this Thursday, March 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Woodcrest UMC in Lumberton. The purpose of this visit is to receive feedback from congregations on the recent restructuring of the Annual Conference and Districts and the new Model for Ministry. Any member of the church is welcome to attend. See one of the pastors for more information.

Rita Recovery: ADOPT A TEAM

It is our vision to have every work team adopted by a congregation, Sunday School class, organization etc. This is another way to make these people who are sacrificing—time, energy, money, etc.—feel loved and appreciated by Southeast Texas.

Below are just a few suggestions of ways to show these teams our appreciation. The ways of sharing with these teams are limited only by our imagination. The teams vary in size from 10—100.

Suggestions:

- Pray
- Contact them ahead of time to let them know you are praying
- Pray, Pray
- Plan and share a meal(s) with them
- Pray, Pray, Pray
- Plan and share an event/activity with them
- Pray, Pray, Pray, Pray
- Take water, ice, etc. to the worksite during the day
- Pray, Pray, Pray, Pray, Pray
- Invite/include them in your worship services
- Pray, Pray, Pray, Pray, Pray, Pray
- Invite them to activities with your congregation or other group
- Pray, Pray, Pray, Pray, Pray, Pray, Pray

If you are interested in ADOPTING a team please contact Beverly Antilley—b50wabit@sbcglobal.net, work 898-7900, or home 833-9632 .

Thanks in advance for your help with this wonderful ministry.

Angela Baker, Rita Recovery Director



From the Pastor

March Madness

Around the homes of many Americans, this is the best time to watch sports on television. What is called "March Madness" (the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments) is the best sports competition offered today. During the playing of the tournaments, there are always upsets...lower

seeded teams outplaying the higher seeds.

The games reflect life. We're often in competition, if not with others, with ourselves. We want to do better when we come head-to-head with a co-worker, a competition, and so on. We want to always improve our previous year's performance, increase our salary, reduce our golf score...

Often the outcome of what we are involved in comes as the result of good or bad "breaks." In basketball, a shot that bounces off the rim at a key moment may shift the entire momentum of a game. In life, a business deal that doesn't go through as expected, a diagnosis that is something other than what we wanted to hear, a mistake that someone makes that affects us directly can—and oftentimes does—shift the momentum of our lives by changing our attitudes, our feelings of self-worth, etc.

Also, we learn from the games that life is not always fair. The star player who breaks a leg late in the season leaves a gaping hole in the team's offense. A bad call by one of the referees is the final word, although you and everyone in the arena know he is wrong. We don't always get what is due.

Our success, then, is not what does or does not go our way. Our success, it seems, comes in how we adjust...how we deal with life.

And that requires discipline...another necessity of basketball and life. For the athlete, it is athletic training, proper nutrition, and practice. For the person of faith, it is prayer, devotion, and tithing. It is worship—both private and public.

This season of Lent, we are summoned to a life of practicing spiritual discipline, so that when the ball does not bounce the way we think it should, we will still prevail in achieving what God has called us to be and to do.

See you in your place this Sunday,

Robert

P. S. Our Wesley family supports the Hardin-Jefferson High School boys' basketball team as they go all the way to state. Way to go!

Preschool & Mother's Day Out

March is here and we have a busy month planned! We are observing Wesley t-shirt day every Thursday. Now that our weather will be getting warmer, we can proudly wear our special t-shirts!

Registration is now open to the public for the 2007-2008 school year.

We will observe Spring Break on March 12-16.

New Members



Webb Broughton
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Sympathy

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

Betty Winstanley who passed away February 25, 2007;

Margie Moses who passed away February 28, 2007;

Dorothy Giblin who passed away March 1, 2007; and

Leon Rabalais, father of Greg Rabalais, who passed away March 2, 2007.

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.



Teacher Needed!

Wesley Preschool needs a teacher for a three-year-old class for the 2007-2008 school year. We would like a certified teacher who enjoys small children. If interested, please contact Linda Carroll at 892-7012 or 866-8956.

Children's Ministry

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



Calling All 4th and 5th Graders

Bowling at Crossroads
Sunday, March 18, 2007
Cost: \$6
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

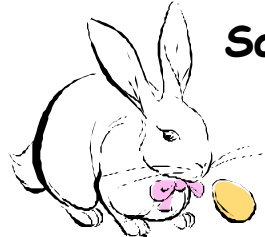
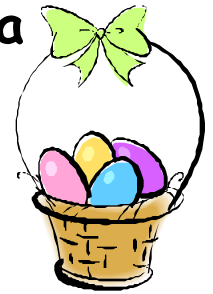
Parent drop off at church
(1:30 pm)
Parent pick up at church (4:15 pm)
Permission slips required.

Blitz 45 T-shirts for sale for \$10.

If your parents can help transport
children from the church to the
bowling alley, please email Pam at
pambesser@wesleyumc.com

Easter Eggstravaganza

at Wesley UMC
(Egg Hunt, Games, & Parade)



Saturday, April 7, 2007
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Activities:

10:00 a.m.

Parade: Each child is encouraged to bring a bike, tricycle,
wagon, scooter, etc. all decorated for the Easter Parade.

10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

Games: Jump Rope Race, Yarn Ball Toss, Stilt Race, 3-Legged
Race, Egg Challenge, Egg Push, & Wheelbarrow Race. We will
have pictures with the Easter Bunny, cookie decorating, lemon-
ade and popcorn.

11:01 a.m.

Egg Hunts begin by age level.

Youth Ministry

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



Confirmation Class Has Begun!



Confirmation students
meet with Pastor Robert on
Wednesdays from 4:15-5:15
p.m. in the Youth Center.

**NO ACTIVITIES
MARCH 11-17**

We will begin again
on March 18.



Sunday Night Programs

Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Program at 6:00 p.m.

March 18 – Trading Spaces-
Wesley Style

March 25 – Sports Connection &
Pizza

April 1 – Games Night

Summer Mission Trips

UMARMY – June 17-23

BigHouse – July 26-29

There are still a few spots
open! Contact Drew ASAP to reg-
ister.

Safe Sanctuary Training

Safe Sanctuary training will be
held for all those working with
children or youth at Wesley.
Please make plans to attend one of
these trainings in the Dining Hall:
Sunday, March 25, at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 2, at 6:00 p.m.

Youth ASCENT Wednesday Night Studies

6:00–7:15 p.m.

Join us for a meal at 5:00 p.m.

March 21 – Called To Do Good

March 28 – Truth, Will You

Follow It?

April 4 – What's Your Rep?

April 11 – What's Your Motto?

Spring Overnight Field Trip



For the “Grown Up Field Trip” overnight journey this year, we are planning a tour of some plantation homes over in the River Parishes of Louisiana and the zoo in Baton Rouge! It’s a fun excursion with lots of laughs and good food and friends! Right now we are looking at *Monday, April 30, and Tuesday, May 1*. I know there’s no way to perfectly time it for everyone, but we want to try to include as many as possible. Please let Kathy know which days of the week are best for you if you are interested in joining the trip. All adults are welcome to come along. The itinerary will be set next week, so contact Kathy!

Health Ministries Team: Free Blood Pressure Checks



The newly formed Health Ministries Team has made it possible for everyone to get monthly blood pressure checks! Starting on March 18, this new service is open to all of the church family (including guests, of course). On the third Sunday of each month, the checks will be done after each worship service. Each person who has their pressure checked will receive documentation of the results and told when a visit to their personal physician is recommended. Nurses will be in the Parlor after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services, and in the Preschool Office after the 9:15 a.m. service. Everyone is welcome to come and have their blood pressure checked on third Sundays!

To the Astros Game or Bust!

There are a few seats left on the Wesley trip to see the Astros play Pittsburgh on Saturday, August 25. It is a 6:00 p.m. game and we have reserved seats in the bullpen area at Minute Maid Park. It is close enough to marvel at the speed of those major league pitches. Cost for the trip (chartered bus and game tickets) will be \$40 each. Call or email Kathy early to get your names on the list!

News and Coming Events

Who is Jesus? What does Jesus mean to me?

A Lenten Reflection by
Adventure Club 3rd & 4th Grade Class
Teachers: Renee’ Cash and Malana Hearn

- “He is everything!” – Madison DeBerry
- “He is the Almighty!” – Jacob Joosten
- “He is a gift from God!” – Dustin Toups
- “He is the Son of God. He means everything to me.” – Sarah Ferrell
- “He is the man who sacrificed his life for me and he means everything to me.” – Devin Johnsen
- “Everyone’s forgiver. And he is my safety.” – Jesse Daniel
- “He is the Savior and everything to me.” – Caleb Long
- “He is good to me and everything to me.” – Cody Cash
- “He is the Son of God and somebody I can talk to and depend on.” – Casey Wieblinger
- “He is the Son of God and I talk to him and he helps me.” – Makenzie Hearn



Calling All Photos!

The Audio/Visual and Communication Teams are looking for old and new photos, film, and other memorabilia from the beginning of this church until now. These items will be incorporated into a DVD that is being made. Photos may be brought to the church office or you may send digital pictures to pictures@wesleyumc.com.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Larry Beaulieu for receiving special recognition in the Hall of Fame for Mass Communications at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.



Memorials

As of February 25, 2007

Prayer Garden Fund

In Loving Memory of Kitty Garrett
By: Virginia Voss

Budget Fund

In Loving Memory of N.A. Smith
By: Jack & Vicki Carroll

Scout Fund

In Loving Memory of Albert
Breaux

By: Pat & Cynthia Grimes
In Loving Memory of Albert

Breaux
By: Wes, Kimberly, Sierra, &
Justin Vaughan

Building Fund

In Loving Memory of Kitty Garrett
By: Marian Godwin

In Loving Memory of Kitty Garrett
By: Kathy & Alexandria
Richardson, Bruce Watson

In Loving Memory of W.W.
"Mac" McNease
By: Travis, Frankie, Melody, &
Dylan Hare

In Loving Memory of Albert
Breaux
By: Duane & Janet Hill

Choir Fund

In Loving Memory of Yevonne
Allardyce
By: Armon & Orvalee Husband

Sharing Our Faith Fund

In Loving Memory of Joe Kirkland
By: 50-50 Sunday School Class

*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

Calendar

Sunday, March 11:

8:00 am
9:15 am
9:15 am
10:30 am
10:30 am
5:00 pm
6:00 pm

Monday, March 12:

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

Tuesday, March 13:

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

Wednesday, March 14:

9:00 am

3:30 pm

5:45 pm
7:00 pm
7:30 pm
7:30 pm
7:30 pm

Thursday, March 15:

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

Friday, March 16:

Saturday, March 17:

7:00 am
4:00 pm
5:00 pm
7:30 pm

Sunday, March 18:

8:00 am
9:15 am
9:15 am
10:30 am
10:30 am
1:30-4:15 pm
5:00 pm
5:00 pm
6:00 pm
6:00 pm

Daylight Savings Time Begins, Spring Forward 1 Hour
St. Luke's UMC, Kilgore Team 3/11-3/16
Trinity UMC, Lincoln, NE Team 3/11-3/16

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
Contemporary Worship, Praise Center
Sunday School, Classrooms
Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
Second Hour Sunday Classes, Classrooms
Knitting Class, Room 102
Cub Scouts—Wolf Cubs, Room 108

BISD, HJISD, LISD Spring Break, 3/12-3/16

Attendance Volunteers, Workroom
Counters, Conference Room
Boy Scouts, Youth Center Green Room
Sweet Adelines, Sanctuary

Staff Meeting Conference Room
Congregational Care Team, Conference Room
Health Care Ministries Team, Room 108
Adult Ministries Team, Room 108
Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Parlor
Al Anon, Rm 101, AA Meeting, Rm 112

No Wednesday Activities

Circuit Rider Volunteers, Teacher's Lounge
No Communion
Prayer & Card Ministry Meeting, Conference Room
No King's Kids Choir, Choir Room

No Wednesdays @ Wesley

Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room
North Major AA Meeting, Room 101
North 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
Al Anon, Rm 101, AA Meeting, Rm 112
Youth Ski Group Returns

Church lawn maintenance (volunteers are appreciated)
AA Dinner, Dining Hall
Emmaus Gathering, Aldersgate Trinity UMC, Port Arthur
St. Francis AA Meeting, Room 112

Blood Pressure Check: Parlor after 8:00 & 10:30 services, Pre-School Office after 9:15 service.

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
Contemporary Worship, Praise Center
Sunday School, Classrooms
Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
Second Hour Sunday Classes, Classrooms
Blitz 45 Bowling (drop off and pick up at Wesley)
Knitting Class, Room 102
Sunday Night Live, Dinner, Youth Center
Cub Scouts—Wolf Cubs, Room 108
Sunday Night Live Programs, Youth Center

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

Our Faithfulness

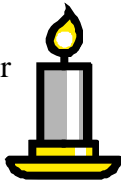
Our Attendance

Sunday Worship	March 4th
8:00 a.m.	134
9:15 a.m.	258
10:30 a.m.	364
Total	756
Sunday School	March 4th
Children	154
Youth	36
Adults	213
Total	403
Adventure Club	February 28th
Total	94

*Special Thanks to
The PRINTery*

Sanctuary Gifts

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in honor of Makenzie Hearn's 9th birthday and in honor of Sarah Summers.



Our Gifts

2007 Church Budget	\$1,257,029
<i>(incl \$274,884 for debt service)</i>	
Needed Each Week	24,174
Received This Week	28,558
Needed Year-to-date:	217,563
Received Year-to-date:	224,194
Difference	6,631
Non-Budgeted Gifts Received:	
Building Funds	\$2,120
Budget Fund Memorials	105
Society of St. Stephen	1,075
MOSAIC	1
Flag Ministry	200
Choir Fund	90
Scout Fund	45
Sanctuary Candle	10
Parsonage Fund	530
Prayer Garden Fund	45
Missions Fund	50
Praise Center Fund	50
Jim Finklea Fund	100
Parlor Fund	15
Monthly Debt Service:	\$22,907

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Preschool Director
Kay Bender
MDO Director

Guests

Joshua Amos
Arthur Baize
Robby & Debbie Beavers
Margaret Blackmon
Joe, Melanie, & Michael Bleuel
Sharon Boldt
Angela Brock
Lynn Callas
Joann Cherry
Nancy Crawford
Clinton & Sherry Curtice
Loretta, James, Madison, & Meredith Davis
Lee Decuir
Blaine & Darla Duplecion
Amber & Vivian Emmert
Mary, Hannah, & Garrett Gerace
Tinnie & Cindy Gillard
Cynthia Gillette
David & Connie Grimes
Henry & Virgie Harper
Alicia Harvey
Erica & Wesley Hatcher
Sylvia Hughes
Cynthia Johnson
Derek & Shallon Kinard
Wanda & Don Lanham
Terry LeGrande
Rob & Alyssa LeMaster
Aubrey Ludecke
Mary McFarland
Sue McNeely
Susan & Jessica Meitzen
Mike & Kim Miller
Doug Mullins
Ginny Pope
Maxine Russell
Nancy Scott
Wendi & Max Shiff
Jennifer Thomas
D. P. Thompson
Ann Vincent
Stephanie Waidley
Ann & Karey Williams
DeAnn Young

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

Coming Events

Cooking Lunch for Some Other Place

Wesley UMC cooks and serves the lunch meal at Some Other Place every month on the second Tuesday and on the occasional fifth Friday. Our next day of service is Tuesday, March 13. This month we will also be cooking on Friday, March 30. 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.

Items Needed

* **Small Boxes** (such as checkbook boxes) for children's projects this spring.

* **Awnings** (such as dining tents for camping) to be used during VBS in July.

If you have any of these items, please contact Rev. Pam Besser at pbesser@wesleyumc.

* **Eggs & Candy**-Easter is fast approaching. The Children's Ministry needs donations of individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs for this year's Easter Eggstravaganza (Parade, Games, and Egg Hunt), which will be April 7, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Eggs and candy may be dropped off by the church office or placed in the big containers in the worship Welcome Centers.

Thank you for your support.

Thank You

The Rita Recovery staff would like to thank Ray Bradshaw, George Bryant, Roy Follmer, Jimmy Herrington, and Mike Toups for picking up and delivering the donated copier to our office. Special thanks to Darla Duplecion for donating the copier. This represents an enormous saving to our operation.

WE APPRECIATE YOU ALL!

Rita Recovery Team

Thanks to all who have said prayers and encouraged us as we've been recovering from a series of illnesses.

Thanks for caring,
J.E. and Betty Jo Ray

Your constant prayers on my behalf have delivered me from the belly of the whale. I praise the name of the Lord, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Haywood Perkins, Jr.

Dear Robert, Pam, and Church Family,

A deep, heart-felt THANK YOU to all of you who presented us with the baby gifts during Adventure Club. I can guarantee that all the diapers, wipes, and clothes will be used. Your act of kindness really meant a lot to us. The congregation that we are privileged to serve has surrounded us in an amazing display of tenderness and support. We feel truly blessed to be a part of this family in Christ. Once again, thank you for your thoughtfulness!

The Collier Family—Eli, Shawn, Madison, and Savannah

Sharing Our Faith



Just a Moment...

Life can be like a jigsaw puzzle, with each one of us being a single, unique shape with our common goal symbolized as the picture on the front of the puzzle box. In a puzzle you have corner pieces, edge pieces, and interior pieces. It is easy to fit the corner pieces into their locations. The edge pieces are a little more difficult to fit, but we generally know where they go. The remaining pieces are the interior pieces. These pieces are just as important as all the other pieces and they each have a unique place in the puzzle. Placement of these pieces is made easier by looking at the big picture. The puzzle is not complete until all pieces have been put into place.

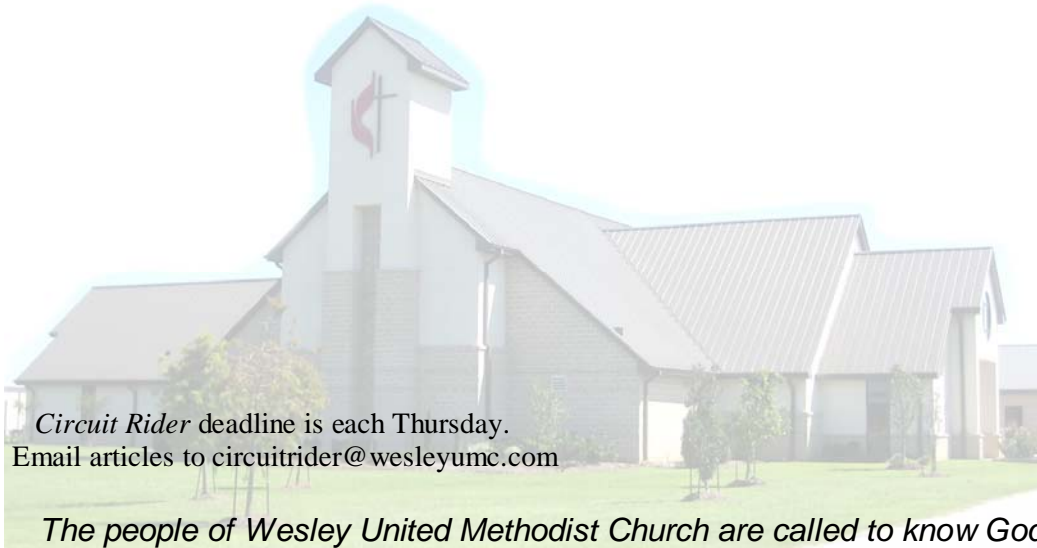
So, whether you consider yourself to be a corner, edge, or interior piece, the goal cannot be completed without you. As you contemplate on ways to share your faith, pray for God's guidance and allow Him to show you where you are needed.



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Circuit Rider deadline is each Thursday.
Email articles to circuitrider@wesleyumc.com

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

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.

March 11

Kim Joosten
Natalie Kent
Eddie Sims
Marian Stampley
Scott Wilson

March 12

Chase Diaz
Holly Scarborough

March 13

Richard Hebert

March 14

Ashleigh Griffin
Robyn Peurifoy
Charlene Stough



March 15

Megan Quinn
Randy Still
Joe Tumlinson

March 16

Makenzie Hearn
Jan Kirk

March 17

Nolan Andress
Amanda McDonald
Adam Rose
Doreen Van Dyke