

Lenten Tree

Lenten Tree Addition for March 25: The Pretzel

As the time of his death drew near, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. The pretzel was originally shaped to look like hands folded in prayer and therefore has often been used as a symbol of prayer.

Also read Children's *Lenten Reflections* on Page 2.

NEWS BRIEFS

On March 28, there will be an informational meeting for the Utila adult mission trip. Page 5 has details about the meeting and trip.

It's time to begin ordering Easter lilies. An order form is on Page 7.

The Children's Ministry is still in need of awnings and other items for the Spring. Information about these needs is on page 5.

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Ladies of Wesley—It's Your Turn



Sunday, March 25, will be Ladies' Day! All women of Wesley are invited to "make a joyful noise," leading worship and singing in the choir. Those attending the 8:00 a.m. worship service should meet in the Choir Room at 7:30 a.m. to run through a simple song. Ladies who attend the 10:30 a.m. service should meet in the Choir Room at 10:00 a.m. Lift up your voice! If you have questions, call Noel at 861-1751.

Are You Chicken About Giving Blood?

This coming Sunday, March 25, is the next Wesley Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m., in the Dining Hall. Everyone is encouraged to come and donate because it not only helps our church family, but the community! It only takes a few minutes to do something that can save a life...or more.

Though early registration isn't necessary, it will help. Look for the special Blood Drive table. If you are "chicken" about donating, ask yourself: What happens if you or someone you love *needs* it?



New Sunday School Opportunities

New Class at 10:30 Sunday School Hour

Beginning on Sunday, April 1, those of you who worship at 9:15 in the Praise Center will have another great new group to get involved with at 10:30. "The Really Cool Sunday Class that Everyone Wants to Attend" will meet in Room 103 each Sunday. Any adults are encouraged to check it out. See the article on page 4 for more information about the class or contact Kathy Haskins at khaskins@wesleyumc.com.

"How to Win Over Depression"

The Fellowship Sunday School class will be starting a new topic in a few weeks. We will be studying the book "How to Win Over Depression" by Tim LaHaye. It is about how to lead a joyful Christian life and has many scriptural references. If you wish to join the class, contact Scotty Gregorcyk, 896-5120, so he can get the books. The class meets in the Conference Room by the administrative offices. Feel free to join us.

Thank You!

Hospitality

Last week two mission groups, from Kilgore, Texas, and from Nebraska, came to Beaumont to work on Rita Recovery homes. The groups spent the days working and the evenings in our Praise Center. Joan Conn gave many hours to prepare for their arrival by organizing the evening meal each night while they were at Wesley. Many in our church said “yes” when she asked to help by giving money or providing for a meal. They include: Elva Burlin, Gary & Sylvia Carlisle, Kim Hood, Marian Godwin, Larry & Jalle Porter, and the following Sunday school classes: AAA, Bible Study, Daily Walkers, Fidelis, 50/50, Kitchen, and Seekers. Also, thank you to the United Methodist Women for their help. Thank you Joan for coordinating these acts of hospitality.

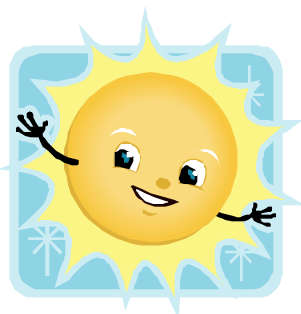
Devotion Books

Thank you so very much for the Lenten Devotion books. I had to read it from cover to cover as soon as I received it. So much to read and digest—so interesting and food for the soul. I have gone back to March 5, and am reading it each day. This, my letter, is in keeping with the suggestion on February 25, to write a letter to my fellow church members in appreciation for all they do and their concerns. You keep God alive in our lives. The drawing by the Adventure Club kids made me remember my Primary days in Sunday School.

Thank you again. In Christ, *Lois M. Head*

Preschool & Mothers' Day Out

Register NOW for Summer Fun Days!



Registration is now open for Summer Fun Days! Summer Fun Days will begin Tuesday, June 5, for children two-years-old and older. The cost is \$225 per child with \$25 due at the time of registration. You may pick up a registration form in the Mothers' Day Out office in the Preschool hall. For more information call Kelli Reyes at 782-0234 or 892-7012.

Prayers

I can't thank you enough for all of your prayers. My heart is so filled with love to know the joy of having such wonderful friends in my church family!

My prayer for you is that His blessings will shine upon you—for all of the good you do for others. Thanks again...and again...and again for caring.

Nona Butler

Prayers & Visits

Many thanks to our ministers, Robert, Mark, and Elvis for the concern, prayers, visits, and flowers. To our wonderful church family for their prayers, visits, cards and calls. You are all the greatest and I am blessed to be in this congregation.

Thank you, *Zelma Wilson*

Reflections

What Does Easter Mean to You?

*A Lenten Reflection by
Adventure Club 5th Grade Class
Teachers: Tammy Touns and
Laurie Meyers*

*5th Grade Class continued
from last week.*

“Going to church and celebrating Jesus' resurrection.” – Blair Gil-lard

“Jesus died for us so that we can live” – Hannah Love

“Celebrating Jesus' death to take care of our sins” – Brock Troy

“Our family celebrates Easter by going to church and worshipping God” – Sarah Love

“Easter means to me that Jesus, the Son of God, let the Romans crucify him so that today whenever we do something against God's

will we can have peace within ourselves that we are forgiven by the most glorious, powerful king there is!” –
Karson Riggs



New Member



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Children's Ministry

For more information, contact Pam Besser
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Easter Eggstravaganza

**Saturday, April 7
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

10:00 a.m.—Parade: Each child is encouraged to bring a bike, tricycle, wagon, or scooter decorated for an 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, lemonade, and popcorn.

11:01 a.m.—Egg Hunts: begin by age level.



Adventure Club

The Adventure Club children will be singing on April 1, at the end of the 9:15 service and the beginning of the 10:30 service. Please have your child in Room 112 at 10:00 a.m. Sunday school kids will be brought over by their teachers.

**Vacation
Bible School
July 23-27, 2007**

Eggs, Candy, Boxes, and Awnings... Oh My!

These things are needed this spring for Children's Ministry. Please read the article of page 5 for more information and get involved.

A very special thanks to Maurine Behrens, Florence Carlisle and Barbara Gallo-way for making a robe and outfit for Jesus and the Palm Sunday processional.

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 Ministry

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



Attention Juniors & Seniors!

Get a taste of college life before you arrive on campus. Join other juniors and seniors at Lamar's Wesley Student Center to explore college life and your faith. You don't have to be attending Lamar to attend this event. Mark Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14, on your calendar, and contact Drew today for more information.

**SUNDAY
NIGHTLIVE**

Sunday Night Programs

Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Program at 6:00 p.m.

March 25 – Sports Connection & Pizza

April 1 – Games Night

Youth ASCENT

Wednesday Night Studies

6:00–7:15 p.m.

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

March 28 – Truth, Will You Follow It?

April 4 – What's Your Rep?

April 11 – What's Your Motto?

Sports Connection Sunday Night March 25

Meet at Wesley at 4:30 p.m. We will return to Wesley by 7:30 p.m. Bring \$15, which includes tokens and dinner. Friends are welcome. Please contact Drew and let him know how many friends you intend to bring so we have enough adults.



Summer Mission Trips

UMARMY – June 17-23

BigHouse – July 26-29

There are still a few spots open! Contact Drew ASAP to register.

Adult Ministry

For more information, contact Kathy Haskins at khaskins@wesleyumc.com

The Really Cool Sunday Class That Everyone Wants to Attend



new group to get involved with at 10:30 a.m. “The Really Cool Sunday Class that Everyone Wants to Attend” will meet in Room 103 each Sunday. All adults are encouraged to check it out. Leaders and topics will change each week, but subjects will be current and relevant to our lives here and now. There is no book, no studying, and no commitment. Just a way to get more informed, meet some new people, and grow in your faith.

It's Here!

Beginning Sunday, April 1, those of you who worship at 9:15 in the Praise Center will have another great

For All of the Women and Girls of Wesley

This year's lovely luncheon for the girls and women of Wesley will be on Saturday, May 5. This second annual celebration event includes a lunch catered by Bando's, a humorous and delightful guest speaker—Rev. Wanda Bess of McCabe-Roberts Avenue UMC, music by Noel Turner, and all the beautifully decorated tables. Like last year, tables at *The Women of Wesley & Friends Luncheon* will be open to families, groups of friends, or classes. Look for details about tickets and being



a hostess in upcoming newsletters and bulletins.

This Month's Movie: A Romantic Comedy

This month's Wednesday Afternoon Movie will be on March 28 and we will show the just-released “The Holiday.” Starring Academy-award winner Kate Winslet, Cameron Diaz, and Jude Law, it's a sweet comedy about finding love in the least likely places. Great character actor Eli Wallach has a marvelous role in this funny film that was only in theaters a few months ago. Join us at 2:30 p.m. in the Youth Center where we will see the movie on the great new big screen with a super sound system. If you haven't come to watch a Wednesday movie since we moved, give it a try. It's great.



Coming Events

Louisiana Plantation Homes Trip

Monday, April 30, and Tuesday, May 1, are the dates for this great overnight “Grown Up Field Trip.” We will have dinner in Baton Rouge at a great restaurant with authentic live Cajun music on Monday and we will visit three of the amazing plantation homes of the River Road Parishes. Cost for the trip is \$90—that includes transportation, hotel, Tuesday morning breakfast, and the three home tours. Deadline to register is April 12 (or when the vans are full!) so call soon. *If we can get 10 more participants, we can check into a charter bus instead of renting vans!* The invitation is for adults of Wesley, their adult friends and family. To get on the list, get a brochure and fill out the registration form and call Kathy: 892-7733, email: khaskins@wesleyumc.com.



Sharing Our Faith



Just a Moment...

“In all your ways, acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight”. Proverbs 3:6 (NIV)

Another translation reads “In everything that you do, put God first and He will direct you and bless your efforts with success”.

In all that you do, who do you put first? Do you stop and ask for direction from God or do you think you can find your way yourself?

Pictures, Please!

We are still looking for pictures from you showing the life and excitement of Wesley. You may bring your pictures to the church office or email them to pictures@wesleyumc.com. If you want your pictures returned, please be sure to label them! Thank you.

Mission News

Utila Mission Trip Meeting

Anyone wishing to be a part of the summer mission trip to the island of Utila in Honduras is invited to an organizational/information meeting on Wednesday, March 28, at 7:15 p.m. in Room 102.

The trip will be June 11-18. All details of the trip will be shared at the meeting. Invite others to be a part of this “making God known” mission trip.

Items Needed

The Children’s Ministry is needing several items for upcoming projects and events. If you have any of these items, please bring them to the church or contact Rev. Pam Besser at 892-2534 or pbesser@wesleyumc.

- **Small Boxes** (such as check-book boxes) for children’s projects this spring.
- **Awnings** (such as dining tents for camping) to be used during VBS in July. We need to know now how many will be available so we can plan accordingly.
- **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 of our children.

Calendar

Sunday, March 25: **Blood Drive 8:30 –12:30, Dining Hall**

8:00 am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15 am Contemporary Worship, Praise Center
9:15 am Sunday School, Classrooms
10:30 am Baptism, Savannah Dawn Collier
10:30 am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:30 am Second Hour Sunday Classes, Classrooms
4:00 pm Safe Sanctuary Training, Dining Hall
4:30 pm Youth meet at Wesley YC to leave for Sports Connection (\$10)
5:30 pm Youth to Sports Connection
6:00 pm Cub Scouts—Wolf Cubs, Room 108
7:30 pm Youth arrive back at Wesley Youth Center

Monday, March 26:

6:30 am Crosstalk, BISD—Burger King
8:30 am Attendance Volunteers, Workroom
9:00 am Counters, Conference Room
1:30 - 2:30 pm Staff Meeting, Conference Room
5:30 pm Advance Commitment #3: Team Assistant Training, Parlor
6:30 pm Leadership Team #3: Second Check-up, Choir Room
7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Youth Center Green Room

Tuesday, March 27: **Pre-School Pictures, Dining Hall**

1:30 pm Crafters, Room 104
5:30 pm Trustees, Conference Room
6:30 pm Administrative Board, Choir Room
6:00 pm Girl Scouts, Dining Hall
7:30 pm Al Anon, Rm 101, AA Meeting, Rm 112

Wednesday, March 28:

7:00 am Crosstalk, HJISD, Day Break
9:00 am Circuit Rider Volunteers, Teacher’s Lounge
12:15 pm Communion, Sanctuary
2:30 pm Afternoon Movie, Youth Center, *The Holiday*
3:30 pm Prayer & Card Ministry Meeting, Conference Room
4:15 pm Confirmation 6 (Sessions 11 & 12), 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
Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room
7:00 pm Utila Missions Meeting, Room 102
7:15 pm North Major AA Meeting, Room 101
7:30 pm N. Major, St. Francis Women & Men AA, Rm 101,102, 106,112
7:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous, Room 108

Thursday, March 29:

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study, Parlor
12:30 pm Senior Games Day, Youth Center Building
7:30 pm Al Anon, Rm 101, AA Meeting, Rm 112

Friday, March 30: **Pollard UMC, Tyler team 3/30—4/1**

8:30 am Cook at Some Other Place

Saturday, March 31:

7:00 am Church lawn maintenance (volunteers are appreciated)
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	March 18th
8:00 a.m.	108
9:15 a.m.	219
10:30 a.m.	364
Total	691
Sunday School	March 18th
Children	135
Youth	25
Adults	199
Total	359

Our Gifts

2007 Church Budget	\$1,257,029
<i>(incl \$274,884 for debt service)</i>	
Needed Each Week	24,174
Received This Week	11,109
Needed Year-to-date:	265,910
Received Year-to-date:	262,808
Difference (short)	(3,102)

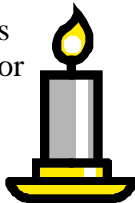
Non-Budgeted Gifts Received:

Building Funds	\$865
Budget Fund Memorials	235
Society of St. Stephen	220
MOSAIC	90
Flag Ministry	1,350
Children's Fund	45
Parsonage Fund	545
Sanctuary Candle	30
Prayer Garden Fund	15
Ralph Bistline Memorial	6,452

Monthly Debt Service: 22,907

Sanctuary Gifts

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in honor of Glenda Murphy and Margaret Canant, and in memory of Harold Engstrom.



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

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Clay & Karen Cunningham
Ted Dailey
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Madison, & Meredith Davis
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Dufrene
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Cynthia Gillette
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Sylvia Hughes
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Rob & Alyssa LeMaster
Kimberly, Jamila, & Ariana
Levine
Elmer & Kay Long
Bob & Jill McCampbell
Mary McFarland
Kim Miller
Emily & Jacob Morris
Doug Mullins
Glenda & Tom Murphy
Lisa Peterson
Ginny Pope
Wilma Reinhardt
Maxine Russell
Brad & Connie Schroeder
Gary & Nancy Scott
Wendi & Max Shiff
Wanda Underwood
Shawn Walker
Daytona Williams
Chris & Peggy Yetman
DeAnn Young

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

Special Gifts

Gifts as of March 11, 1007

Budget Fund

In Loving Memory of Kitty Garrett
By: Tim & Susan Byrom
In Loving Memory of Kitty Garrett
By: Agnes Simonetti
In Loving Memory of Betty Winstanley
By: Pat & Roy Archer
In Loving Memory of Betty Winstanley
By: Floyd & Sue Flanagan
In Loving Memory of Kitty Garrett
By: Pat & Roy Archer
In Loving Memory of Newt "N.A." Smith
By: Scott & Renee Smith
In Loving Memory of Margie Moses
By: George & Helen Huckins
In Loving Memory of Jan Hudson, Marilyn Wright, & Orville Hall
By: Vicki & Eugene Highland
In Loving Memory of Andrew Clawson
By: Martha Ashley

Building Fund

In Loving Memory of Sandy Dutton
By: Bob & Lena Parker
In Loving Memory of Joe Kirkland, June Ferrell, Kitty Garrett, Betty Winstanley, Dorothy Giblin & Margie Moses
By: Patty Edwardsen
In Loving Memory of Margie Moses
By: Billie Gordon
In Loving Memory of Yevonne Allardyce
By: Steve & Eileen Garrett
In Loving Memory Betty Winstanley & Margie Moses
By: Joe & Rose Connors

Parsonage Fund

In Honor of Rev. Robert Besser, Rev. Mark Bunch, Rev. Elvis Davis
By: Mozelle Radcliff
In Loving Memory of Betty Winstanley & Margie Moses
By: Doris Waldron
In Loving Memory of Betty Winstanley
By: Lue Irvine
In Loving Memory of Betty Winstanley
By: James & Betty Linscomb
In Loving Memory of Margie Moses
By: Doyle & Rutheline Bradberry
In Loving Memory of Margie Moses
By: Bubba & Pat Lane
In Loving Memory of Betty Winstanley
By: Fidelis Sunday School Class
In Loving Memory of Margie Moses
By: George & Liz Holliday
In Loving Memory of Betty Winstanley
By: Lunamae Blackburn

Choir Fund

In Loving Memory of Margie Moses
By: Armon & Orvalee Husband
In Loving Memory of Margie Moses
By: Dolores Hall
In Loving Memory of Kitty Garrett
By: Mozelle Radcliff
In Honor of Noel Turner's Birthday
By: Kathy Heiner

Youth Fund

In Loving Memory of Albert Breaux
By: Steve & Eileen Garrett

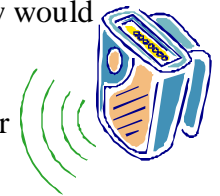
News

New Ministry

We now have a new ministry in place! It is called our Prayer Pager Ministry and this is how it works.

We have pagers in the office for those members who are ill and in need of our prayers. Whenever you want to pray for someone in need of prayer, call 841-PRAY (841-7729). There will be a message from Pastor Robert and at the end of the message, simply dial 1, hang up, and say a prayer. The pager will beep and the person that has the pager will know that someone has prayed for them.

Call the church office if you or someone you know would be lifted up by this ministry and we will assign a Prayer Pager to them.



Easter Lilies

The Easter Lilies will be placed in the church on Easter Sunday, April 8, and you may pick yours up after the Easter service you attend. The cost for each Lily is \$12.50. Make checks out to "Wesley UMC" and note "Easter Lily" on the memo line. Please include payment with your order. Deadline to order an Easter Lily is April 1.

Name on Order: _____

Number of Lilies: _____ (\$12.⁵⁰ ea.)

Amount included \$ _____

In Honor/Memory of: (circle one) _____

In Honor/Memory of: (circle one) _____



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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 25
Julie Canant
Weston Connors
Carlie Greene
Taylor Henley
Brian Pearson
Will Poppe

March 26
Travis Almany
Drew Swanson

March 27
Pam Besser
Cade Broussard
Vicki Carroll
Jacey Davis
Billy Kinney
Stephanie McBride
Chad Taylor

March 28
Tracy Allen
Margaret Canant
Linda Galceran
Anita Johnson
Erick Lucenti
Meridith Mettz
Carol Ward

March 29
Dan Ashmore
Charlene Dugue
Jody Griffin
Sunny Hefley
Olivia Ivins
Seth Means
Jimmy Samaha

March 30
Marc Galloway
Beverly Stewart
Katie Waddell

March 31
Barry Brooks
Alice Der Garabedion
Edie McBride
Angela Stinson