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NEWS BRIEFS

Save Those Plastic Eggs

If you have any of the plastic eggs left over and don't know what to do with them, we'll be glad to store for next year's egg hunt. Bring them by the office or to worship on Sunday.

E-newsletter

Early, In Color, & Saving Money

Each week 253 newsletters are sent by email saving the church over \$1,000 each year. You can receive your newsletter by email by contacting Gail in the office (gmcmillon@wesleyumc.com).

In addition to saving the church money, you will receive your Circuit Rider two days early (on Tuesdays) and in [color](#)!

Heritage Sunday

April 13

One Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Heritage Sunday, April 13: Photos Needed!

The Heritage Committee is compiling memorabilia for our Heritage Sunday celebration and need photos and short bios of members no longer living from the Live Oak and Cable congregations. Please bring your photos by the office, and we can scan them while you wait. Contact Linda Cummings at 898-0133 for information.

Confirmation Sunday—March 30

Over the past three months, a group of youth in our church have been participating in Confirmation classes to explore their faith journey and what it means to be a member of the church. This Sunday, March 30, they will make a personal profession of faith and join the church. The Confirmation Class includes:

Confirmands

Charles Daniel Beard
Emily Renee' Brashear
Natalie Dru Brashear
Eric Alan Canizales
Hunter Cee Cooley
Emily Claire Craft
Joshua Brian Gibbs
Blair Alice Gillard
Ashley Nicole Goforth
Travis Michael Hefley
Miranda Jo Ann Hood
Caleb Ray Hughes
Sydney Corrine Jagneaux
Elise Nicole Johnson
Jennifer Danielle Joosten
Amy Diane Lambert
Hannah Jane Love
Patrick Stewart Love
Sarah Ellen Love
Cal Adam Peterson
Craig Evan Peterson
Liana Margaret Pinson
Karson Layne Riggs
Brock Raymond Troy
Zachary Martin Vershel
Shanna Nicole Walker
Amanda Sue Wren
Brittani Christie Wren

Mentor

Ed Long
Debbie Riggs
Pam Besser
Danny Beard
Mical Padgett
Vicki Carroll
Kim Hood
Michelle Goforth
Cindy Gillard
Mike Wiggins
Joan Conn
Dianna Haney
Margaret Vershel
Angela Baker
Robin Lucas
Pam Besser
Lynda Minick
Roy Follmer
Pam Dunivant
Tom Kirk
Robert Besser
Jan Kirk
Tim Jones
John Neil
Ty Badon
Jill Gerlufsen
Alyson Stewart
Sarah Keating



Join us this Sunday and support these youth on this important day in their walk with Christ.

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 Kay Bender at 892-7012.

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



From Our Pastors

Easter---It's Not Over Yet!

Recently, as I was driving around south east Texas, the trees along the road were brown and not a bit of new life was evident. But now, just days later, not only have the trees turned green, but some of them are bursting forth with beautiful green leaves and many with different colors of blossoms. Just a few weeks

ago during the coldest time of winter those very same trees were without any color or sign of life. As the chilly winds blew on those dark nights, the trees looked as if all forms of vitality had abandoned them, leaving it quite alone and dead. But now, within the scope of just a short period of time, life abounds once again. The scientific community has a term it uses to refer to the process of those trees' transformation---but I don't remember what it is. Besides, there's a non-scientific word that even better describes that miraculous reversal: **resurrection**.

Perhaps that is why Easter was so timely this year. Resurrection had already begun to make a real difference at all levels of existence. Brown grass was turning green, cold days were changing into warm days, and all of nature already appeared to have put on a colorful new outfit. What's more, the same was true in human community. People whose hearts had been broken were beginning to feel those hearts mend. Folks whose physical strength had been taken away by illness were starting to take their stamina from a different kind of Source. Individuals whose dreams had been shattered and whose lives were filled with depression were ever so gently being nurtured by the rays of an undying hope.

If you are one of those people mentioned above, Easter has already taken place inside your soul. The power of God's presence has produced resurrection in your life---and last Sunday you could truly shout "Hallelujah!" However, if you are not one of those folks, all is not lost. **It was a great time for Easter, but Easter is not over!**

During the next weeks and all the way up until Pentecost, we shall be in the season of Eastertide, continuing the celebration and making sure it is real for each of us personally. So if Easter has not yet arrived in your life, rejoice that it may come yet. And if it has, rejoice anyway--for who among us could not use a little more resurrection in our lives??

See you in church Sunday,

Robert

P.S. MANY, MANY THANKS to all of you who helped to make this year's Lent, Holy Week, & Easter Services so special: the Prayer Path, the Maundy Thursday Choir Cantata, Good Friday's Tenebrae service led by the Praise Team, Saturday's Eggstravanganza festivities, the youth's Sunrise Service (in the cold), the lilies and special flowers, butterflies, and so much more! It was a great week and Lenten season. Thanks for all of you who made it special!

Please make plans for two special upcoming worship services:

- Confirmation Sunday: Twenty-eight of our young people are making decisions to follow Christ after meeting with the pastors since February.
- Sunday, April 13: Heritage Sunday - one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Following the service, the entire congregation will gather for a lunch in the Praise and Worship Center.

Sympathy

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

Joey Cascio, **nephew of Stacey Ramer**, who passed away March 16, 2008 and

Alice Powers, **sister of Doug Canant**, who passed away March 15, 2008.

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

New Members



Terry, Alicia, Alec, Cora, & Jake Hain
12735 Birch Ln
Beaumont, TX 77713
409-753-3307



Mark, Wendi, Bailey, & Blake Dubois
140 Norwood Drive
Lumberton, TX 77657
409-751-5183

Confirmation Notes

March 29, 2008—Confirmation Practice for Confirmands, Parents, and Mentors

We will meet at the church at 9:00 am for practice. Everyone will meet in the Sanctuary and then we will divide up by which service you choose to be confirmed in.



Following our practice, we will be traveling to Woodville for lunch at The Pickett House in Woodville and to tour the museum. This is **not required** and you can go even if your confirmand/mentor doesn't attend. The cost is \$14 for lunch and to visit the museum. Please let me know by March 26 if you are planning on attending the lunch at pambesser@wesleyumc.com

March 30, 2008 (Confirmation Sunday)

Confirmation Sunday at all three worship services. The confirmand will choose in which service they would like to be confirmed. Those who need to be baptized will be at that time as well.

Date and Time Change

We will take a **group Confirmation picture on Sunday, March 30, 2008 at 10:15 a.m.** in the Praise & Worship Center. Please make sure you are there on time because we will be running between services.

Parent's Night Out Friday, April 4 * 6–10 p.m.

PNO is an opportunity for your children, nursery through 5th grade, to enjoy an evening at the church with their friends while you enjoy an evening out. The cost is \$5 per child. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Pam Besser at 892-7733.

Thank You

A great big thanks for the following people who helped stuff hundreds of eggs with goodies: Cynthia Curry, Kaye Bryant, Fran Curtis, Joan Conn, Ann Robinson, Sylvia Hughes, Janey Brown, Betty Linscomb, Sharon Lytle, Maurine Behrens, Lexie Mouton, Stacey Stevens, Edie Fleisch, Phil Reyes, Rose LeBlanc, Sylvia Carlise, Wendi Shiff, De Ann Young, Leotia Heidman, and Lynette Klumpp.

Youth Ministry

For more information, contact Alyson Stewart
at astewart@wesleyumc.com

Week's Schedule

Mar. 30-

Sunday School 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.
UMYF with Pastor Robert &
Pastor Mark—*Meet & pickup at
the Dining Hall 5:00-7:00 p.m.*

Mar. 31-

Crosstalk BMT: IHOP 9:30 a.m.

Apr. 1-

Youth Ministry Team Meeting
6:30 p.m.

Apr. 2 -

Crosstalk Sour Lake 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night Youth:
Question Mark; 6:00-7:00 p.m.

ASTROS GAME

Sunday, April 20
Blitz 56 & Youth
\$25.00

We will be jumping into a bus after the 9:15 service to head over to a 1:00 p.m. Houston Astros game. Tickets are first come, first serve, so sign up now with Pam or Alyson!

**BIG HOUSE
Forms Due Sunday!**



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APRIL

BEAUMONT

Mondays at 6:30 a.m.
Burger King (Phelan & Dowlen)

SOUR LAKE

Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.
Day Break Café

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 24-25th

Junior High Sexuality Seminar

Rev. Roger Templeton will be coming in to teach this special seminar that is sponsored by the United Methodist Church.

Adult Ministry

Calling All Golfers

Here we go again, the 2nd Wesley Golf Tournament, at Brentwood Golf Course. **PUT THIS DATE DOWN**, April 12, 2008. Same as last time, 4 man scramble, shot gun start, tentative 8:00am. Will pick teams at club house. \$40.00 per person with door prizes. Contact Mike Wiggins 866-7764(h) 656-7394(c), or Mark Bunch at the church.

Play Ball!



Wesley UMC is organizing a Co-Ed Softball team. Games will be played on Monday evenings (times will vary). This is open to any in the church who want to have fun and enjoy a good game of softball. If you are interested in playing, contact Casey Tucker, 227-4441 (home), 782-3772 (mobile), or ctucker@gt.rr.com.

Games Night!

Time again for AAA Games Night! Can you believe it's that time already? Fourth Friday fun starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Building on March 28 with snacks (bring your favorites to share) and then "Let the games begin!" with dominoes, cards, and various board games. No experience is needed, you'll fit in wherever you like. It's a nice evening with other adults who simply want to have a good time with friends. Child care is available.

Habitat Build Day

Wesley has set aside another day for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, April 5. We have three houses side by side, so there is plenty of work to divide up.

If you would like to volunteer with construction, provide snacks and drinks, or help with lunch, please contact Rev. Mark Bunch or Vernon Pierce at HPIERCE@entergy.com.



Garage Sale For Missions—May 9-10

Hey! Hey! It's Spring Cleaning time!! Time to start setting aside those things for which you want to find a new home. The Society of St. Stephen Garage Sale is scheduled for May 9-10. The group will receive items and set up on Thursday, May 8.

Clean out those things you don't want any more and come buy some new things to take their place! For more information, contact Lynda Follmar at 892-4361.



Easter Sunday Guests

Amanda Adair; J. P. Adams; Betty Amon; Lauren Andersen; Lindsey Aucoin; Patrick & Belinda Beard; Nathan Biksey; Josh Blakeney; Kelby, Sharon, Amanda, & Clayton Boldt; Sandy & Billy Bowen; Karen Bradley; Lisa Broughton; Mike & Linda Brown; Howard & Leslie Bruce; Justin & Stacy Burleson; Mike Burlin; Wendy & Austin Burnaman; Mary & Doug Burns; Robin Butler; Gary, Kristie, Tanner, Cooper & Rory Carlisle; Brandon Callaway & Tara Converse; Skip Clark; Jerry & Kaaren Clark; Barbara Coffin; James, Haley, & James Collier; Jeff Collins; Joe Connors III; Camilla Courts; Kim & Zachary Coutee; Randy & Alice Crocker; Clay, Karen, Slate, & Brookes Cunningham; Ted Dailey; Carol & Camryn Davis; Nancy Deason; Lee Decuir; Tom DelaGarza; Jonathan Dunn; Btron Easley; Gerry Eddins; Allan Edelman; Fred & Marty Fazand; Tim Frasher; Jill Garrod; Pat & Bill Gittinger; Chris & Ashton Granger; Bradley, Sharon, & Emily Greig; Paul &

Nancy Guerin; Amber Guillory; Dolores Hamilton; Luke & Annette Harrison; Graham Harrison; John, Melissa, Kiel & Cole Heidman; Lori, Jessica, Maggie & Mary Beth Hign; Glen Hill; Pauline Hines; Nicole Hinojosa; Scott, Laura, Brandon, Jillian & Cameron, Howe; Rusty Howell; Tracy Huckins; Mike, Debbie, Josh & Jessica Hugg; Wendi, Josh, Chelsey, & Britney Hughes; Adam Jackson; Nate Jennings; Eric Justice; Melanie, Sidney, & Emily Karr; Jef & Lisa Kethley; Chuck, Kim, & Kristine Kiker; Red & Bobbie Knight; Carla & Melissa Landig; Jacqueline Larson; Douglas & Geraldine Leger; Terry, Kelli, & Katie LeGrande; Alyssa LeMaster; Lou Ann Lott; Greg, Monique, Peyton, & Parker Lumpkin; Kurt Lundgreen; Jay, Jessica, Ryann & Jake McAnelly; Patty McCullaugh; Larry McEroy; Keldan & Dana McKinnie; Jeremy, Brittany, Taylor, Trinity, & Trista Merrell; Gary Mullins; Macon, Justin & Paislee Nobles; Wilda Nobis; Dave Nunn; Thomas Patchimrat; Tom &

Lisa Peterson; Denye Peoples; Richard Philabaum; Kayley, Robert, Tarrah, & Isabelle Plair; Don Porter; Quincy Prestridge; Kay Rhymes; Cheryl, Ronnie & Kristin Richard; Leslie, Lauren, Scott, & Blair Richmond; Bradd, Alyse, Bradd, & Ava Royer; Donna & Eric Sachs; Jimmy Samaha; Dave & Sally Sankey; Chris, Julie, CJ, & Noelle Savage; Rona, Eric, Mason, Griffin & Makenna Schneider; Sarah Scogin; Christy, Jon & Natalie Shoffner; Robert, Tara, Drake, & Marren Silva; Richard & Opal Stonnell; Jaclyn Stovall; Regina, Toby, Hannah, & Cayden Strother; Rick, Debbie, Read, & Austin Sturrock; Jennifer, Ryan, Brandon, & Abby Thomas; Melodie Thompson; Pam Tribble; Wanda Underwood; Shawn, Diane, & Nikki Walker; Cathy Warmack; Marilyn Weiblinger; Ryan & Stacey White; Karey Williams; Kevin & Bettie Lee Wilson; Linda Winstanley; Diane Wright; and Chris & Peggy Yetman

Memorials

Gifts as of March 16, 2008

Society of St. Stephen

In Memory of Marie Clark

By: Gerry Kirkland

Budget Fund

In Memory of George Huckins

By: Helen Odom

Our Faithfulness

Our Attendance

Maundy Thursday	303
Good Friday	229
Sunday Worship	March 23
Sunrise	102
8:00 a.m.	186
9:15 a.m.	404
10:30 a.m.	633
Total	1,325
Sunday School	March 23
Children	160
Youth	34
Adults	156
Total	350
Mid-Week Boost	March 19
Children	95
Youth	18

Our Gifts

2008 Church Budget	\$1,339,937
Needed Each Week	25,768
Received This Week	19,546
Needed Year-to-date:	309,216
Received Year-to-date:	278,989
Difference (short)	(30,227)

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received:

Sharing Our Faith	\$3348
Building Funds	370
Society of St. Stephen	498
Choir Fund	40
Memorial - Budget	110
Missions	50
Hospitality Fund	170
Missions/Bibles	475
Youth Fund	100
MOSAIC	12
DVD Fund	5
St Stephen/Nathan Ferrell Fund	20

Sharing Our Faith News:

Total Pledges:	\$ 3,390,438
Total Received:	2,049,985
Balance:	1,340,453

Calendar

Sunday, March 30, 2008

8:00 am	Confirmation Sunday
9:15 am	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15 am	Contemporary Worship, Praise Center
10:15 am	Sunday School, Classrooms
10:30 am	Confirmation Class Picture, Praise Center
10:30 am	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
11:30 am	Second Hour Sunday Classes, Classrooms
5:00 pm	Private Party, Dining Hall
5:00 pm	Knitting Group, Room 102
5:00 pm	UMYF, Dining Hall & Youth Center

Monday, March 31

8:30 am	Attendance Volunteers, Work Room
9:00 am	Counters, Conference Room
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Beaumont Crosstalk, IHOP
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting, Conference Room
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts Tiger Cubs, Youth Center Red Room
7:00 pm	Beaumont Amateur Radio Club, Room 101
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts, Youth Center Green Room
7:00 pm	Cub Scouts Webelos I, Youth Center Blue Room
7:00 pm	Cub Scouts Wolves, Youth Center Red Room

Tuesday, April 1

9:30 am	Fountain of Faith (Women's Bible Study), Parlor
5:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting - Traditional, Room 104
6:30 pm	Children's Council Meeting, Room 108
6:30 pm	College Ministry Team Meeting, Conference Room
6:30 pm	Outreach/Publicity Ministry Team Meeting, Room 102
6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting - Contemporary, Room 104
6:30 pm	Youth Ministry Team Meeting, Youth Center
7:30 pm	Al-Anon, Room 101
7:30 pm	St. Frances AA, Room 112 (Childcare, Room 106)

Wednesday, April 2

7:00 am - 7:45 am	Sour Lake Crosstalk, Day Break Cafe
8:30 am	Circuit Rider Volunteers, Teacher Work Room
12:15 pm	Communion, Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Prayer & Card Ministry Team Meeting, Conference Room
4:15 pm	King's Kidz Choir Practice, Choir Room
	Mid-Week Boost
5:00 pm	Dinner: Smothered Pork Chops with Rice, Salad Bar, and Dessert, Dining Hall
5:45 pm	Handbell Choir Practice, Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Children's Adventure Club, Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting, Adult Bible Study Classes, Youth Boost, Classrooms
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room
7:30 pm	North Major AA, Rooms 104 & 106
7:30 pm	St. Frances AA Men's Group, Teacher Work Room
7:30 pm	St. Frances AA Women's Group, Room 106

Thursday, April 3

9:00 am	Heritage Committee Meeting, Room 102
9:15 am - 10:00 am	Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary
12:10 pm - 12:50 pm	Lunch With The Lord, Parlor
12:30 pm	Senior Games Day, Youth Center
2:00 - 4:00 pm	Going Away Party for Lunamae Blackburn, Parlor
6:30 pm	UMW Deborah Circle, Parlor
7:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous, Room 102
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Praise Band Practice, Praise Center
7:30 pm	Al-Anon, Room 101
7:30 pm	St. Frances AA, Room 112 (Childcare, Room 106)

Friday, April 4

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Parent's Night Out, Praise & Worship Center
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Saturday, April 5

7:30 pm	St. Frances AA, Room 112 (Childcare, Room 106)
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If you have additions, deletions, or changes to the calendar, contact Gail McMillon at gcmillon@wesleyumc.com.



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

Birthdays and Celebrations

Listed are those who are celebrating a birthday. Keep these persons in your prayers for that day. It is our desire to have every Wesley member's birthday listed. If your birthday is not listed, please inform the church office.

March 30

Beverly Stewart
Katie Waddell

March 31

Barry Brooks
Edie McBride
Angela Stinson

April 1

Tyler Carrell
Roy Follmer
Marian Godwin
Alesia Ricks
Julian Zurita

April 2

Logan Franklin
Julie George
Jessica Joosten
Quest Mock
Ryenne Poole
Gwin Price
Lindsay Smith
Laurie Swindells



April 3

Samuel Beard
Taye Darden
Richard Mobley
Lou Scheets
Ronnie Spell

April 4

Clifton Barlow
Colton Buckner
Chris McCollum
Stephen Mouton
Rocky Rhoads
Roy Taylor
Tressa Warner

April 5

Rick Barry
Koby Bryant
Kenny Fretz
Kristi Fuselier
Mary Ann Mathews
Riley McMillon
John Scales
Bob Summers

*You are invited
to a reception
in honor of
Lunamae Blackburn
on
Thursday, April 2nd
2:00-4:00 p.m.
In the Parlor*



*Lunamae will be moving
to Maryland on April 12.
You are invited to come
and wish her farewell.*