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NEWS BRIEFS

Lay Speaking Training

The Southeast District Annual Lay Speaking Ministries Training Event of 2009 will be held February 7 and 8, at Aldersgate Trinity UMC in Port Arthur. The schedule is Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The registration fee of \$30 includes all materials and lunch on Saturday. One basic and two advanced classes are offered. Remember, you must take a course every three years to keep your certification current. You must attend both days. Forms are available in the office. Contacts are Roy Follmer, Rev. Robert Besser, or Rev. Mark Bunch.

MOSAIC 2009 Calendars

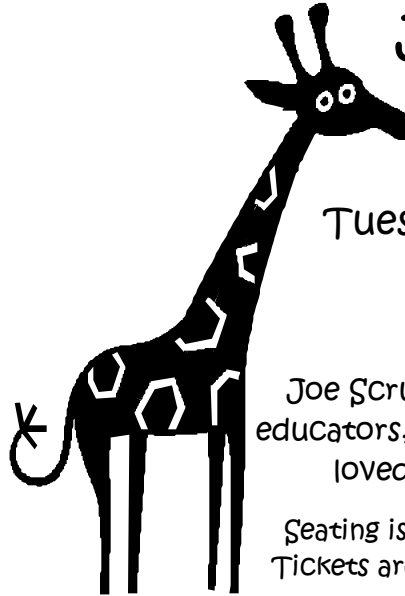
The MOSAIC missions team has 2009 calendars for sale. These calendars feature pictures from our orphanage in Mexico and ads from local sponsors. They are of professional quality and a great way to support the mission of MOSAIC. The calendars are \$10 each and are available in the Church Office.

Reservation Information

Remember to contact Gail McMillon in the office to reserve:

- Any Rooms
- Information Tables in the Welcome Centers
- Sanctuary Lamp

For more details about the reservation process, see page 3.



Joe Scruggs Concert

Children's Performer
and Recording Artist

Tuesday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m.
Wesley UMC Gym

All seats are \$10.00 each

Joe Scruggs, well-known by Early Childhood educators, is very lively, entertaining, and will be loved by all young and young-at-heart!

Seating is limited, so purchase your tickets early. Tickets are in the Day School and Church Office.

Training for All Ministry Teams, Church Leaders, and Teachers

Sunday, January 25, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church, Beaumont

A District wide training opportunity will be offered and everyone is highly encouraged to attend. There will be specialized workshops on various ministry teams and leadership roles. There will also be Town Hall Meetings led by Conference and District leaders. You'll find something for everyone: Passionate Worship, Radical Hospitality, Risk-Taking Missions, Faith-Forming Relationships, and Extravagant Generosity.

Cook for Some Other Place, January 30

Wesley UMC cooks and serves the lunch meal at Some Other Place every month on the second Tuesday and on the occasional fifth Friday. So, this month we will also be working on Friday, January 30. We always have a great team and you are invited to be come join us. We begin cooking at 8:30 a.m. at Some Other Place and the service line opens at 11:30 a.m. If you cannot help in person, we are in need of extra-large cans of green beans. Donation collection boxes are located in the Sanctuary and Praise Center. If you would like to help or need more information, contact Mark Bunch or Roy Follmer.

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



From Our Pastors

Like a Child

It's Quiz Time! What do Abracadabra, Bahamas Pajamas, Deep in the Jungle, Late Last Night, and Traffic Jams have in common? Think a bit...A little longer...Still have no idea? Here's a hint: If you are under the age of 10 or work with those that age you might know. Not much help? Well, the answer is: They are all titles to Joe Scruggs' music. In case you haven't heard, Wesley Day School will be hosting Joe in concert next Tuesday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym. All over the church and in the paper, flyers and announcements have been going up. Excitement is brewing in the Day School and children's homes in Beaumont.

All of that excitement has reminded me of an important truth in our faith. That reminder also came to me as I sat with the children last Sunday. As I looked into their inquiring eyes and smiling faces, I was reminded of the lessons on faith, trust, and joy we can learn from children every day.

Jesus talked about that too. "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." *Matthew 18:3-4* much more follows in *Matthew 18* and *19*.

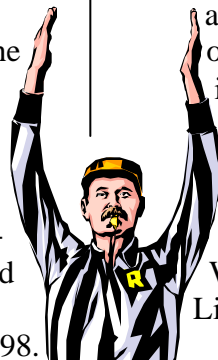
Jesus calls us to have the hearts of faith like children. He calls us to have the willingness to share like children. He calls us to be open and ready to learn like children. So, how can you be like a child this week? When you do, God just might bless you with a new gift in your walk of faith.

Mark

P.S. The concert is for both the young and young-at-heart. So, buy your tickets from the Day School Office or Church office and join us on the 27th.

Missions Chili Lunch on Super Bowl Sunday, February 1

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 1, the Missions Ministry Team will hold our annual Chili Lunch. The eat-in meal will be served in the Dining Hall after the 10:30 service. Take-outs will be available in the Dining Hall after the 8:00 & 9:15 and by the Parlor after the 10:30. Our chili lunch menu will include choices of beef or deer chili, rice, beans, cheese, onions, crackers, chips, cake, and tea. If you want to donate deer meat for the chili, contact Scotty Gregorcyk at 896-5120 We will also have a cake auction after the meal. Normal donations are \$5 per meal. All proceeds from this fund-raiser will be used to support the ministry of missions. Normal donations are \$5 per meal. If you have any questions, contact Darla Duplecion at 753-1198.



News

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men is honored to have Jefferson County Judge Ron Walker, speak at our meeting on Monday, February 2, in the Gym. Among Judge Walker's many responsibilities is deciding whether to evacuate the county in the face of a hurricane.

It is impossible to think of a person who is not suffering from hurricane fatigue. One of the most stressful decisions we make is whether to stay or to evacuate with the threat of a storm coming our way. Evacuations are not only stressful for all involved but also expensive. Imagine many thousands times the stress and responsibility Ron Walker feels during those anxious hours before making a decision for our entire county. Judge Walker will discuss how these decisions are made and how his tremendous faith guides him in his decision making.

We hope everyone will be able to come to the breakfast at 7:00 a.m. Come hear an interesting speaker and be a part of knowing God and making God known.

Desserts Needed for Chili Lunch

The Missions Ministry Team is also looking for donations of homemade cakes, cookies, or brownies to use for the lunch and cake auction. If you would like to volunteer to bake something, please contact Norm Wagner (860-5299) or Linda Stewart (755-6466).

News and Coming Events

Cleveland & Primrose

Wesley will celebrate Heritage Sunday this year on April 26, 2009. As announced last year, with an eye toward our 100th Anniversary, we'll be spotlighting each of the four North End/Wesley buildings and the congregations who met there, culminating with a very special celebration in 2012. Last year we remembered the original location at Live Oak and Cable. This year our focus will be on Cleveland and Primrose, where the congregation moved in 1950.

DO YOU REMEMBER: the men of the congregation building the new church on Primrose? The very **first** Chrismon tree? Coffee, doughnuts, and hot chocolate at the 6:30 **a.m.** Revival Services? (Yes, that's in the morning!) Gatherings in the Youth Center after a football game? Sitting in the balcony? Durwood and Catherine Blackwell? The Craft Group making hundreds of clowns? The Chancel Choir's Bicentennial Musical? If you remember any of these or have special memories, anecdotes, etc., of your time at 3395 Cleveland, please send them to the office.

We will be preparing a tribute to "saints" of the Cleveland location, similar to the one we did last year. If you have photographs and/or short biographies of those who are no longer living and who began attending North End at that location, please label them with your name and phone number, put them in an envelope addressed to Linda Cummings, and bring them to the church office. The staff has also offered to scan your photos if you don't wish to leave an original. More details about Heritage Sunday will be announced soon.



Passionate
WORSHIP SEMINAR

*God is Spirit, and those who worship Him
must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24 NKJV*

January 23rd and 24th, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.
Friendswood United Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Drive,
Friendswood, Texas 77546

Registration and information for the Passionate Worship Seminar can be found at www.southdistrict.org.

Building Reservation & Calendar Updates

2009 is here and we are requesting to have a contact person from each group that uses any of the church buildings to come by the church office to fill out a building usage form.

This request is not only for all outside groups that use the buildings, but for church groups as well. Whether it's a one-time event or a recurring event, we would like to have a completed form for each group on file as soon as possible.



Thank you for your cooperation.

Information Table Reservations Outside Worship Areas

In an effort to be good stewards and to have tables available when needed, it is now necessary to schedule tables for display, information, or for selling items. If your Committee or Ministry Team is in need of a table on Sunday, please call or come by the church office to schedule as soon as possible.



Sanctuary Lamp Reservations

Reserved spots are available for the Sanctuary Lamp that burns each week in Honor or Memory of someone. Each reservation costs \$5. Stop by the church office to reserve your spot.

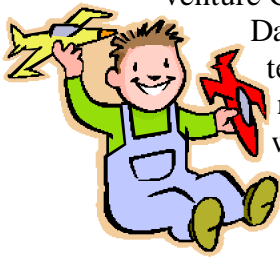
Children's Ministry

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

Autism Workshop

**Saturday, February 21
8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

Wesley will be hosting a workshop on autism in the Sanctuary. Cecilia Mitchell, from Region 7, will be discussing characteristics of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and share strategies for controlling behavior. She will offer suggestions for communication with the child and his/her parents. All Sunday School teachers, Adventure Club teachers, Day School teachers, and nursery workers are encouraged to attend.



MYMU "Gift of Love" Project (third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders)

Sunday, February 8, 2009
4:30–6:30 p.m.

Please bring a total of 10 individual packages of crackers, peanuts, cookies, snacks, etc.

We will meet at the church and make Valentines. Then, we will travel to the Salvation Army and hand out the goodies and Valentines to people who are less fortunate. We will return to the church by 6:00 p.m. for a snack supper and to talk about our experience. Parent pick up at church at 6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, or if your parents would like to help drive and attend the project, please call me at 892-7733 or email me at pam-besser@wesleyumc.com

Upcoming Dates:

February 6, 2009—Parents Night Out, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

February 21, 2009—Autism Workshop, 8:00 a.m.-Noon

March 1, 2009—Blessing of the Pets

June 15-19, 2009—District Summer Church Camp

July 20-24, 2009—Vacation Bible School

Youth Ministry

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

Week's Schedule

- 1/21-Crosstalk Sour Lake 7:00 am
Worship and The Journey 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 1/22-Upperclassmen Bible Study
7:30 p.m.
- 1/23-Hot Hearts: Meet at 5:00 p.m.
- 1/24-Hot Hearts: Pickup at
4:30 p.m.
- 1/25-Sunday School 9:15 & 10:30 am
NO UMYF: Recovery Day
- 1/19-NO Crosstalk Beaumont

Upperclassmen Bible Study

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.
This 11th and 12th grade Bible study is currently reading *Irresistible Revolution* by Shane Claiborne and meeting at different houses each week. Come visit us:
Jan. 22 – Stewart Home-
1250 Longfellow, Apt. 115

SAVE THE DATE

High Flight Society in Concert
with Tim Byrne Professional Freestyle Skateboarder
Friday, February 27th * 7:00 p.m.
Praise & Worship Center

**HOT
HEARTS**  **2009**

FEATURING: Superchick, Red, Living Illusions, AND MORE!

LIVE BANDS, GREAT SPEAKERS, & WORSHIP
Friday, January 23 - Saturday, January 24

Place: Wesley Youth Center & Ford Park
Meet: Friday @ 5:00 PM, Youth Center
Pickup: Saturday @ 4:30 PM, Youth Center
Cost: \$25.00

Space is limited, so call now to reserve a spot!

Spirited Spiritual Commentary Laced With Wit and Music

February 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Praise & Worship Center

You'll experience the best of two seasoned professionals—veterans with more than a half-century of experience between them. Jonathan Richard Cring, screenwriter, author and composer and Janet Clazzy nationally acclaimed oboist, musical scorer for movies and conductor of the Summer Pops Orchestra.

“Spirited” is a cultural event with spiritual impact featuring wit, humor and original music and insights from the book, *Living a Legendary Life* with talk about creativity and the movie industry by award-winning screenwriter Jonathan Richard Cring.

Jonathan Richard Cring comes with commentary speckled with great spirited humor, and music blending the finest of all the American styles, and insights on creativity, featuring Janet Clazzy on oboe and the WX-5 wind machine, a horn touting the sounds of over 250 instruments.

“What a wonderful experience to have Janet and Jonathan with us this past weekend. They lifted our spirits with God’s spirit through their wit, humor, stories and songs. They challenged us to hear, to see and to feel in new ways through God’s re-creative work in making our joy complete.”

Sherry Judy

First United Methodist Church,
Pascagoula, MS



Lenten Devotional Book

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 25. Lent is a season of preparation for the resurrection celebration and traditionally a time of reflection and spiritual contemplation. To assist in your Lenten journey, the Discipleship Team would like to publish a Lenten Devotional Book with YOUR submissions! Individuals, families,

Sunday School Classes or other groups are encouraged to share:

- original essays (200 words maximum)
- poems
- devotionals
- lyrics to favorite songs
- scriptures
- artwork
- whatever is particularly meaningful to you during the season leading up to Easter

Please reference the author with each submission. We'll use as many as possible. Please send your submissions to Suzanne Whitfield at swhitfields@hotmail.com or Kaaren Clark at xfirekc@aol.com. Hard copies may be left in the office for Beth Tatum. The deadline is February 18.



Dinner for Eight

Dinner for Eight is a wonderful way to spread fellowship among the people of Wesley United Methodist Church. Three Wesley couples, or a combination of singles and couples, agree to take turns hosting dinner in their homes for three months. Each month, the host couple is in charge of the entrée and beverages. The other two couples in the group bring appetizers, salad, bread, and dessert. The guests are invited by the host couple each month.

After sign up is complete, we will kick-off our first three months on Sunday, February 8, at 4:00 p.m. with hot chocolate and coffee in the Dining Hall. Everyone will come to meet the people in their dinner rotation and talk about calendars. The idea is to blend as many Wesley people as possible for some great food and fellowship in an intimate setting around the dinner table! This commitment is for three months; March, April, and May. Another sign up will begin in August, for three more months.

Register after each worship service in the Welcome Centers or online at www.wesleyumc.com. For more information, or if you would like to help with registration, please contact Meredith Love at mlove@hjsd.net or 409-899-5683, or Beth Tatum. This event is sponsored by the Adult Fellowship Team.

Our Faithfulness

Our Attendance

Sunday Worship	January 18
8:00 a.m.	111
9:15 a.m.	237
10:30 a.m.	286
Total	634
Sunday School	January 18
Children	103
Youth	35
Adults	181
Total	319
Mid-Week Boost	
Children	82
Adults	150

Our Gifts

2009 Church Budget	\$1,378,775
Needed Each Week	26,515
Received This Week	18,041
Needed Year-to-date:	79,545
Received Year-to-date:	67,833
Difference (short)	(11,711)

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received:

Sharing Our Faith	\$2,789
Building Funds	125
Society of St. Stephen	20
Memorial - All	170
MOSAIC	30
Ministerial Discretionary Fund	500
Sanctuary Candle Fund	20

Monthly Debt Service: 5,000

Sharing Our Faith News:

Total Pledges:	\$ 3,390,438
Total Received:	2,616,468
Balance:	773,970

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 Abbi Allen
 Ken Archer
 Kandice Boatwright
 Sandy Bowen
 John & Lula Brian
 Michael & Stephanie Broussard
 Kimberly Cessac
 Clay, Karen, Slate, & Brookes
 Cunningham
 Ted Dailey
 Rich, Cathy, Richie, & Megan
 DiGiovanni
 Neil & Mary Early
 Jack & Jody George
 Brian, Kerry, Lexie, Bryce, & Kaden
 Glenn
 Kevin, Stephanie, Owen, Moira, &
 Keegan Harren
 Rachel & Alex Harrington
 Christan Hazlip
 Caroline Henderson
 Lee & Teresa Hill
 Rusty Howell
 Adam Jackson
 Nate Jennings
 Jef, Lisa, Jerit, & Jillian Kethley
 Jacqueline Larson
 Terry, Kelli, & Katie LeGrande
 Linda Martin
 Ronald Mathews
 Susan McBride
 Patty McCullough
 Doris Melancon
 Pauline Mendez
 Wilda Nobis
 Johnny & Carolyn Nunnally
 Dylan & Kane Villarreal
 Christopher, Kimberly, Wesley, & Keira
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 James, Karen, & Kevin Parsley
 Kayley & Isabelle Plair
 Ginny Pope
 Charles & Betty Porter
 Laura & Nathaniel Powell
 Hazel Rairigh
 Robyn, Ashton, & Kylee Reeves
 Amy Ricks
 Billy & Charlotte Riggs
 Chris, Julie, CJ, & Noelle Savage
 Valerie Srader
 Susan Stinnett
 Lloyd Strown
 Stephanie Waidley
 Jim Warren
 Heath, Marilee, Nathan, & Sean West
 Jean Worsham

Special Gifts

Due to Circuit Rider publication deadlines, memorials are printed a week after their submission to the office.

Gifts as of January 11, 2009

Choir Fund

In Honor of Dolores Hall

By: Kathy & Wayne McEwen

Summer Events



Mark your calendars for these summer activities for children and youth. Adults are also needed for each of these events. Contact Alyson Stewart or Pam Besser for more information.

CHURCH CAMP-3rd-12th Grade

June 15-19, 2009

Lakeview - Palestine, TX

UMARMY-Sr. High Youth

July 5-11, 2009

Porter, Texas

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 20-24, 2009

Ages 3-Grade 6

Helpers: Grade 7-12

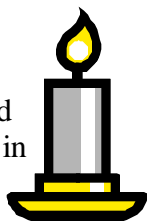
BIG HOUSE-Jr. High Youth

July 30-August 2, 2009

Trinity, Texas

Sanctuary Gifts

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in Memory of Joe Kirkland by Gerry Kirkland, and in Honor of Fran Curtis by Betty Nicholas.



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

Calendar

Sunday, January 25

8:00 am

9:15 am

9:15 am

10:30 am

10:30 am

11:30 am

1:00 pm

2:00 pm

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Monday, January 26

8:30 am

9:00 am

9:30 am

10:00 am

1:00 pm

6:00 pm

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 27

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

5:30 pm

6:00 pm

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

7:30 pm

7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 28

7:00 am - 7:45 am

8:30 am

12:15 pm

4:00 pm

4:15 pm

5:00 pm

5:30 pm

6:00 pm

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

7:30 pm

7:30 pm

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Thursday, January 29

12:15 pm - 12:45 pm

12:30 pm

7:30 pm

7:30 pm

7:30 pm

Friday, January 30

8:30 am

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday, January 31

7:30 pm

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship, Praise Center

Sunday School, Classrooms

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Second Hour Sunday Classes, Classrooms

Confirmation Class of 2009 Luncheon, Gym

Lamar University Faculty Concert Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Lamar University Faculty Artist Masters' Concert, Sanctuary

Southeast District Leadership Training Day, Trinity UMC

Girl Scout Troop 4316, Room 108

Private Party, Youth Center

BISD Holiday

Attendance Volunteers, Work Room

Counters, Conference Room

Construction Meeting, Room 106

East Texas Leadership School Meeting, FUMC Jasper

Staff Meeting, Conference Room

Cub Scouts Wolves, Youth Center Blue Room

Food for the Soul, Parlor

Beaumont Amateur's Radio Club, Room 101

Boy Scouts, Youth Center Green Room

Cub Scouts Bears, Youth Center Red Room

Cub Scouts Webelos II, Youth Center Blue Room

District Clergy Excellence Meeting, Parlor

Crafters, Room 104

Administrative Board Meeting, Sanctuary

Cub Scouts Tiger Cubs, Youth Center Blue Room

Board of Trustees Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Joe Scruggs Concert, Gym

Al-Anon Meeting, Room 101

St. Frances AA Meeting, Room 112 (Childcare, Room 106)

Sour Lake Crosstalk, Day Break Cafe

Circuit Rider Volunteers, Teacher Work Room

Communion, Sanctuary

Prayer & Card Ministry Team Meeting, Conference Room

King's Kidz Choir Practice, Room 112

Mid-Week Boost

Dinner: Baked Potatoes with Chopped Brisket,

Salad Bar, and Dessert, Dining Hall & Gym

Handbell Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Children's Adventure Club, Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting,

Adult Bible Study Classes, Youth Journey, Classrooms

Line Dancing, Gym

Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

North Major AA Meeting, Room 101

Overeaters Anonymous, Room 108

St. Frances AA Men's Meeting, Teacher Work Room

St. Frances AA Open Women's Meeting, Room 112

St. Frances AA Closed Women's Meeting, Room 104

Wesley Day School Parent Teacher Conferences - No School

Lunch With The Lord, Conference Room

Senior Games Day, Parlor

11th and 12th Grade Bible Study, 385 Littlejohn Drive

Al-Anon Meeting, Room 101

St. Frances AA Meeting, Room 112 (Childcare, Room 106)

Cook at Some Other Place

Friends of Girls' Haven, Room 106

St. Frances AA, Room 112 (Childcare, Room 106)

If you have additions, deletions, or changes to the calendar, contact Gail McMillon at gmcmillon@wesleyumc.com.



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

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.

January 25

J. C. Hill
Trey Neil
John Vest

January 26

Trey Crysel
Jamie Jones
Taylor Trahan
Shelby Tullos
Regina Winger

January 27

Carolina Keating
Kevin Keating
Royce McConathy
Blain Padgett
James Turner

January 28

Lee Acevedo
Betsy Cook
Anna Craft
Carl King
Tom Schwab
Sierra Vaughan

January 29

Carol Cease
Lauren Estes
Steve Garrett
Flo Gillispie
Chris Granger
J. E. Ray
Larry Sweeney
Penny Tully



January 30

Mary Byrd
Linda Cummings
Jarrod Flory
Lizzie Gonzalez
Fred Jackson
Barbara McNary
Jack Neil
Candy Summers

January 31

Candace Griffin
Tanya Morgan
Melba Toups