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Wesley United Methodist Church

September 2014

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Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Women's Walk #14-124
September 25-28, 2014 at Lone Star, TX
Led by Carol Ann O'dell

Men's Walk #14-125
October 16-19, 2014 at Lone Star, TX

Women's Walk 15-126
February 19-22, 2015 at Lone Star, TX

Men's Walk 15-127
April 23-26, 2015 at Lone Star, TX

For more information, log on to:
www.netemmaus.org or talk to an Emmaus alumni.

Note to Emmaus alumni: Team members are needed for all walks. If you are interested, go to netemmaus.org.

September Mission Emphasis

Blankets

New and Gently Used Coats and Jackets

Finance Update

Sunday, August 3

	Attendance
9:30 Blended Worship	116
Sunday School	73

Stewardship	
Offering anticipated to date	151,335.25
Offering through August 3	113,580.76
Offering August 3	4,410.26
Designated	710.20

Sunday, August 10 VBS Sunday

	Attendance
9:30 Blended Worship	142
No Sunday School	

Stewardship	
Offering anticipated to date	156,088.00
Offering through August 10	116,491.76
Offering August 10	2,911.00
Designated	4,753.10
Additional VBS Offering	95.00

Sunday, August 17

	Attendance
9:30 Blended Worship	100
Sunday School	75

Stewardship	
Offering anticipated to date	160,840.75
Offering through August 17	119,066.76
Offering August 17	2,575.00
Designated	642.00
Noisy Offering	94.82

Sunday, August 24

	Attendance
9:30 Blended Worship	100
Sunday School	75

Stewardship	
Offering anticipated to date	165,593.50
Offering through August 24	120,766.66
Offering August 24	1,699.90
Designated	348.95

In Memory of Myrtle Thar

By: Max and Lou Jane Drummond
Diane Dixon
Jerry and Shirley Glossup
Mary Logan
Don and Norma Gadt
Charles and Marge Johnson
Stanley and Mary Lou Foster

In Honor of Joe Clark

By: Max and Lou Jane Drummond

From Pastor Steve

Shine On!

I worked for over 20 years at Georgetown College in Kenutcky with a dear friend, teacher, and scholar, Dr. Jack Birdwhistell. He was a big man physically and has a winsome personality. We both loved our jobs which often overlapped: he was Campus Minister and Professor of New Testament and I was Assistant to the President for Church and Community Relations.

I placed both students and experienced persons in ministry in church jobs as well as trained and led a Summer Ministries Team which served in camps, retreats, and local church worship services over a 10-week period of time. DOC was Jack's name to most of us and he most often called me Cooker. We were quite a sight together since he stood about a foot taller than me. We both loved students and treasured the moments we shared with them separately as well as together.

In February of this year, my friend, DOC, died of a heart attack. It is still a great loss to the college, hundreds of persons, and especially me. His words to students when they shared ministry stories with them and when they were "graduating to life after college" were: SHINE ON!

Jesus used two metaphors to describe discipleship very early in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:13-16: "You are the SALT of the earth" and "You are the LIGHT" of the world. DOC captured the LIGHT image to encourage us to be LIGHTS of the world or, in his two words, "SHINE ON!" Of course, the first things that come to my mind when I hear DOC using those words are the words to one of my favorite Christian songs: *This Little Light of Mine, I'm Gonna Let It Shine.* And another verse which says, "Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine!"

Call me an "eternal optimist," yet I declare that "if" we would continue to do this or even encourage others or just in everyday life, what a different world this would be. *Shine On!* In those two words, my friend, DOC, captured the essence of Christianity. We believe Jesus to be "the light of the world" and here in Matthew 5:14 Jesus turns the tables on US and says, "You are the light of the world!" That a holy WOW! And remember what He said to His Disciples as He was preparing them for life without Him in John 14:12.; "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even GREATER things than these, because I am going to the Father." Did you hear that from Jesus? If so, SHINE ON! Keep on DOING the good works of ministry Jesus has called us to do. And these will be GREATER because Jesus sits at the right side of the Throne of His Father in heaven since He "has gone to the Father" for us! We are to Shine On and not hid our Light under a bushel basket or anywhere.

John Wesley used the "means of Grace' to encourage us to Shine On and grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus. He referred to "Works of Piety" (prayer, the sacraments of Communion and Baptism, reading the Bible/ Scriptures, and Holy Conferencing) to works "Works of Mercy" (feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting those in jail/prison, attending to the needs of the poor and needy--those on the margins of society). Happily, several of us are involved in these "means of grace" that encourage us to Shine On! We Wesley UMC folk honor our founder's name. How are we doing utilizing the "means of grace?" (Works of Piety and Works of Mercy)

"WE ARE WESLEY" is our identity! It is, in the modern vernacular, our "Brand." We are people of the Bible, our primary way of interpreting who we are. Wesley would say, "People of one book." Whenever we meet as a group or as The Body of Christ-The Church, we remember our identity and brand. The result should be as my friend DOC would say, SHINE ON! Jesus said it best in Matthew 5:16, "Let your Light SHINE before others, that they may see your Good Deeds (Works) and glorify your Father in heaven." SHINE ON, WESLEY!

WALK like madd

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Sulphur Springs - Buford Park
(League Street North)
Kids Activities at 6:00 p.m.
Walk Registration at 7:00 p.m.
Walk begins at 8:00 p.m.

Drunk driving remains the primary cause of deaths on our highway. Walk Like MADD, is MADD's signature walk event. In over 60 cities around the nation, thousands of people will participate in 5K events to celebrate creating a brighter future without drunk driving and underage drinking. With your help, over 300,000 lives have been saved and more than 300,000 victims of drunk and drugged driving have been served. Your impact is undeniable and your participation makes a difference.

More information is on the bulletin board.

Vera and I want to thank everyone who prayed for us, sent food, called and sent cards. The prayers were reassuring, the food was great, the calls were uplifting, and the cards were beautiful.

Again, thank you and may God bless you.

Jim and Vera Skaggs

I just want to say thank you for the recognition in both services. I appreciate all the blessing and support from all of you. Also thank you for the personalized Bible. It is awesome!

Sincerely,

Rheston Sills

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Jewel Adams	Rhonda Alley Wesley	Jill Barclay
Jim and Mary Barnhart	Dominic Ayala	Janet Bates
Carson Bryant	Janie Caldwell	Allen Cartwright
David Cartwright, Jr.	Amber Clayton	Jon Coffee
The Carmody Family (Phoebe)	Barbara Coleman	Kathy Crowson
Steve and Dicey Rue Cook	Mary Dabiere	Emmitt Daehn
Johnny and Sherry Darrow	Brett Darrow	Jon Davis
Stacy Davis	Virginia Dennis	Diane Dixon
Dorothy Easley	Charlie Epperson	LaJuan Foster
Stanley Foster	Robert and Mary Glover	Jennifer Glover
Janie Godfrey	Doris Herman	Dora Hernandez
Magan,Tim and Eisley Henderson	Frank Hernandez	**Bill Hinchcliff**
Louise and Marvin Jones	Algarine Jordan	Dana Jordan
Allison, Wade and J.W. Mullinax	Jace Jordan	Millie Kates
Rachel Lewis	Conner McKinizie	Seth McElyea
Deb and Dave Nossotti	Ricky and Kay Orr	Bart Penny
Matthew Prochaska	Jo Ann Prince	Ray Roslewicz
Majel and Roger Redick	Pat and Floyd Spears	Kim Shuey
Lacy, Gabe and Ceely Stout	Vera Skaggs	Scott State
Janie Swindell	Burke Tinsley	Allan Thar
Brian and Kimberly Tubb and Children		Betty Tucker
Frances Smith Williams	Chrystal Vargas	Sara Wilkinson

Tim Williams Women's Walk to Emmaus #124 September 25-28
The family of Myrtle Thar (Mother of Cheryl Spears)
The Family of Thomas Mims The Family of Clara Mattison
Johna, Cody, Larry and Angie Blount and Family
The Family of Brad Hinchcliff (Betty Green's cousin)
The Family of Margaret Welsh The Family of John Frankhauser
The men hurt in the accident at the Thermo Mine
Victims of severe weather in the US and around the world
War in Israel and Gaza Orthodox Chrisitans
Children coming into the US from Central America
The Middle East, Korea, Ukraine, Russia **RAIN**
Backpack Buddies North Texas Food Bank
Holy Highway Girls Home Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center
Dallas Bethlehem Center – Wesley-Rankin Community Center
Way of Salvation UMC, Mytischi, Russia
Our Country and Our Leaders Military Personnel and their Families
EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel
New additions to the prayer list are in **BOLD**
Note: Names added to the prayer list will remain on the list for 30 days. They will be relisted by request. Please help us to keep the list current

WESLEY HOMEBOUND

June Anderson Doris Rawls Mary Burks Dell Cline Bobbie Holder
Billie Newsom Vivian & Bill Shell Weldon & Muriel Lucas Sandra McIntire.

TOPS
Garage Sale
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday, September 26

Old Testament Bible Study

On Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (excluding holidays-following PJC's calendar), there will be an Old Testament Bible study. During the course of the year, we will study Genesis through Joshua. This will be an intense and in-depth Bible study that is on a collage level; however, it is being geared fro high school and college students, as well as anyone else who would like to participate. Every week, participants will receive a handout that will have knowledgeable facts alone with suggested Scriptures to be read for the following week's lesson.

I think that knowing the past will better shape us for the future as well as help us answer some questions that can arise from reading the Bible, such as, "How did some other religions come to be?" Some questions can be answered while others are simply just theories. This particular Bible study is not derived from any particular denomination; it is simply a study of the Old Testament.

Join us Thursday, September 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wesleyan Classroom!
(For questions or for more information, please call Dylan at 903-348-5034)

Blessing of the Backpacks August 24, 2014

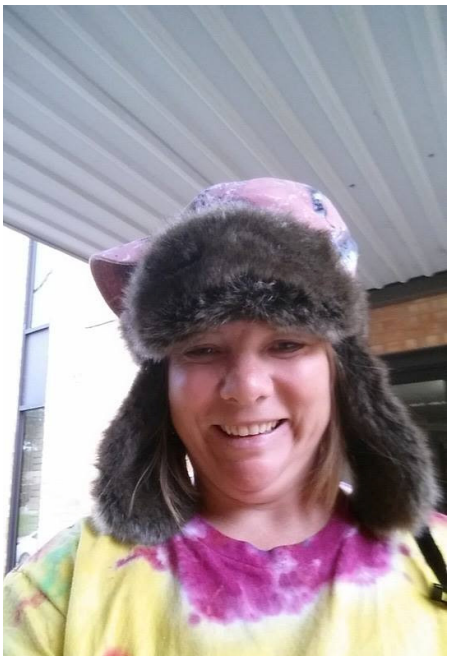
VBS August 4-8, 2014

Wesley UMYF

During the month of August, the youth group offered the viewing of ***God's Not Dead*** to the entire congregation on August 20. The purpose of showing the movie was to give awareness of how an individual can be tempted to give up hope, or even to give up on something to fight for. Every single day, we as faithful Christians, have to face some sort of sin. We have to face the trials of temptation. And sometimes we don't even have the support of our family or our friends. In the uprising movie, ***God's Not Dead***, a young man, Josh Wheaton, faces many trials of temptation from not only his professor, by also by his friends and family. If you would like to see this spectacular movie, you can find it in the Christian bookstore or Wal-Mart.

For many of the youth, school has started, but we still have a lot of fun planned. Mission work and fun days are on the way! Happy School Year!

Dylan Dante di Donato



Sea Dragons

2014 Lights of Life
STYLE SHOW
Thursday, September 25, 6:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
Dinner and Fashions by Lou Nell's
Benefiting Lights of Life Campaign
$20
Hopkins County
HFC
Health Care Foundation

VBS
Sunday
August 10

EAST DISTRICT LAITY CELEBRATION

Reservations are REQUIRED for the:

- **WORKSHIP - so we will know how many workshop handouts to print and how large of a room we will need.**
- **DINNER - so we can plan with the caterer for the right amount of food**
- **WORSHIP - so we will know how many worship bulletins to print and if we need to plan for over-flow seating**
- **CHILD CARE - so we can have enough child care workers on hand**
- **Reservations and ticket purchases are to be made online at**
  www.eventbrite.com/e/204-east-district-laity-celebration-tickets-12231708369

Tickets are required for admission

Non-tickets holders will be

- **Admitted to the workshop after ALL ticket holders are seated.**
- **Redirected to overflow for the worship until all tickets holders are seated.**

You can view the event webpage at
www.northtexasumc.org/east-district-news-and-events/east-dustrict-laity-celebration-september-14-2014

Jodi L. Cataldo Keynote Speaker for the East District Laity Celebration

Director - Laity in Leadership General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church

Jodi Cataldo is married to Rev. Dr. Chet W. Cataldo (Retired Elder in Full Connection--Dakotas Conference) and they have three children: Dr. Jeremiah Cataldo (Professor--Meijers Honor College, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI); Tobin Cataldo (Director of Information Management, City of Birmingham Library System, Birmingham, AL); and Natalya Sataldo (Student-Licensed Practical Nursing, Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Fall, SD).

Prior to coming to the General Board of Discipleship, Jodi served on the Board of Directors of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry during the current quadrennium, on the Board of Managers of the Upper Midwest Course of Study School, as well as continuing to serve as the Vice-Chairman of the North Central Jurisdiction Mission Council. Jodi was also elected as the 1st Reserve Lay Delegate to the 2012 General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

While working as the Director of Leadership Development for the Dakotas Conference from July 2010-November 2013, she was the staff person relating to Equipping the Local Church Link which included the Board of Ordained Ministry, Lay Servant Ministries, Congregational Development and Safe and Sacred Spaces. She also served as the Director of the Licensing and Lay Ministry School and as the Student Loan Officer.

Before coming on staff at the Dakotas AC, Jodi served as the Executive Secretary for Emerging Churches Resources/Mission Education from 2005-2010 at the General Board of Global Ministries where she was responsible for helping to develop contextual resources and Christian education programs in Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Cameroon, Senegal, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos, and Mongolia. Before coming on staff on GBGM, Jodi and her husband were missionaries in Lithuania for six years where she served as the Director of Christian Education and Resources.

Jodi considers it a distinct privilege to serve now as the Director of Laity in Leadership for the General Board of Discipleship, encouraging both clergy and laity to reclaim the Wesleyan movement, and to make disciples to transform the world!

Vacation Bible School August 4-8, 2014

United Methodist Women

Summer vacation is over, ladies, and the busy days of fall begin. The September schedule has a District meeting on Saturday, September 13, 2014, at Calvary UMC in Paris. Rev. Ben Read is the pastor at Calvary. Since this meeting is prior to our September meeting, Sandra will be calling our current members with a reminder and I beg you to consider attending this meeting. There will be a brunch, followed by a business meeting and a worship service. Dismissal is usually around noon. The meetings are very informative and you often see old friends.

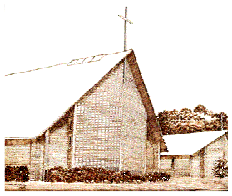
Wesley's regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 16, at 1:30 p.m. The hostess is Sandy Heisler and the program will be presented by Donna Korth. Everyone is welcome and we would love to have visitors!

Diane Dixon, President

East District UMW Annual Meeting
September 13, 2014
9:00 a.m. Registration and Brunch
Calvary UMC
3105 Lamar Street
Paris, TX 75460

Guest Speaker:
Jennifer Sample
President and CEO of Providence Place, San Antonio, Texas
(formerly Methodist Mission Home)

Silvina Epperson joined the Wesley family on Sunday, August 3. We're glad you're here!



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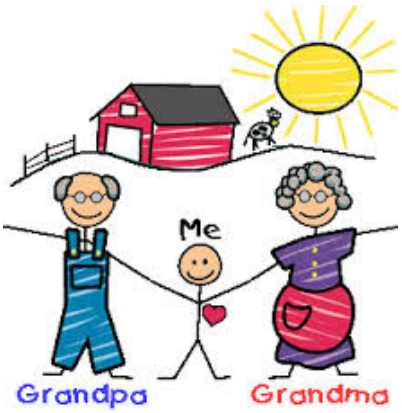
Fall Roundup
Saturday
November 1

United Methodist Women

**1:30 p.m.
Tuesday
September 16**

**Hostess: Sandy Heisler
Program: Donna Korth**



**Goodies with Grandpa and Grandma
10:30 a.m.
Sunday
September 7
in Wesley Hall**