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Wesley United Methodist Church

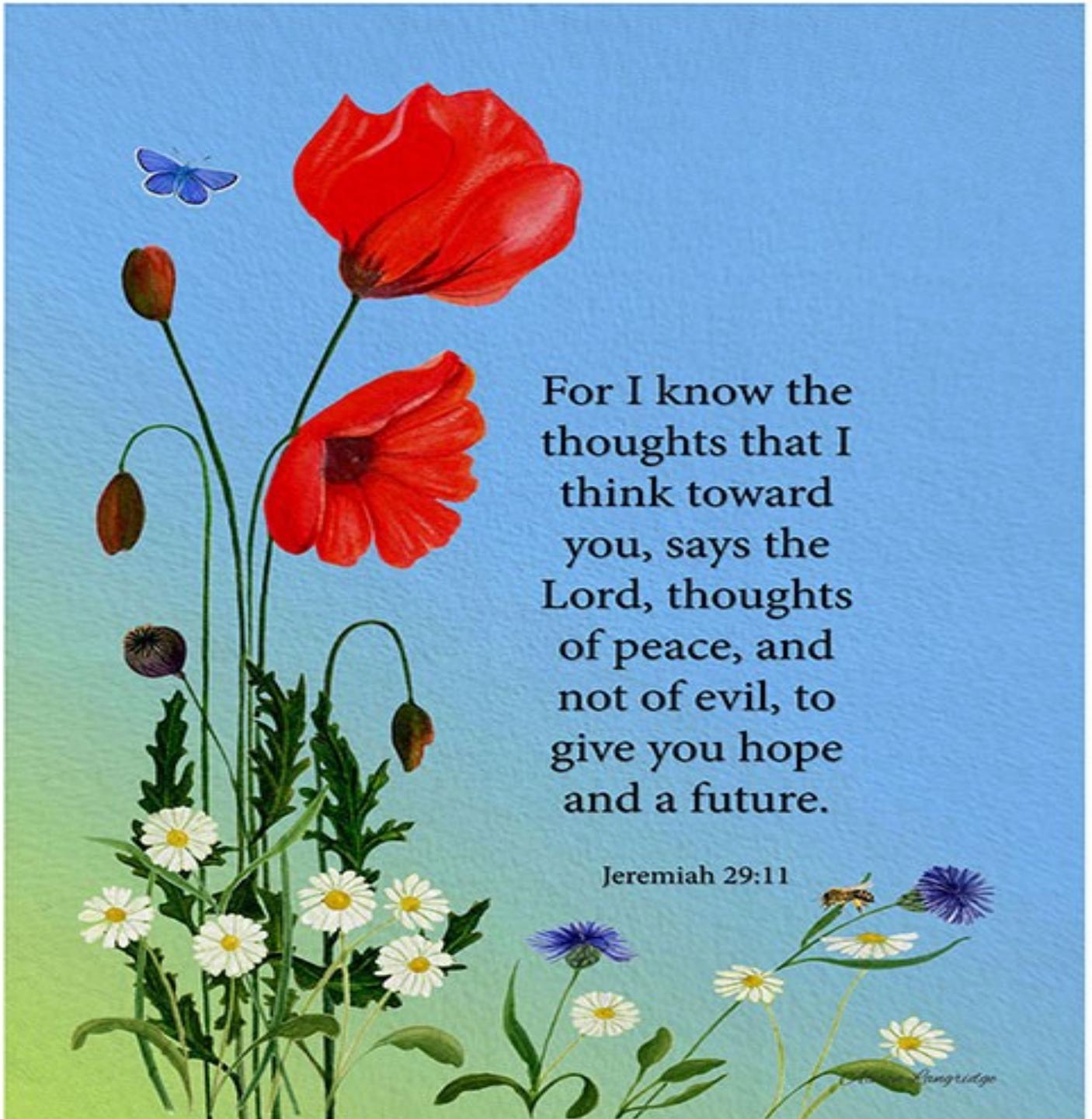
June 2016

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Gail and James Clark made Wesley their official church home on May 1, 2016. You are a very special part of Wesley UMC!

Calvary United Methodist Church
in Paris, Texas

invites you to join us as we
celebrate the retirement of our
pastor and his wife

Rev. Ben and Stella Read

June 25, 2016

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Calvary UMC: 3109 Lamar Avenue

RSVP: Ginger

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“But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus to testify to the good news of God’s grace...”

Acts

I would like to start by saying how grateful I am for this church! I have been showered with love, encouragement, and words of affirmation during my time of preparation for this trip. I have seen the Lord’s sweet love through each of you during this time, and I am so blessed. Our team is ready to see the amazing things God is doing in Gdansk. We are spending this last month of preparation praising God for the great works He has done in the nation of Poland, and praying for continued blessing over this trip. We ask that you continue to be in prayer for our team and the people of Gdansk. We ask that you pray specifically for one of our team members, Taylor. Taylor is expecting a sweet little one, and will be about seven months pregnant when we leave for our trip! Please continue to pray for the people of Gdansk. They are ready for a revival, and we believe God is ready to release a spirit of freedom over this city.

During our time in Poland, we will be partnering with Joy of Life Church to minister to the people of Gdansk. We will be going out into the city to host a vacation Bible school and a women’s night of ministry. Our team will also lead a prayer walk throughout the city. We are so excited for this trip, and we are so expectant of what is to come! Thank you for partnering with us so that we are able to carry the Good News of Jesus to the people of Gdansk.

Andi Clark



Little Acorn School
June Newsletter

Important News

- June 2 End of year school party and last day
- June 3 & June 6 Closed to get ready for the summer program.
- June 7 Summer program begins



Kenna Lane just completed the 6th grade. She received 5 UIL medals, the Principal Award, Reading Award, and Math Award. Congratulations, Kenna!

Presenting this award is Tim Henderson.



I have been the Youth Minister here at Wesley for one whole semester. In the process I have learned a lot about myself, about the youth and about ministry itself. There have been many awesome moments, and some not-so-awesome moments. I have experienced young people responding to God's Word in many different ways, sleeping included. Telling someone that they should be doing something is not nearly as effective as guiding them to the point to where they want to do it for themselves.

While this may seem obvious to many, as the Youth Minister I have found that it is a difficult idea to abide by. Why? Because when one has such great hopes for a group, it is easy to try to impose your will upon the group rather than taking time to nurture those elements that need to grow. While imposing one's own will may work when training animals, it does not work well with youth, table manners aside.

So, what does work? How do we go about helping young people grow in faith? Honestly, that is a really good question, and because I have just recently started to understand the question, I am not going to pretend that I am able to answer it. But I can be sure that the answer begins with this: JESUS. Like I said, I don't have the answer, but I know who does. If we make Jesus our focal point, our young people will grow in faith and their lives will begin to transform as Jesus works in them. It is during this process that we must be ready and willing to bring them alongside us in service to God's Kingdom where they can begin to experience Jesus working through them.

We all have high hopes for our young people, for each other, and for the church, but try your best to remember that it was Jesus who brought us here, and if we continue to focus on Jesus, where we end up will far surpass anything we could have hoped for.

Joe Clark



Didi Thurman	June 2
Mary Ellen Kirkland	June 2
Katelyn Foster	June 5
Mary Lou and Stanley Foster	June 8
Eisley Henderson	June 9
Dennis Jordan	June 11
Shirley and Jerry Glossup	June 11
Louise Stewart	June 14
Troy Garrett	June 17
Emily Glass	June 18
David Foster	June 19
Janie and Jack Godfrey	June 20
Diane Dixon	June 22
Mary Ellen and Malcolm Kirkland	June 22
Magan Henderson	June 23
Louise and Elton Stewart	June 25
Madison Clark	June 26
Dakota Clark	June 26
Lou Jane and Max Drummond	June 27
Eva Phillips	June 30

Vision Statement for Wesley United Methodist Church**

Wesley United Methodist Church, we...
INVITE all in the Name of Christ,
GROW Disciples with the Word of Christ,
 and
SERVE all with the Love of Christ.

**Approved unanimously by the
 Administrative Board on May 25, 2016.

Mission of the United Methodist Church

The Mission of the United Methodist Church
 is to make Disciples for Jesus Christ
 for the transformation of the world.

Little Acorn School Graduation & End-of-Year Program and Reception in Wesley Hall May 26, 2016

The Graduates



LAS Teachers



Vivian Grace

Baby Shower for Trina Ferguson Collins

2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 25
at The Way Bible Church
874 Farm Road 2560

Registered at Wal Mart, Target and Babies R Us



United Methodist Women prepared the noon meal for the students at the Wesleyan Campus Ministry in Commerce on April 27. Joe Clark, Diane Dixon, Dorothy McCaig, Pastor Steve, Dicie Rue and Mary Lou Foster took and served the food.

Walk to Emmaus

The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle. It is a highly structured event designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, and through them their families, their congregations, and the world in which they live. Emmaus is a partnership between laity and clergy toward the renewal of the church.

For more information: there are brochures on the info table in Wesley Hall. You may also talk to an Emmaus alumni or go to: www.netemmaus.org

Upcoming Weekends

Men's Walk 16-131 September 22-25, 2016 at Lone Star
Women's Walk 16-132 October 20-23, 2016 at Lone Star

Chrysalis "Flights" - (for 10th - 12th graders) are three-day events. This three-day spiritual renewal time provides an opportunity for you to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support, and to make new faith commitments. The point is to inspire, challenge and equip you for a closer friendship with Christ and for Christian action at home, church, school, and community.



Sal

Jesus gives us hope.



Mawtha

Jesus gives us courage.

Radar



Jesus gives us direction.

Oliver



Jesus gives us love.

Ray



Jesus gives us his power.

Tad



Vacation Bible School August 1 - 5



PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Gail Balmain	Laura Balmain	Clint Barkley
Rhonda Bawcum	DeLana Beadle	Brayson Boyd
Carson Bryant	Cathy Bryant	Johna Burchfield
Anna Campbell	Cassie Cavaliere	Kathy Crowson
Nell Crowson	Curtis Dickey	Cristine Dixon
Ty and Jamie Funderburk	Patricia Fisher	Crystal Gilbert
Robert and Mary Glover	Jayne Glenn	Janie Godfrey
Donald Wayne Hargrave	Carson Green	Jim Gregg
Reggie Hawkins	Sandy Heisler	Doris Herman
Magan, Tim and Easley Henderson	Dora Hernandez	Kathy Hipkins
Jean and John	Frank Hernandez	Sharon Hughes
Marvin and Louise Jones	Sydnye Joiner	Charles Johnson
Christa and Victor Kasztelanski	Dana Jordan	Correna Korth
Jenny Lawrence	Della Loane	Muriel Lucas
Robert and Charlene Maples	Zane Magan	Brad Norris
Mary Ann McCormick	Johnny Parker	Anna Mae Stolz
Tana and Gary Moon	Red Penny	Remy Pibe
Ricky and Kay Orr	Varie Ramos	Ben Read
Truman Renshaw	Wilbert Rinne	Stan Rogers
Patti Sells	Vera Skaggs	Pat Skaug
Donna and Dave Spears	Pat and Floyd Spears	Allan Thar
Keith St. Clair	Jayne Stone	Jason Stanley
Ceely Stout	Braden Tinsley	Chrystal Vargas
Ben Walker	Betty Warren	Bill Watts
Michael White	Frances Williams	Wanda Winfrey
Jean Wiser 5.29.16	Ron Zitterick	

North Texas Annual Conference June 5-7 St. Andrew UMC, Plano
 Healthy Church Initiative Community Chest/Cupboard
 CANHelp 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, Mytisch, Russia Abused Children and Youth
 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

Doris Rawls Billie Newsom Bobbie Holder Bill Shell Muriel Lucas
 Sandra McIntire Della Loane Lloyd Hiller Truman Renshaw

**In honor of Steve Cook and
 Jerry and Shirley Glossup
 By: Max and Lou Jane Drummond**



**Sulphur Springs Work Camp
 June 5 -8**



**Vacation Bible School
 August 1-5, 2016
 9 a.m. - NOON
 Age 4 - 5th Grade**

**June does not have an official mission emphasis,
 but if you see a sale, you can get a head start on
 our July Mission Emphasis.**

July Mission Emphasis

School Supplies for Travis Elementary

Crayons	Pencils	Ziploc Bags (all sizes)
Hand sanitizer	Kleenex	Elmer's Glue
Wide-ruled spiral notebooks	Magic Erasers	
Dry Erase Markers	Notebook paper (wide-ruled)	
Plastic folders with brads	Composition books	

Pack the Bus

- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pkg. of No. 2 pencils (not decorated)
- 2 large pink erasers
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 pkg. dry erase markers
- 1 8 oz. bottle Elmer's glue
- 1 pair metal Fiskars scissors
- 2 large boxes Kleenex
- 2 70 page wide ruled spiral notebooks
- 2 solid color plastic folders with pockets and prongs (no decorative folders, please)
- 1 hard plastic 8: x 5" school box
- 1 large backpack





Mother's Day 2016



From
Pastor
Steve

Knowing the Rest of the Story...

As believers gathered in Christ's name in a place called CHURCH, we find ourselves in a very good position now and forever. As the popular radio voice and storyteller, Paul Harvey, used to say, "Now here's the rest of the story." And this is the very position we find ourselves in on this side of eternity: by professing and confessing our faith in Jesus as Lord, baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and being surrounded by God's grace, we are part of "The Rest of the Story."

Several years ago, a man who had been a bartender turned preacher turned writer appeared on the scene with a series of books of which the most popular was All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten. For years, I had a poster of the main points of his book on the wall in my office. On slow or painful days, I could look at that poster and find relief and laughter. After all, it included: *Share everything, play fair, don't hit people, put things back where you found them, clean up your own mess, don't take things that aren't yours, say you're sorry when you hurt somebody, wash your hands before you eat, flush, warm cookies and cold milk are good for you, take a nap every afternoon, and live a balanced life: learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some, among other things! (I just learned this year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of that book! Am I that old?)*

Every day when I see The Little Acorn children here at Wesley, my mind goes back to this book and the above thoughts. It happens every Sunday and Wednesday when our church kids are here and find acceptance among our mostly adult congregation. There is no greater joy I experience in being a pastor of a church that exudes acceptance (with an occasional adult-like behavioral correction). I guess whatever the age group, "Children will be children." Which brings me to this thought:

Have you ever wondered why God and Jesus the Son referred to us, the crown of creation, most often as "children?" Could it be our Father sees us as children? Could it be even when we age into adulthood (whatever age it is), we best learn how to do anything first as a child? Could it be that God's love is to be accepted in the same way a child accepts love? Could it be that we learn to share, to grow, or to know best when we begin with an open mind and an open heart?

I have to admit something to you. Besides the image of the Church being little children, we are also referred to as

lambs and sheep (and a few old goats!). What I've learned over the years about raising sheep from others and how they'll eat their way from one another and become lost, I think I prefer the image of being a child over that of being a sheep! (Although the picture of the Lost Sheep being found by Good Shepherd and carried around his neck back home is not a bad one for us to remember.)

It's really all "Good News" when we gather as God's children at God's Church. We know "The Rest of the Story." We know we are not finished products. We still have bruises. We still have pain. We still keep on keeping on being Wesley Church in our neighborhood. As a great saint once said, "I know not what the future holds, but I know who holds the future." Yours, mind and those still

Mission u 2016 Learning Together for the Transformation of the World



United Methodist Women invite everyone: men, women, clergy, lay people, adults, youth, children, members and non-members to attend Mission u:

July 15-16 at Faith UMC, Denton or
July 22-23 at FUMC, Rowlett

Mission u is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society based on recent mission study topics. The 2016 Mission Studies include:

- Spiritual Growth: The Bible and Human Sexuality
- Geographic: Latin America: People and Faith
- Issue Study: Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action

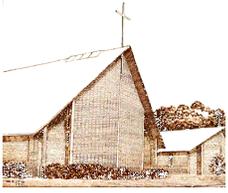
At Mission u Learning Together for the Transformation of the World you grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context. The studies give particular attention to the responsibilities of women in the fulfillment of the mission work of the church.

Mission u events also include:

- Worship and singing.
- Focus Groups and Mission Moments around current issues.
- Audiovisual presentations.
- Fellowship! You will get to know others in your community and find so much in common.

Cost for adults is \$40 per session (2 studies).

Scholarships are available for those in need.



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North Texas
 Annual Conference
 June 5 -7
 St. Andrew UMC, Plano



United
 Methodist
 Women

Noon

Tuesday, June 21

Salad Luncheon

White Elephant Sale

Donuts
 WITH DAD

Sunday, June 19

following Worship

Outreach
 Committee Meeting

Monday

June 6

6:00 p.m.



Community
 Classroom