



Wesley's Vision

INVITE all in the Name of Christ
GROW disciples with the Word of Christ
SERVE all with the LOVE of Christ.

Wesley Witness

Wesley United Methodist Church

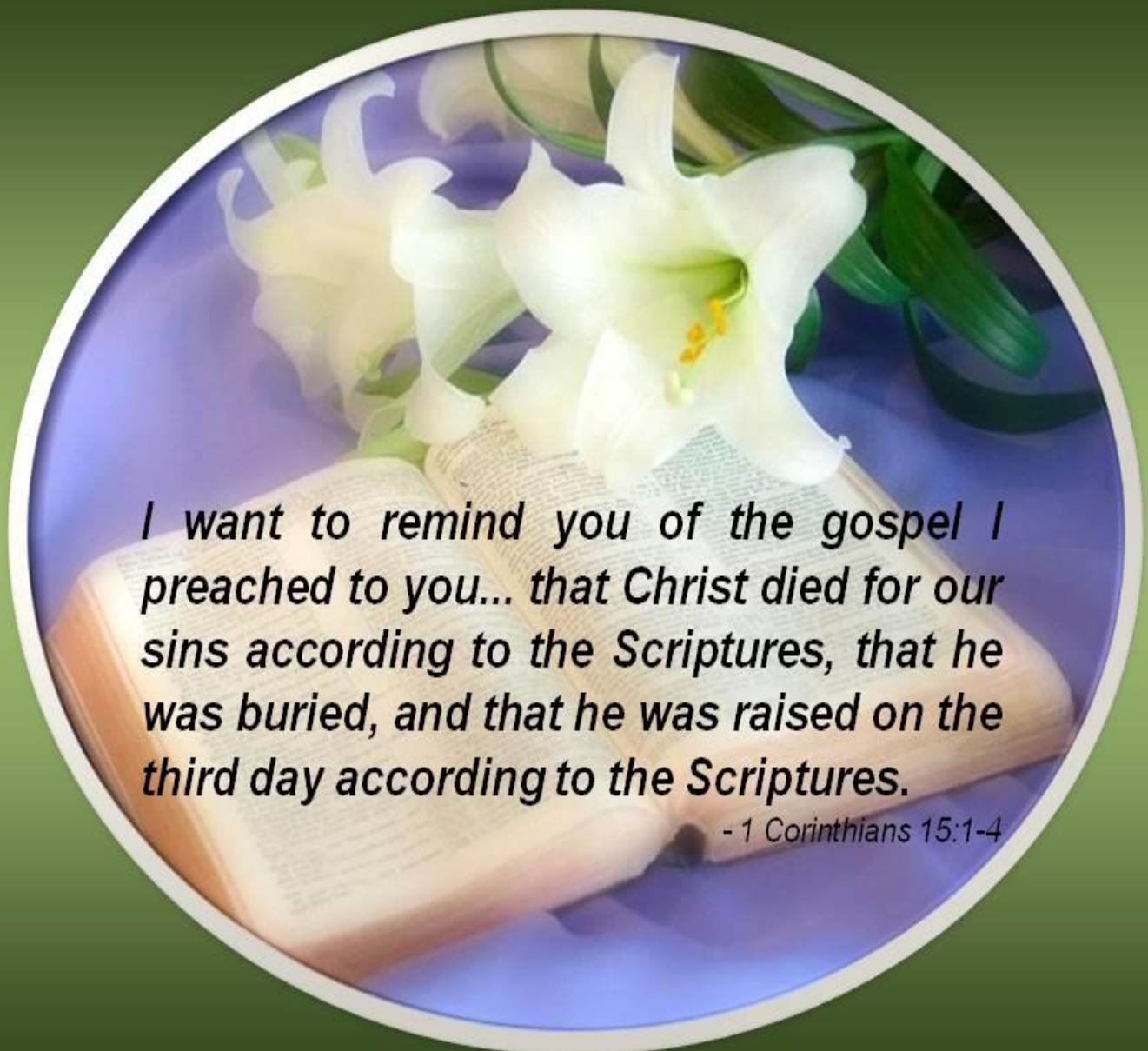
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I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

- 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Lily Order Form

United Methodist Women are taking orders for lilies to be placed in the sanctuary Holy Week. The cost of each plant is \$10.00. Please make checks out to UMW. Deadline to order is April 9.

Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Total Lilies Ordered _____

In Loving Memory of Lloyd Hiller
In Loving Memory of Barbara Formby
By: Anonymous



In Loving Memory of Mary Barnhart
By: Rachel and Gary Lewis

2017 Emmaus Walks

Women's Walk 17-134 Apr 20-23 @ Lone Star, TX
Girls Chrysalis Flight June 8-10 @ Cuthand, TX
Boys Chrysalis Flight July 13-15 @ Cuthand, TX
Men's Walk 17-135 Sept 21-24 @ Lone Star, TX
Women's Walk 17-136 Oct 19-22 @ Lone Star, TX
For more information, talk to an Emmaus alumni.



Needed! Used printer cartridges. We purchase office supplies with the rebates we get from recycling.



Holy Week in the Christian year is the week immediately before Easter.

Palm Sunday April 9, 2017- Commemorates the Triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It is described in all four canonical gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). The crowds shouted praises and waved palm branches.

Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday April 10, 11 and 12 - The last days of Jesus' life as described in the Gospels.

Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday) April 13
The Last Supper that Jesus shared with his Apostles is commemorated. Jesus lays out the model for Holy Communion. Matthew 26:26-29
Mark 14:22-25 Luke 22:14-20

Good Friday - April 14 Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his subsequent death. The Church mourns for Christ's death, reveres the Cross, and marvels at His life for His obedience until death.

Financial Update on Backpack Buddies



January Expenditures	1011.27
Receipts	533.54
February Expenditures	1008.33
Receipts	400.00
March Expenditures	934.35
Receipts	319.00

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Carolyn Albritton	Charles Batty, Jr.	DeLana Beadle	Shanda Beck
Sherry and Max Baxter	Van Bell	Cathy Bryant	Pam Clayton
W.B. and Martha Cox	Charlotte Burns	Cassie Cavaliere	Chloe Cox
Tom and Jane Ann Craft	Megan Earls	Mark Funk	Sandy Davis
Brandon and Amanda Crowson	Sharon Gadt	Margie Giger	Don Gilmer
Kathy Crowson and Family	Sam Gilbreath	Jayne Glenn	Billy Gregg
Faye and Gaither Day	Beulah Godfrey	Kathy Hipkins	Mike Human
Ty and Jamie Funderburk	Ronnie Jenkins	Sharon Hughes	Jase Mabie
Robert and Mary Glover	Martha Johnson	Dana Jordan	Zane Magan
Jack and Janie Godfrey	Pam Hollingsworth	Corena Korth	Kay Orr
Magan, Tim and Easley Henderson	Bob Leerskov	Jill Mangum	Ben Read
Marvin and Louise Jones	Bear Littleton	Sarah Massey	Sharon
Christa and Victor Kasztelanski	Michelle Mimms	Janice Petty	J.O. Shaw
Mary Ann McCormick	Rachelle Mims	Debbie Price	Beth Shurtleff
Jonathan and Cammie McGraw	and Baby Mason	Sara Robinson	Bob Skrou
Tana and Gary Moon	Old Saltillo UMC	Lois Shannon	Dustin Snyder
Ricky and Kay Orr	Tokio Pevalta	Pat Skaug	Patty Soward
Patsy and Don Shaw	Carol Susat	Anna Mae Stolz	Grace Teal
Donna and Dave Spears	Pat and Floyd Spears	Debbie Trout	Tina
Louise and Elton Stewart	Velma Swatsell	Mark Warren	
Bo and Pennye West	Frances Williams	Ron Zitterick	

Our Country and Our Leaders
Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel
Military Personnel and their Families CANHelp
Healthy Church Initiative/HCI Team Backpack Buddies
Community Chest/Cupboard Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center
North Texas Food Bank Holy Highway Girls Home
Abused Children and Youth Way of Salvation UMC, Mytisch, Russia
Dallas Bethlehem Center – Wesley-Rankin Community Center

WESLEY HOMEBOUND

Doris Rawls Bill Shell Bobbie Holder Truman Renshaw
Muriel Lucas Sandra McIntire Della Loane

April Meetings

Tuesday, April 11	6:30 p.m. Trustees
Tuesday, April 18	1:30 p.m. United Meth. Women
Tuesday, April 18	6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee
Thursday, April 20	6:30 p.m. SPRC
Thursday, April 25	6:30 p.m. AD BOARD



United Methodist Women Bake Sale



8:30 a.m.



Sunday, April 9

Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Casseroles, Soups
Company Coming? This is a great time
to get goodies for just a donation!
Save yourself some work and you'll have
more time to spend with family and
friends!



United Methodist Women PURPOSE

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole person through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

The Vision of United Methodist Women

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.



April 9
April 13

April 14
April 16

Palm Sunday
Maundy Thursday Service - First UMC
Meal Served at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Communion follows in the sanctuary
Good Friday Service 6:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m.

The Wesley Chancel Choir
presents

Amazing Love

**From
Pastor
Steve**

Easter Memories

An old saying goes, "Some things change; some things stay the same." A quick look at a photo of yourself just one year ago will tell you: "Wow, I have changed!" It could be the ageing process we all go through (whether we like it or not!), the style or color of our hair (enough said), or that weight which can go up or down. (Yuk!)

In my mind as I write, I see a picture of my oldest brother, Eddie, my sister, Becky, and me adorned in our Easter clothes either before or after church. Knowing the capacity of children to quickly look a bit untidy after new clothes are put on and hair parted, combed, or brushed, I'd opt for before church. As I recall, I even sported a little hat to add "pop" to my Easter outfit. Besides the beginning of the school year when all of us received either Sears & Roebuck or J.C. Penney catalogue clothes, Easter was the one other time I remember receiving new clothes from my parents. As you know, all of us boys and girls looked our best before, during, and right after church. It was always fun to even enjoy the Easter egg hunt in those clothes before our parents would say, "Okay. It's time to change clothes and save those nice Sunday-go-to-meeting digs!"

At least in my family, Easter Sunday and most other Sundays, we made the 15-20 mile trip from our house in Princeton to Papa and Grandma Cook's in the country for Sunday dinner, burr-cut, haircuts, and playing with our four cousins. Easter Sunday dinner always featured ham, but also chicken, 4-6 vegetables, tailor-made Jell-o for each grandchild (and fruit cocktail in most, cornbread and biscuits, and both cakes and pies. The grandchildren sat at their table while the adults sat at theirs. Mommas made sure each of their children had full plates before they sat down to eat. Of course, each meal was preceded by a blessing given by my dad; as I recall, he was the only one I ever heard pray!

I mention those notorious burr haircuts. Papa was the barber for all of the men and boys in the Cook family. I was never asked how I wanted my hair cut until I was in the fourth or fifth grade. When I asked, Dad started taking me to a local barbershop and he had to pay for it! I am glad to report that this family trait has never been passed down the family line so my son, Matt, never had to endure the burr cut. And yet, if you could see a picture of my 40-year-old, Teaching Tennis Pro son in Frisco, you would note he shaves his head, but still sports a beard. Because of the way my ears stood out after the burr cuts, my older brother started calling me "Flaps." Enough said on that.

Through the humiliation of burr cuts, being called that nickname, and putting up with my cousins, I never forgot the real meaning of Easter. It was always made clear by my dad, my Sunday school teachers, and my pastors. It was the day Jesus arose from the grave! We sang "Up from the Grave He Arose, as well as "He Lives." The church choir punctuated Easter always with a "special." Of course, all of us, children

and adults, were honoring God with the best of our wardrobes/clothes. Nothing but the finest for Jesus on His Sunday! Front and center, the Crucifixion on Friday faded in comparison to the Risen Christ, Savior and Lord, on Easter Sunday. I knew, in my heart, it was a divine moment, although I never fully understood ALL that it meant. And in some ways, I still don't, but I trust any doubt I have to God in Christ! Precious memories, indeed.

Sunday, April 16; Let's make more Easter memories together!



Maundy Thursday Service

April 13 at First UMC, SS

A meal will be served in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Communion will follow in the sanctuary. Wesley members are cordially invited to attend. Please make reservations by Friday, April 7. **Sign up sheet on bulletin board!** So they will know how much food to prepare! (Please note: there is an elevator just outside Fellowship Hall that leads to the sanctuary.)



Learn about Wills and Bequests

What are the benefits of making a bequest?

1. You leave a lasting legacy to be remembered
2. You lessen the burden of taxes on your family
3. You may receive estate tax savings

Putting Your House in Order is a popular two-hour workshop that guides participants through some of life's toughest planning tasks. Samples of living wills and other important documents are discussed. A 33-page workbook [cost \$10] is included to aid in making important decisions.

Representatives from Texas Methodist Foundation will be at Wesley on Saturday, April 29, from 9:30 - 12:00 p.m.

THE COACH'S CORNER



Little Acorn School **April Newsletter**

Words from your HCI Coach...

It is good to read about your continued involvement in the community with such missional outreach as Tax-Aide, scouting, and support of Wesleyan Campus Ministry. Kudos! I was also pleased to learn that the church has made stewardship a major emphasis during 2017. One aspect of that financial priority can be the remembrance of Wesley UMC in the wills of faithful church members who want to be a part of God's kingdom not only now, but in the years ahead. I hope many church members, young and young at heart, will be a part of the upcoming

WILLS AND LEGACIES SEMINAR Saturday, April 29 from 9:30-12:00

Please remember to keep personal stewardship and the financial undergirding of Wesley's mission and ministry front and center in the year 2017!

Blessings on the good folk at Wesley and upon their ministry to the community and world.

Justin Tull, HCI Coach



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Joe Batty	Apr 2
Maegan Brock	Apr 5
Sandy Heisler	Apr 6
Donna Nelson	Apr 9
Wanda Winfrey	Apr 13
Norma and Don Gadt	Apr 15
Jaci Nelson Zeringue	Apr 16
Jo Watts	Apr 17
Max Massey	Apr 18
Steve Cook	Apr 18
Jolie Jones	Apr 20
Sue Smith	Apr 21
Gloria Batty	Apr 27
Pam Hollingsworth	Apr 28
Rachel and Gary Lewis	Apr 29

Tax-Aide Federal Income Tax Preparation
from **AARP Foundation**

Tuesdays and Saturdays till April 18

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wesley UMC Wesley Hall

Important Dates

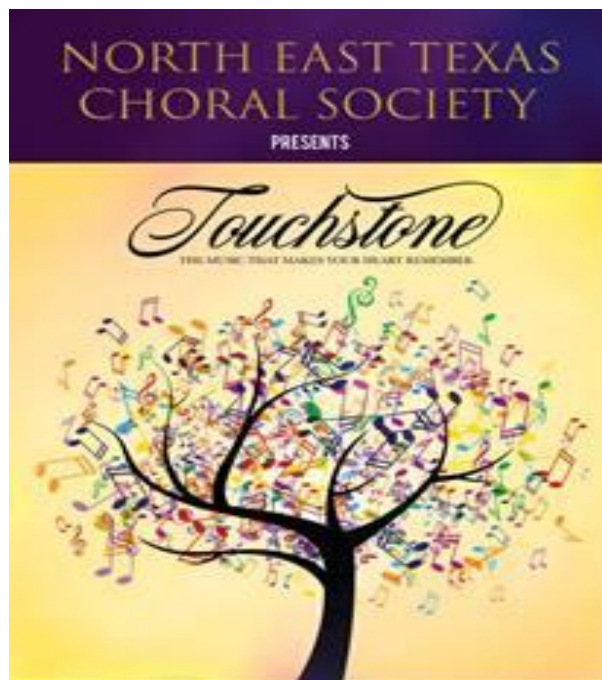
April 13	Easter Egg Hunt
April 14	CLOSED - Good Friday
April 19	Spring Pictures at 8:00 a.m.
	Lifetouch doing pictures
April 21	Pictures for the slide show are due.
	Graduates ONLY

Reminders

Be sure and send light jackets because we will be going outside. Please send your nap bags and an extra set of clothes each week. We will not provide them. We will have to call you to bring them if you forget.

DEVOTIONAL

April 3 - 7	Easter Resurrection
April 10 - 14	No Devotional
April 17 - 21	Jesus Loves the Little Children
April 24 - 28	Jesus Calms the Storm



SSHS Auditorium

Saturday May 6 7:00 p.m.

Sunday May 7 2:00 p.m.

Adults \$12.00 Children \$5.00

\$15.00 at the Door-

www.netchoral.org

Get tickets from singers, online, or from
Alliance Bank, CNB, or Guaranty Bond Bank
Mary Lou Foster, Carol Ann O'dell
or in the Wesley Church Office

Wesley Youth

The Wesley Youth are planning to go on a mission trip to Denver, Colorado June 10-June 17. They will be working with the DOOR project; a faith-based network of cities that provides opportunities for service, learning, and leadership development within the urban context. They will spend time serving with a variety of local agencies and ministries and learning through evening speakers and activities. The experience is about more than preparing a meal at a soup kitchen or playing with children at a day camp. It is an opportunity work alongside local community members, clients, and churches. The people and stories may challenge the group's initial perception of the city. But they reveal the ways that God is working. They help participants **see the face of God in the city.**



The Youth have several fundraisers in the works:



Chopped Beef
Sandwich, Chips
and Drink **\$7.50**

April 7

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Delivery within the SS City Limits
(minimum of 3 sandwiches for delivery)
or come by Wesley and pick up.



Saturday, April 22
at Atwoods

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Friday, May 12
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

The youth will
provide supervised
child care at Wesley
UMC. This child care

will be open to the community. Participating youth
will lead games and activities for children as well
as help prepare snacks.



May 20
at the fire
station on
Gilmer Street.

Time: TBD



The youth will be selling t-shirts to help raise money for the Colorado mission trip. These shirts will be available for purchase by March 26. A link allowing people to view the shirt will be on the church website:

www.wesleysst.org



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Wesley UMC-Sulphur Springs



**United
Methodist
Women**

**1:30 p.m.
Tuesday
April 18**

Program: Steve Cook

**Hostesses: Jo Watts/
Rhonda Alley**



**Good Friday
Service of
Darkness
6:00 p.m.
April 14
Wesley Sanctuary**

**The Wesley Chancel
Choir
presents**

**Amazing
Love**

**9:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday
April 16**