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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

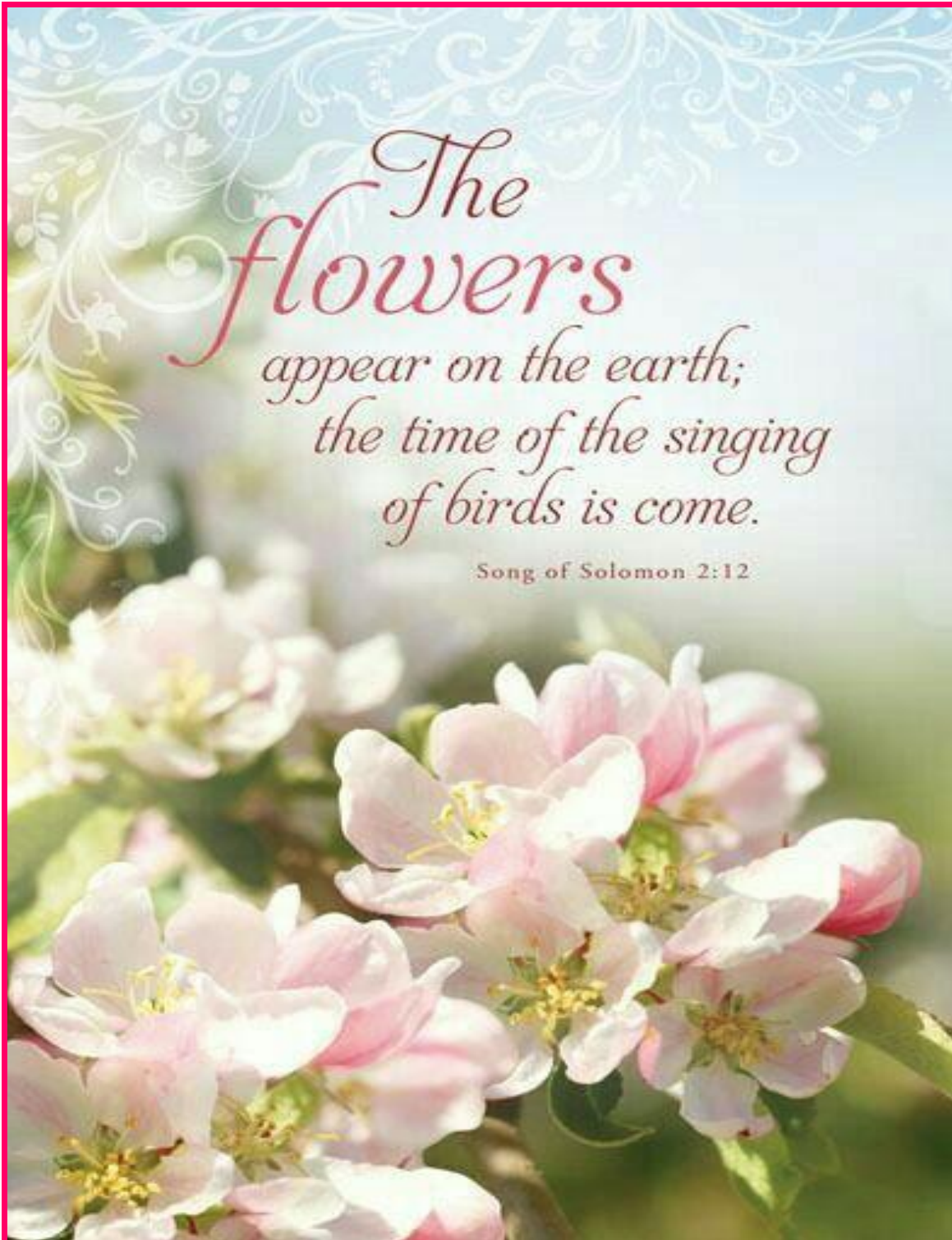
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Notes from the Lay Leader

Hallelujah, we serve a risen Savior!! We hear a lot of bad news every day but the best news we can hear is that Jesus loves us, He died for us, and He is risen!

Thank you to the Wesleyan Class for the fund raising lunch for apportionments. We collected \$1,645.00 and every penny will go to pay on our apportionments. The class and Gary and Rachel bought the hams and everything else was donated by class members. The food was delicious, the fellowship was heart-warming and the hard work was totally worth it. Thank you to those who came early and helped in the kitchen, and to those of you who helped clean up. Thank you for eating with us and generously donating.

The upgrades on the youth parsonage are coming along nicely. The Trustees paid an impromptu visit to Joe and Amanda last week. Joe was vacuuming when we arrived! Joe and Amanda always welcome us with open arms. They are such an asset to our church family and we appreciate the two of them. We are blessed to have them and Pastor Steve and Dicie Rue. I look forward to coming to Wesley every week and worshiping with these two leaders and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Let us continue to welcome the children and youth on Wednesday night. I believe we are making progress in teaching these children how to act and to have manners. Perhaps we all need to work on those two things!!!

Hallelujah, we serve a risen Savior!!

Lou Jane Drummond



Easter Egg Hunt, March 28, 2018

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Kay Atkins	Charles Batty, Jr.	Delana Beadle
John Bostick	James Brown	Cassie Cavaliere
Wanda Clayton	Dicie Rue Cook	Sandy Davis
Marieke and Hendrik deWitte	Cristine Dixon	Nell Drummond
Jayne Glenn	Donny Godfrey	Jack Godfrey
Roy Herman, Jr.	Mark Heisler	Robbie Jones
Magan, Tim and Easley Henderson	Lynn Kincaide	Donna Mabe
Christa and Victor Kasztelanski	Jase Mabie	Zane Magan
Mary Ann McCormick	Ricky Martin	Gary Moon
Becky Moore	Bobbie Moseman	Carol Ann O'dell
Lee Ann Carpenter Oliver	Gaylon O'dell	Sandra Parker
Vernice Penny	Carolyn Roland	Reed Schnieder
Mildred Schulz	Lois Shannon	Vera Skaggs
Elton and Louise Stewart	The Spears Family	Allan Thar
Angie Chester Wilson	Mark Warren	Karen Wedding

Kay Students, Teachers, Administrators, Personnel
Military Personnel and their Families
First Responders, Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel
Community Chest/Cupboard CANHelp CASA
Backpack Buddies North Texas Food Bank Abused Children/Youth
Holy Highway Girls Home Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center
Dallas Bethlehem Center – Wesley-Rankin Community Center
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

Fran Francis Bobbie Holder Muriel Lucas Della Loane
Lois Shannon Margaret Campbell Sandra McIntire
Martha Johnson Red and Vernice Penny Marge Johnson

Dear Church Family,

I want you to know how much I appreciate my church family. Thank you so much for being a truly great Christian Church who puts the teachings of Christ to work. Thank you for your continued thoughts, prayers and visits.

Grace and blessings,

Martha Johnson



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Joe Batty	April 2
Maegan Brock	April 5
Sandi Heisler	April 6
Harper Clark	April 7
Donna Nelson	April 9
Wanda Winfrey	April 13
Norma and Donald Gadt	April 15
Jo Watts	April 17
Max Massey	April 18
Steve Cook	April 18
Jolie Jones	April 20
Sue Smith	April 21
Gloria Batty	April 27
Pam Hollingsworth	April 28
Rachel and Gary Lewis	April 29

**From
Pastor**

Church within a Church!

A pastor friend from another denomination stopped by today to leave some information concerning an event at his church. Upon hearing little voices and observing children in Wesley Hall playing, he said, "I love that sound! What is that all about?" I immediately told him it was our Little Acorn pre-school kids playing inside because of the wet weather. He was surprised. "Wow! How long have you had this pre-school?" I replied, "Eight or so years. Little Acorn was here when I arrived going on four year ago!" And I was just getting warmed up!

I continued, "In one classroom off Wesley Hall we have a group of ladies meeting for TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly). In another classroom, we have tables, chairs, and computers set up for AARP tax assistance for anyone needing help with filing their taxes. In a corner classroom (The Community Classroom), we are about to start a Bible study--and that room is used by NA (Narcotics Anonymous) three days a week. In the room at the end on the left side, we have items for our Backpack Buddies program where we'll provide food items over the weekend for elementary children in three schools (Travis in SSISD, Como-Pickton CISD and North Hopkins ISD). And behind this door is our kitchen where we'll prep for our Wednesday night meal for all ages." When I'm on a roll sharing about our church, I tend to get excited! My friend, the visiting pastor looked at me and said, "WOW!" I love that word; WOW!

As I sit here pondering my ease of sharing so quickly ALL of this good news, it reminds me of realizing everything we do at Wesley is really a "church within a church." And then, biblically, Wesley is a local church within the United Methodist global church. And then the UMC global church is part of the church universal! And in each of these associations, individually, we are at all times "a church within a church!" It is the way, I believe, that everyone of us is a part of the body of Christ which, according to the Apostle Paul, is The Church. However you look at one single church, whether it is connected to other churches via a denominational tie or not, no one church can exist without being a part of a network named in the Bible as "The Church: the Body of Christ," it is "in Jesus' name we live and move and have our being" as Paul the Apostle once said on his missionary journeys. It is never I or me, but always we and us.

Speaking of a church within a church, our bi-weekly Breaking Bread Together (BBT) at noon every Monday and Friday has been an added blessing to our Wesley ministries. A group of 15-20 volunteers, referred to as servants, prepare each meal from scratch which includes an entrée, salad or soup, dessert, tea and water. We start each meal with a blessing, over time since October 2017, includes prayer requests from our guests. We serve the

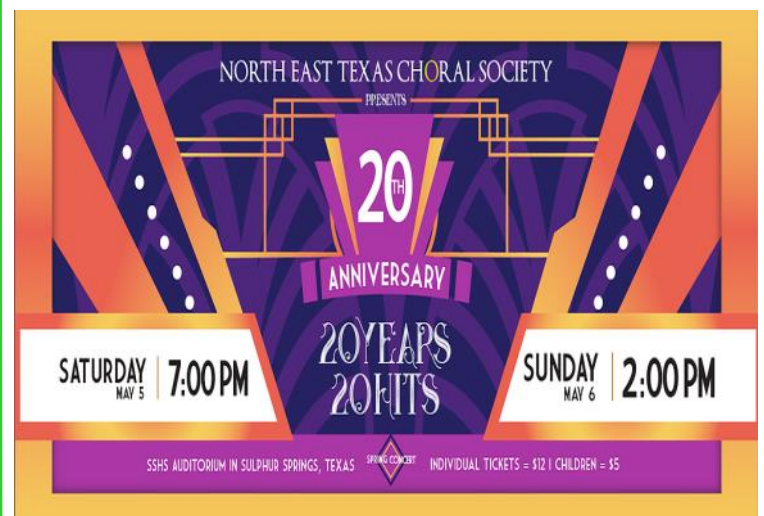
meal to each of our guests, a 10-minute devotional is offered most often by the pastor, but not always, and then a homemade dessert concludes our 30-35 minute time together. It has been a blessing to meet, greet, and eat with these folks from our community. And we have had four folks who have joined our church and are going through adult Confirmation each Sunday morning. We have enjoyed the presence of several others for Sunday worship and also Wednesday night meals. Once again, BBT is another one of our church within a church groups!

Our 2018 North Texas Annual Conference is a little over two months away at First UMC, Richardson. The theme for this year is "New Spaces New Faces." I did not know



this when I wrote my March newsletter article. However, as I think about our theme and my March article, I also submit to you that this last new ministry at Wesley, BBT, is yet another example of "New Spaces for New Faces!" I am aware that any time Wesley supports or starts a new group/ministry, there will be some who really want things to remain the same (that's the way it's always been). And to be honest, most of us pastors walk a fine line or are on thin ice when it comes to doing ministry not only out of our comfort zones, but encouraging members to minister out of their comfort zones. Yet, one thing I've learned in ministry; to grow in the Christian faith requires pruning dead or dying branches so that new life can emerge.

Jesus said in Luke 15: "There is more rejoicing over one sinner/person who repents than over ninety-nine who need no repentance." As your pastor, I think about things like this. And I also like to talk about you to others! Amen!



Lilies Given in Memory of

Leroy Easley
Bob Wesson

James Parker

Tom and Esther Massey
T.M. and Marietta Higgins
Erica Kines

Michael Charske

Morris Logan
Bill and Elizabeth Foster

Our Parents

Roy and Doris Herman

Our Brothers, Robert Williamson
Charles Godfrey

Sid and Christine Speck
Buddy Watts
Carey Gibson

Algarine Jordan

Lynn and Jean Temples
Don Temples

Leroy Dixon

Doris and Aaron McKinzie
Billy Gregg

Allen, Orene and Mike Stubbs
Marcus and Kathryn Warren

The Davis Family
The Bradshaw Family

Past Members

Raymond McCaig and Randy Jenkins

By

Wandean Easley

Sandra Parker

Max and Ilene Massey

Kelly Moser

Mary Lou and Stanley Foster

Gary and Deb Huffman

Gina Wilder

Jack and Janie Godfrey

Bill and Jo Watts

L.B. Jordan and Family

Lynna Nichols

Diane Dixon

Brenda and Doyle McKinzie

Mark and Betty Warren

Joyce Davis

TOPS #1233

Dorothy McCaig

Lilies Given in Honor of

Children and Grandchildren

Vivian and Wade Kines
Marcy and Max Massey, Jr.

Mary Logan

Erica, Ryan, Adelaide
and Emma Murphy
Ethan Huffman

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Glass and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Herman, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wilder

Miss Gail Herman

Bill Wilder

The Choir

Children and Grandchildren

Our Family

Vera Ann Johnson

Joy Brittan

Our Families

Peggy and Jim Gregg

Mark Allen and Marcus

Stephen, Kylie and Kaitlyn Warren

My Children, Grandchildren
and Great-grandchildren

By

Sandra Parker

Max and Ilene Massey

Mary Lou and Stanley Foster

Gary and Deb Huffman

Gina Wilder

Dennis and Paula Jordan

Gary and Rachel Lewis

James and Gail Clark

Joe, Gloria, Ricky and Chelsea Batty

Lynna Nichols

Joe, Amanda, Ruth and J.C. Clark

Brenda and Doyle McKinzie

Mark and Betty Warren

Joyce Davis

Youth Valentine Lunch



Youth Valentine Lunch February 18, 2018



In Loving Memory of Robert Glover

By: Diane Dixon

Jack and Janie Godfrey

In Loving Memory of Margie Pope

By: Gary and Rachel Lewis

Jack and Janie Godfrey

Jerry and Shirley Glossup

In Memory





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**United
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**1:30 p.m. Tuesday
April 17**



United Methodist Women

Bake Sale

8:30 a.m.



Sunday, April 8

Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Casseroles, Soups

