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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

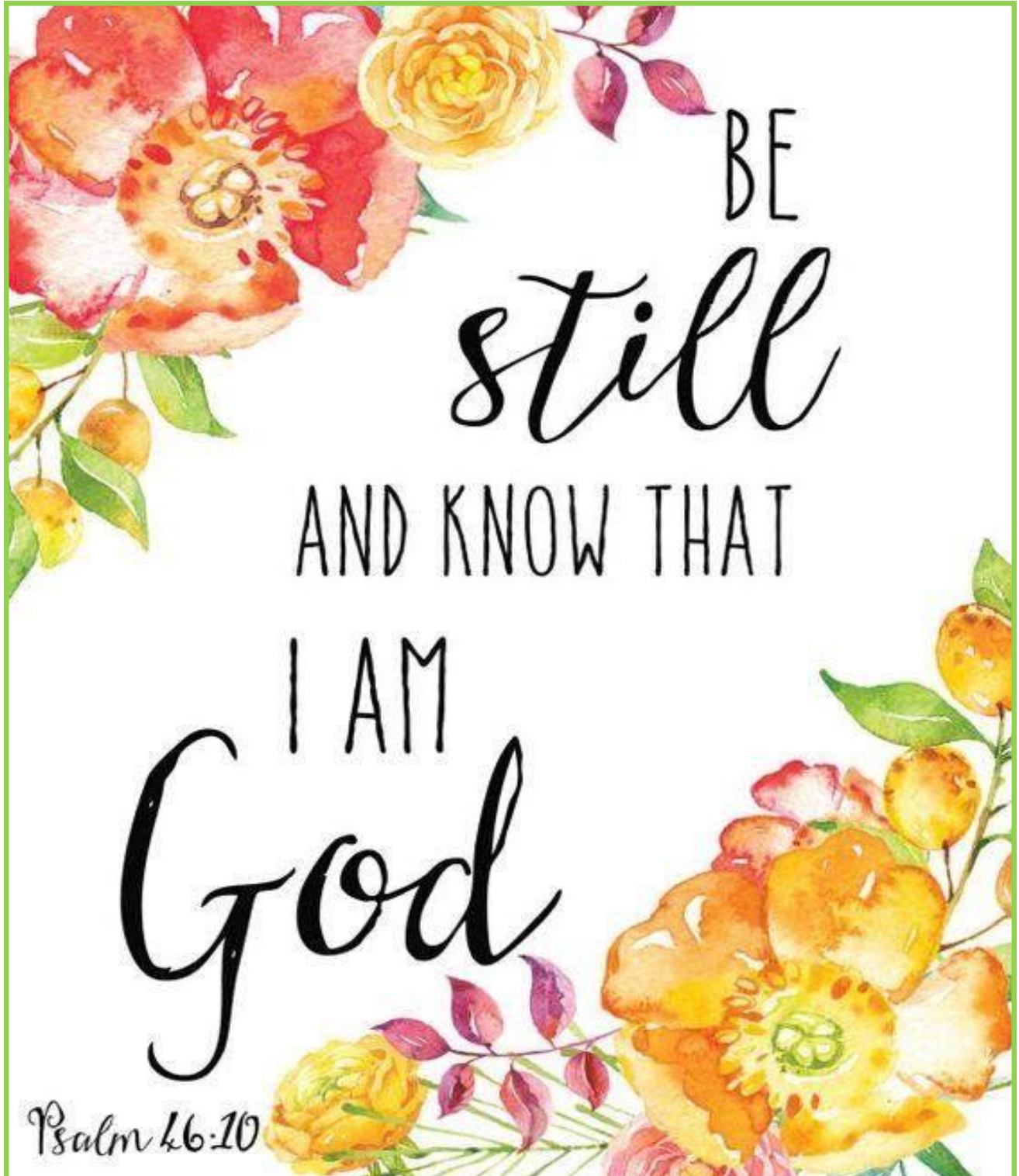
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United Methodist Women

Salad Luncheon NOON



Tuesday, June 19

Our famous White Elephant Sale follows lunch



It's a lot of fun!

P.S. Guests don't have to bring a salad!



Father's Day

Father's Day is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic Europe, it has been celebrated on March 19 (St. Joseph's Day) since the Middle Ages. This celebration was brought by the Spanish and Portuguese to Latin America, where March 19 is often still used for it, though many countries in Europe and the Americas have adopted the U.S. date, which is the third Sunday of June (falling June 17 in 2018). It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March, April and June. It complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as Mother's Day, Siblings Day and Grandparents Day.

Donuts with DAD Sunday, June 17 following worship



PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Jordyn Ausmus	Betty Bassham	Charles Batty, Jr.	Delana Beadle
John Bostick	James Brown	Julia Brown	Cassie Cavaliere
Wanda Clayton	Sandy Davis	Nell Drummond	Silvina Epperson
Debra Furbay	Gene George	Jake Gibson	Jayne Glenn
Jerry Glossup	Donny Godfrey	Mark Heisler	Rebecca Hines
Roy Herman, Jr.	Spencer Hinkle	Myndi Horne	Lucille Jenkins
Magan, Tim and Easley Henderson		Robbie Jones	Lynn Kincade
Christa and Victor Kasztelanski		Mary Logan	Jase Mabie
Fred and LaDonna Kusta	Zane Magan	Ricky Martin	Bobbie Moseman
Mary Ann McCormick	Jana Prochaska	Carol Ann O'dell	Carolyn Roland
.Lee Ann Carpenter Oliver	Mildred Schulz	The Spears Family	Nancy Stobough
Elton and Louise Stewart	Allan Thar	Mark Warren	Karen Wedding
Barbara and Jim Williams			

Military Personnel and their Families
First Responders, Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel
Community Chest/Cupboard CANHelp CASHA
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	

In Loving Memory of Ben Read

By: Diane Dixon
Cheryl and Rick Spears



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Didi Thurman	June 2
Mary Ellen Kirkland	June 2
John Moser	June 5
Mary Lou and Stanley Foster	June 8
Easley 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
Janie and Jack Godfrey	June 20
Diane Dixon	June 22
Bethany and Chris Ferrall	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

From Pastor

DC-AC

In my lifetime spanning 67 years, I've had to learn so many abbreviations in order to exist, eat, file my taxes, know my nationality, where I reside, especially state and country, and even to know my identification as a clergy professional! It's just exhausting to figure out all of this stuff.

Take the title of this article: DC-AC: some may say for you, Steve, it means: "Don't Call-At Coffee." Or "Doggone Computer-Abort Completed!" And, if you turn this around to AC-DC, many younger folk would immediately reply: "That's the name of a popular, Australian rock band--and a good one at that! But what does DC-AC at this time of year mean to Methodists? Simple: It's first District Conference and then it's on to Annual Conference! And that is what Bonnie Gilmer did this past Sunday (May 20-Pentecost) at First UMC, Sulphur Springs, with DC: and we will, along with Diane Dixon and Silvina Epperson be attending AC Sunday, June 3-Tuesday, June 5 at First UMC, Richardson, TX (Oops! Another abbreviation). And, may I add, I do hope when I use UMC you understand that is the United Methodist Church! (Just can't get away from this, can we?)

At our District Conference, we learned some disappointing statistics for our 86 churches in the East District. Total church membership-down; average worship and Sunday school attendance-down. Total professions of faith for 86 churches-only 122. In fact, the ONLY bright statistic-at the moment-is that, as the East District, we are leading the other 3 Annual Conference Districts in the percentage of giving toward apportionments. I, for one pastor, heard my DS (oh, that means District Superintendent) express deep regret in all of us to reach out and bring more people in our neighborhoods into our churches and also into the Kingdom ministry! And to emphasize his deep concern, he announced to us as District Delegates that on Saturday, September 8, he expects ALL clergy with ALL of their key laity leaders to be at First UMC, Sulphur Springs, from 9 a.m. - Noon to be there and participate and learn how ALL OF US can be more intentional and effective in ministry. ALL three Annual Conference Ministry Center Directors will be there to help and encourage us in our ministries!

Let me be clear. How we do ministry in 2018 is vastly different from the way I was raised and taught both in college and in seminary. Now it is mandatory for a couple to BOTH work outside the home. This is an easy sentence to write, but repercussions of it are mind-boggling: No longer a mom or dad available to lead in a ministry during the day because of work and during the evenings because of both being tired, fixing meals, doing laundry, or even helping with homework (or being mom/dad the taxi driver for children's activities)! And with the current divorce rate being over 50%, single parents have to do ALL of the above on a daily/nightly basis. Add to all of this children/youth sports, dance, clubs after school or in the evening, bands, choirs, theater groups, social learning groups, and UIL competitions--and this is not an exhaustive list--no wonder ALL of us stay on the tired/or depleted side! Oh yeah, I forgot I-phones and all tech toys! With all of these choices, I've learned that church gets lesser attention even from those who've been in church much of their lives! (I am not, please, railing against these multi-listings or choices for our families. As a parent, I/we

had to choose the best for our children and, trust me, combat ever-alluring opportunities for our children. And I/we had to compromise at times!)

So, I am outlining a path for me/us:

1. Let's recommit to God to pray for wisdom and guidance for families.
2. Let's seek ways via conferences or good ministry practices from other folk.
3. Let's "keep on keeping on" those ministries which we agree are effective.
4. Let's be bold to phase out or eliminate ministries that we deem ineffective.
5. Let's agree "any idea" on how we can improve should be considered.
6. Let's agree to be the presence of Jesus Christ first in our own neighborhood.
7. Let's share ministries with any group of like-minded followers of Christ.
8. Let's not reinvent the wheel in order to mimic effective ministry ongoing.
9. Let's commit to partner with churches to serve our Lord with gladness!
10. Let's become "compellers" and let go of being "expellers" accepting ALL.
11. Let's "Be the Church" wherever we are as opposed to "coming to church."
12. Let me be clear: Wesley UMC does effective ministry in so many ways. I am very pleased to serve Wesley as Pastor. May I/we seek ways to be better and more effective for the glory of God! "The fields are ripe for harvest."



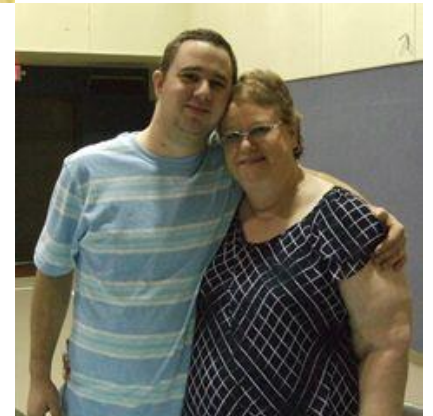
Team Outreach

The Outreach Committee met Tuesday, May 22. Several ideas we are considering include:

- 1 Participating in the **CANHelp Back to School Fair** in August.
- 2 **Arts and Crafts Fair** to be held at Wesley (September). There will be more information provided as we work out the details.

The next meeting will be at **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 12**. You are invited to attend the Outreach meetings and we welcome your ideas!

Muffins with Mom May 13, 2018





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Wesley UMC-Sulphur Springs



**North Texas
Annual
Conference**

**June 3-5
First UMC, Richardson**



**Donuts with Dad
Sunday, June 17**

MEMORIAL DAY

**We remember those
who died while
serving in our
country's armed
forces.**