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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

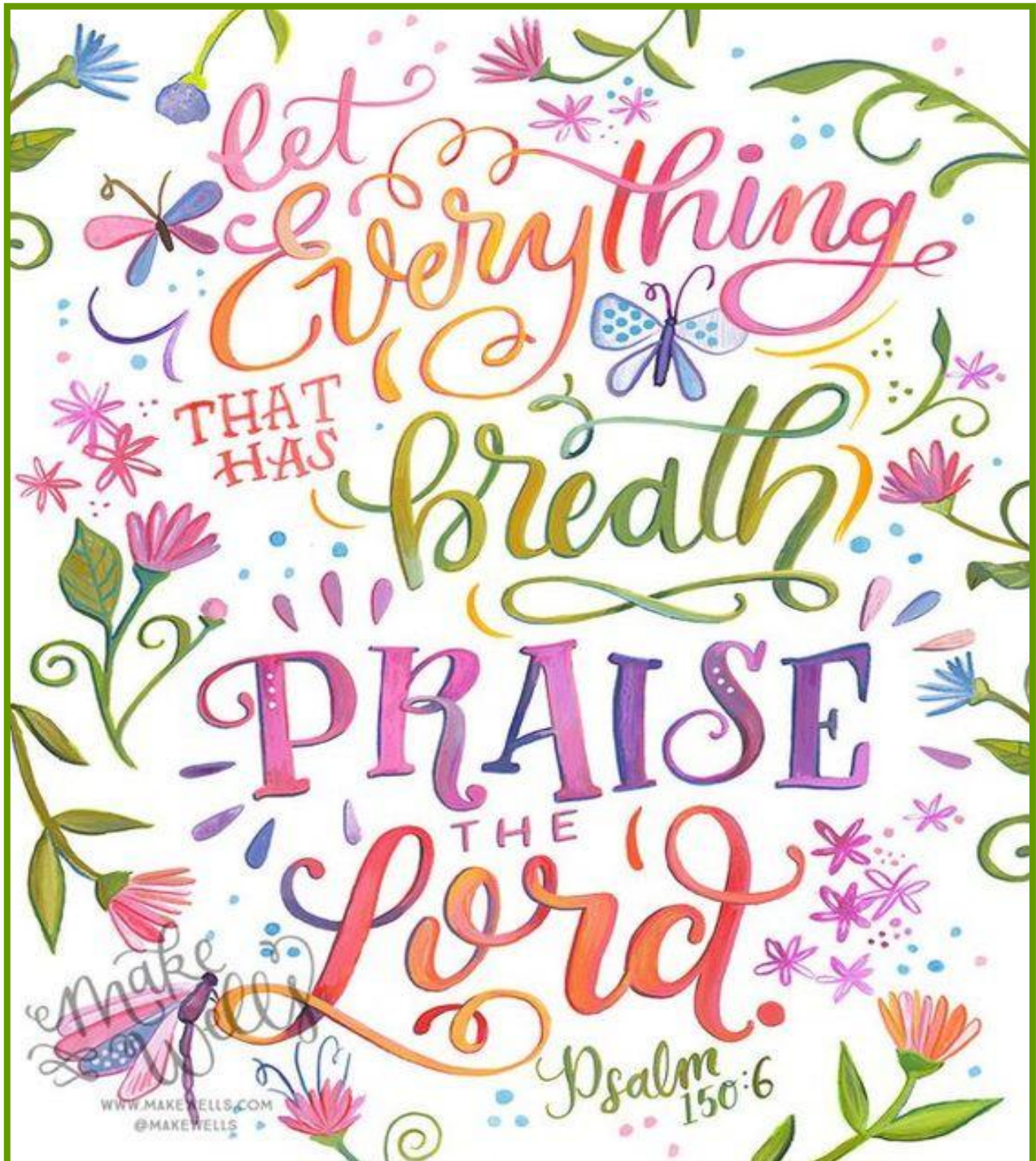
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Please note: Memorials as of February 24, 2019

In Loving Memory of Max Drummond

By: The L.B. Jordan Family Donna Korth
Martha Payton and Regina Payton
Steve and Brenda Cupps Carolyn Nance
Don and Barbara McKinney Gaylon and Carol Ann O'dell
Charles and Grace Murray Malcolm and Mary Ellen Kirkland
Jeff and Lana Caldwell Bonnie Huffstetler
Muriel Lucas Don and Norma Gadt



In Loving Memory of Mack Phillips

By: Rick and Cheryl Spears Kathy and Ronny Darrow
Mary Logan Donna Korth
Bill and Gina Wilder Jerry and Shirley Glossup
Brent and Diane Glenn Danny and Deana Ragsdale
L.B. Jordan Family George and Bonnie Callan
Lisa Phillips, Mark, Allison and Jack Phillips, Michael, Lisa,
Josh and Erin Neill Springwood Neighbors
Billy Crowson Devin and Bernice Fitzgerald
Ken and Bonnie Burtch Kenny and Ruth Crowson
B.C. Law Mike and Leta Mahand
Mary Smith Steve and Brenda Cupps
Rhonda Alley Coy and Patsy Johnson
Blake and Dusty Sheffield JoAnn Johnson
Jennie Deaton Ronnie and Jonette Almon
Katie Vestal Mary Lynn Ferguson
Deana Goggins Janie Logan
Randy Melton and Theresa Sally Maxfield
Johnny Darrow Mary Oliphant
Doyle and Brenda McKinzie Gaylon and Carol Ann O'dell
Mark and Betty Warren Charles and Grace Murray
Malcolm and Mary Ellen Kirkland Jeff and Lana Caldwell
Bonnie Huffstetler Janet and Pat Skauge
JoAnn and Ronald Holley Jim and Retha Kilgore
Mary Fleming Muriel Lucas
Don and Norma Gadt Ann Bryant

In Loving Memory of Red Penny

By: Rick and Cheryl Spears Rachel and Gary Lewis
Elizabeth Green Bill and Gina Wilder
Jerry and Shirley Glossup L.B. Jordan Family
Ronny and Kathy Darrow Linda Pierceall
Jimmy and Wanda Winfrey Vera Ann Johnson
JoAnn Johnson Bonnie Huffstetler
Muriel Lucas Don and Norma Gadt

In Honor of The Mack Phillips Family

By: L.B. Jordan Family

In Honor of The Max Drummond Family

By: L.B. Jordan Family

In Honor of The Millie Schultz Family

By: L.B. Jordan Family



Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial. This event is observed in the Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, and Catholic Churches.

Some Anabaptist and evangelical churches also observe the Lenten season. Its institutional purpose is heightened in the annual commemoration of Holy Week, marking the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the tradition and events of the New Testament beginning on Palm Sunday, further climaxing on Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday, which ultimately culminates in the joyful celebration on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Update on Backpack Buddies

Receipts January—December 2018	\$3,819.47
Disbursements January-December 2018	\$5,599.20
A deficit of	\$1,779.73

January 2019

Receipts	\$271.00
Disbursements	\$620.43
Deficit	\$349.43

February, 2019

Receipts	\$386.00
Disbursements	\$478.75
Deficit	\$ 92.75

**From
Pastor
Steve**

Doing the Work of Ministry

The “religious news” recently has been bitter pills to swallow for those of us doing the work of ministry as a church. There has been much reported child and sexual abuse in both the Roman Catholic and the Southern Baptist churches. Clergy in both church groups have committed these abuses preying on innocent churches, yet much of it has been swept under the rug or the written charges of record have been shredded! And the truth be told, most likely every church group has clergy or ministers charged or convicted of said abuse (s) but simply kept quiet to avoid embarrassment to the church as an institution. And then there has been 2+ years our own United Methodist Church has wrestled on developing “A Way Forward,” a task assigned to the bishops of the UMC as well as lay and clergy members of an appointed task force.

The appointed time for “A Special Conference of the Global UMC” has now come and gone—February 23-26 in St. Louis, MO. Four “plans” on how to do church were considered: The Simple Church and The Connectional Plans did not make it out of committee to be considered by the 864 delegates originally elected to represent UM churches at the 2016 General Conference held in Portland, OR. The One Church Plan (OCP), proposed by the appointed task force and supported broadly by UMC bishops received 46.7% of the vote. The Traditional Plan (TP) received 53.3% of the vote from General Conference delegates. So the Traditional Plan was accepted.

What does this all mean? In some ways, it certainly reaffirms the UMC’s language that marriage is between a man and a woman. The current language in the Book of Discipline states (“The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with the teachings of the Bible”), “yet all people are of sacred value and worth” (everybody is somebody).

Whatever I say adds up to this: The UMC is deeply divided (almost 50-50) and can no longer use their by-line: “Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors”...We are the People of the UMC.” Biblically speaking, I do affirm what “Traditional Methodism” has declared (as stated above). Yet, I also feel this growing rift most often based on smug legalism (“The Bible says it, I Believe it”) and the “Path of Unconditional Love” (“Love God, Love Neighbor, and Love One Another”) modeled by our Lord Jesus.

My experience as pastor of local churches in the East District of the North Texas Conference affirms a majority of UMC members would have voted for the

Traditional Plan (if a delegate). On the other hand, I do believe a majority of churches in the Dallas Metro areas would have voted for the One Church Plan. The context of ministry is different even for neighboring churches in a community. It has always been that way. Churches in rural and urban/city areas may be similar in some liturgy (Call to Worship/Affirmation of Faith/Lord’s Prayer, etc.), yet some sing parts of the liturgy and others simply read it!

Barbeques, fish dinners and apportionment fundraisers describe many rural churches. Formal dinners, well-known musical artists or writers with sit-down dinners often are done in urban/city churches. Many societal ills such as homelessness, poverty, and unaffordable housing affect both types of churches, yet are addressed in differing ways. Urban/city churches with larger numbers can set up agencies to deal with these ills whereas small, rural areas operate on a church-by-church basis—most of the time. Both ways can be effective, but the delivery of goods and services vary within the context of the local church setting.

For me, this defining moment as a UM pastor is no reason to gloat. It is where we are at this moment in time. I am called to pastor whoever desires a pastor in their life—no matter color of skin, sexual orientation, nationality, or current belief system. I believe we are all God’s children. When I sing, “Jesus loves the little children of the world,” I affirm it with gladness of voice. I am accountable to God the Father for who I am, how I preach and teach, and how I treat and love others. In the end, I’ll stand before that same God and await the stories of my actions and behaviors on earth. Jesus said, “Stop judging others, and you will not be judged. For others will treat you as you treat them.” (Matthew 7:1)

In the meantime, “I am the Church, you are the Church, we are the Church together.” Let others see Jesus in you. “Go now, and be the Church!”



Thank You

The Mack Phillips Family would like to say thank you to Wesley for your love and prayers during a trying time for our family. We knew and felt the prayers and support for us.

Also, thank you for your gifts in memory of Mack. We’re so proud to be a part of our worship family.

Betty and Family

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Richard Adams	Patsy Ardis	Jordyn Ausmus
Charles Batty, Jr.	Delana Beadle	Bethany Nichole
Richard and Jackie Bishop	Cassie Cavaliere	Wanda Clayton
Allison and John Bostick	Marilyn Davenport	Virginia Emerline
Beverly and Michael Chapman	Silvina Epperson	Eddie Fenstermaker
Billy and Frances Daniels	Gene George	Jerry Gibby
Don and Mary Gilmer	Jayne Glenn	Jeff Godfrey
Jerry and Shirley Glossup	Betty Green	Dorothy Hargrave
Donny and Baulah Godfrey	Heather and Richard	Mark Heisler
Jack and Janie Godfrey	Ashley Harris	Roy Herman, Jr
Magan, Tim and Easley Henderson	Pam Hollingsworth	Mindi Horne
Jeff and Pat Johnson	James and Pat Hulen	Patty Hudson
Christa Kasztelanski	Louise Jones	Dana Jordan
Lynn Kincade	Mark Lacelk	Jase Mabie
Zane Magan	Mary Anna	Vernice Penny
Lynn and Richard Merrick	Roger Perish	Betty Phillips
Bobbie and Leigh	Moseman Nan Price	Terry Smuthermon
Elton and Louise Stewart	Michael Spurlock	Nancy Stobough
Allan Thar	Kelly Tomlinson	Ron Zitterick
Betty and Mark Warren	Barbara and Jim Williams	

Students, Teachers, Administrators, Personnel
 Military Personnel and their Families First Responders, Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel
 CANHelp CASA Backpack Buddies Abused Children and Youth
 Community Chest/Cupboard Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center

North Texas Food Bank Holy Highway Girls Home
 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

Bobbie Holder Muriel Lucas Lois Shannon Margaret Campbell
 Sandra McIntire Martha Johnson Marge Johnson



The Annual Children's Mardi Gras Parade

Tuesday, March 5
following the Pancake Supper

Theme: Jesus is our King!

If you have a wagon we can borrow, please bring it.

No bikes or roller blades allowed!

Notes from the Lay Leader:

Thank you, Wesley, for your generous donations for our luncheon on Sunday, February 17, 2019. Every penny will go toward our apportionments for 2019. Thank you to the Sunday school classes for providing the food. It is always good to see God's people working together and enjoying good Christian fellowship. We are a blessed church! The total amount raised was \$2,652.00. To God be the glory!

We have lost several of our saints recently and it seems like someone is in the hospital all the time. We are blessed to have Pastor Steve who stands with us in times of trouble. Please keep your brothers and sisters on your prayer list. I personally know that it helps to know so many are praying for you.

Those of you who do not attend on Wednesday night are missing some good food and fellowship. We start at 5:15 packing the Backpack Buddies and then the meal is at 6:00 p.m. We need adult people to fellowship with and witness to the youth who come on Wednesday nights. They may be a little rowdy sometimes, but they need guidance from us to show them how to act. Joe and his helpers do their best but sometimes we need to step in and help out. If we can influence just one youth to make a change in his/her life, then we have done what God commanded us to do. Please pray about this and join us.

Continue to pray for our church, our pastor, those in the hospitals, and those who are mourning.

Let us give thanks for our blessings!

Lou Jane Drummond, Lay Leader



March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Bethany Ferrall	March 7
Rachel Lewis	March 8
Mary Logan	March 9
Marieke deWitte	March 12
Marieke and Hendrik deWitte	March 13
Brenda McKinzie	March 16
Katherine Glass	March 17
Jacob Jones	March 22
Gail Clark	March 23
Jo and Bill Watts	March 24
Rheston Sills	March 27
Paula and Dennis Jordan	March 28
Jana Prochaska	March 29
Sandra Parker	March 29
Peggy Gregg	March 29
Jordan Krause	March 30



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*Daylight Saving
Time Begins*

Sunday, March 10



United
Methodist
Women

1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19

Program and Hostesses:
Donna Korth/Konnie Cross

Pancake Tuesday

6:00 p.m.

March 5



**Ash Wednesday
Service**

7:00 p.m.

March 6

