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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

**November 2019**

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# Give Thanks

*Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!  
For His mercy endures forever.*

1Ch 16:34

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## PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Richard Adams	Amulfo (Frito) Alvarez	Andres Alvarez
Stephen Andersen	Patsy Ardis	Jordyn Ausmus
Bill Ayres	Charles Batty, Jr.	Marilyn Baxter
Allison and John Bostick	Delana Beadle	The Beers Family
Beverly and Michael Chapman	Landon Burgin	Devyn Byars
James Clark	Wanda Clayton	Dicie Rue Cook
Antonio Cummings	Natalie Darrow	Joyce Davis
Steve Davis	Mason Delbridge	Cindy Evans
Eddie Fenstermaker	Kathleen Fletcher	Renee Francey
Don and Mary Gilmer	Willie Giger	Mike Gilmer
Jayne Glenn	Shirtley Glossup	Jeff Godfrey
Jack and Janie Godfrey	Ashley Harris	Frank Hernandez
Magan, Tim, Easley, and Baby Finn	Henderson	Kristi Hodgkiss
James and Pat Hulen	Pam Hollingsworth	Mindi Horne
Kaycee Ivey	Lucille Jenkins	Ronnie Jenkins
Jeff Johnson	Martha Johnson	Vera Ann Johnson
Louise Jones	Dana Jordan	Lynn Kincade
Caden Lewis	Mary Ellen Little	Jase Mabie
Tom Mahl	Becky Moore	Beverly Morgan
Forest Mullins	Debbie Nichols	Johnny Nichols
Jim and Kim Rivers	Rose Raines	Marvin Rennse
Sylvia Sellers	Shea	Ryan Spears
Andrea Sprague	Elton Stewart	Nancy Stobough
Debbie Stinson Stribling	Allan Thar	Randall Voss
Becky and Danny Walker	Hays Warren	Roger Wilmot
Betty and Mark Warren	Rosemary Adams Wakefield	Ron Zitterick

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

Marvin & Louise Jones Sandra McIntire Reid Rawls Marge Johnson



Dear Wesley Church,

I wanted you all to know how much I appreciate the love and prayers I get from all of you. I'm getting better and will soon be myself.

A special thank you for the prayer blanket. It brightens my day and lets me know I am loved and prayed for. Thank you for the blessings.

Love, Debbie Nichols



## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Kara Lane	Nov 2
Dora Gross	Nov 2
Vera Ann Johnson	Nov 5
Doyle McKinzie	Nov 8
Kenna Lane	Nov 9
Jeff Spears	Nov 11
Hendrik deWitte	Nov 12
Billy Daniels	Nov 13
Andi Clark	Nov 14
Chris Ferrall	Nov 16
Mark Warren	Nov 19
Martha Johnson	Nov 19
Logan Thurman	Nov 23
Bobbie and Leigh Moseman	Nov 24
Bill Watts	Nov 25
Mary Lou Foster	Nov 26
Amanda and Joe Clark	Nov 29



## Veterans Day

**Veterans Day** (originally known as **Armistice Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, that is, persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces (and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I.

Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May. Veterans Day celebrated the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who have *died* while in military service. There is another military holiday, Armed Forces Day, a minor U.S. remembrance that also occurs in May, which honors those *currently serving* in the U.S. military.

## In Loving Memory of Mary Logan

By: Sulphur Springs Municipal Airport



## In Honor of Lydia Rose Drummond

By: Lou Jane Drummond

## In Honor of Dicie Rue Cook

By: Lou Jane Drummond



The large upright freezer (in the kitchen) has died. We have been advised that it too costly to repair. If you or someone you know has one that could be donated, it will save the church a considerable amount of money if a new one is purchased.

From  
Pastor  
Steve

## Gratitude and Appreciation

Over the river and through the woods to  
grandfather's house we go. The horse knows the  
way the carry the sleigh through white and drifted  
snow.

Over the river and through the wood to have a  
first-rate play. Hear the bells ring, ting-a-ling!  
Hurrah for Thanksgiving Day!

This children's song was first published in 1844 as a poem by Lydia Maria Child. In time, an unknown composer set the poem to music and many of us learned it in our elementary years. Additionally, it was to "grandfather's house we go" but over time, it was changed to "grandmother's house." And, finally, this song was written to celebrate Thanksgiving Day and not Christmas Day. Now you know "the rest of the story."

The gradual change of this 12 verse/poem illustrates how people can so easily be led to quickly pass on the wonderful and meaningful Thanksgiving holiday in the every-maddening Christmas rush, decorating of lights and garland, and a passing nod to the meaning of the "Christ-Mass." (A celebration of the glorious and unique birth of Christ the Lord.)

Even Halloween candy, costumes, and decorations get more attention than Thanksgiving—and debate about the real purpose of Halloween tilts more to it having pagan roots as opposed to Christian roots. The closest tie to Christianity is that All Hallows Eve is the evening before All Saints Day on November 1. Traditionally, in Ireland and Scotland, a three-day feast included the celebration of their Christian saints as well as honoring the recently departed folk.

Similar Holy Days-holidays were observed all the way back to Egyptian, Roman, and Celtic influences. In Germany and Austria, for example, groups of poor people, often children, would go door to door collecting Soul Cakes in exchange for praying for the recently deceased in their communities. These cakes had the sign of the Cross on them and, for some, serve as a precursor to the practice of Trick or Treating today.

Some folks still believe that Halloween is simply a Christianization of a pagan holiday. I do know for many children, Halloween is a time of playing dress-up and going door-to-door and surprising their neighbors with the trick or treat greeting!. The intended result is to receive candy –hopefully wrapped-and other treats. I have yet to have a child offer me a trick. Treats are always preferred!

Back to Thanksgiving. See how much fun Halloween extracts from me! Traditionally, Americans retell the story of a group of Pilgrims who sailed on a boat name the Mayflower and left England for religious freedom in what is now Cape Cod, Massachusetts. A Native American greeted these Pilgrims in English. He soon left and returned with another Native American of the Pawtuxet Tribe, Squanto, who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain, sold into slavery, and escaped in London, and returned to America on an exploratory expedition. It was Squanto who taught the Pilgrims how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers, and also avoid poisonous plants.

Squanto also helped them to forge an alliance with the

Wampanoag, a local tribe which endured for over 50 years. William Bradford was elected governor of what became known as the Massachusetts Bay Colony and in November, 1621, organized a celebratory feast in honor of a successful harvest that year. The festival lasted more than three days with Chief and Massasoit and 90 members of the Wampanoag Tribe.

In 1789, President Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation calling the country to express its gratitude for the conclusion of the War of Independence from England and also the ratifying of the a new United States of American Constitution.

Other president followed suit, but it was not until 1863, at the height of the Civil War (the War between the States) that President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation for all Americans to "ask God to commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife and to heal the wounds of the nation." It was set for the fourth Thursday in November. Except for 1939 and 1940, Thanksgiving has been held on this day.

The two words-Gratitude and Appreciation—are key words for Thanksgiving. The dictionary defines gratitude as "the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for all and to return kindness." Appreciation is "the recognition of the good qualities of someone or something."

Our Bible tell us this: "In all things, give thanks." (I Thessalonians 5:18) But that is not the whole of the verse! The final phrase is: "for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

"Give thanks, with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son, Give thanks. And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich. Because of what the Lord has done for us, give thanks! Give thanks!

Pastor and Staff Recognition Day was a surprise to each of us. How grateful we are to minister together at Wesley UMC. The kinds words of appreciation from sever folks were received in our hearts and minds. It is music to my ears when I often hear some at Wesley say to one another, "I appreciate you" and/or simply, "Thank you!"

Thanksgiving is the season of gratitude and appreciation. Psalm 100 reminds us to "Serve the Lord with gladness."

Together we can do this!



## United Methodist Women

1:30 p.m. Tuesday  
November 19

Program: Dicie Rue Cook  
Hostesses: Pastor Steve and Dicie Rue

## How does **Be the Service** work?

1. Buy **Be the Service** tickets for \$15 each.
2. Keep tickets to exchange for boxes of groceries.
3. On November 24, go to either First United Methodist Church, Shannon Oaks Church or Brightstar Church, Como, TX to exchange for boxes of groceries.
4. Deliver boxes of groceries to the addresses on the boxes.
5. For those who want to contribute to **Be the Service** but cannot deliver boxes of groceries, purchased tickets can be turned in for volunteers to deliver boxes.
6. **Be the Service** boxes will contain approximately 1 frozen turkey, 2 can of green beans, 2 cans of corn, 2 cans of cranberry sauce, 1 box of stuffing, 1 cake mix and other assorted cans of vegetables.



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# FALL ROUND UP

November 23, 2019 • 4:30-8:00PM

Hopkins County Stew for Sale  
Silent Auction • Country Store  
Live Auction begins at 6:30pm

Auction hosted by Loyd Lennon of All in Auctions

**TICKETS: Adults \$6 | Children \$3**

Childcare available for children under 3

[www.wesleysst.org/fallroundup](http://www.wesleysst.org/fallroundup)

**Sign-up Sheets are on the bulletin board.**