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INVITE all in the Name of Christ
GROW disciples with the Word of
Christ
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Wesley United Methodist Church

May-June 2021

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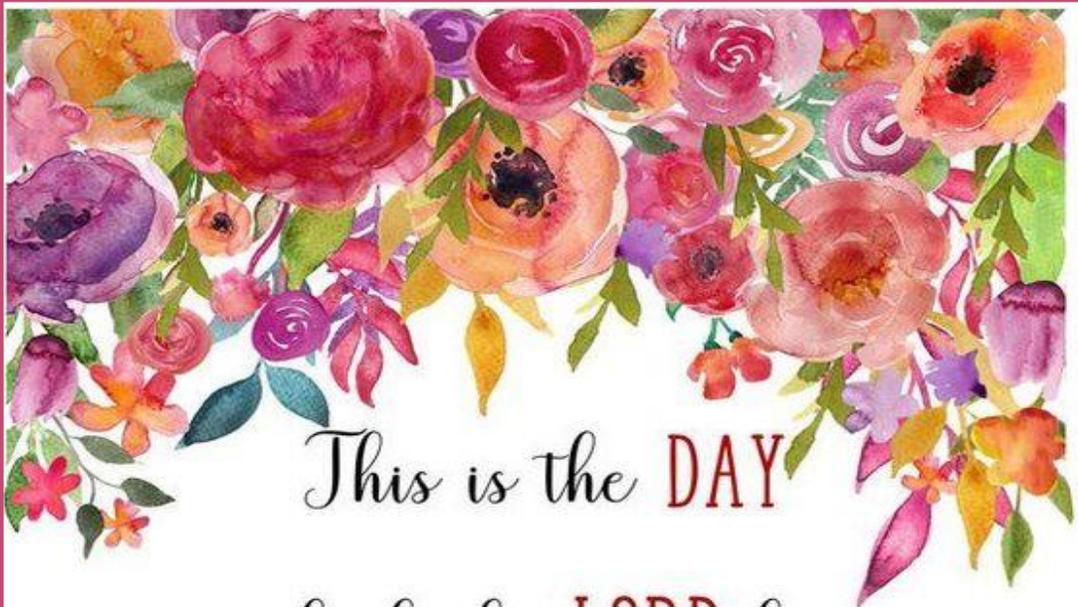
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This is the **DAY**
which the **LORD** has
made; let us
REJOICE and be **GLAD** in it.

Psalm 118:24

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Richard Adams	Ester Allen	Jade Ausbrooks	Tommie Barkley
Charles Batty, Sr.	Marilyn Baxter	Delana Beadle	John Boles
John Bostick	Melissa Bosworth	Richard Brown	Mary Nell Bryant
Pastor Steve & Dicie Rue	Sam Campbell	Wanda Clayton	Billy and Nell Crowson
Brenda Cupps	Johnny Darrow	Ronny Darrow	Benny Deaton
PFC Ryan Dixon	Steve Fitch	Renee Francey	Karen Gammill
Dora Gross	Janet Hamner	Rebecca Hathcoat	Pam Hollingsworth
Frank Hernandez	Kristi Hodgkiss	Mindi Horne	Ronnie Jenkins
Roy & Gina Lynn Herman	Louise Jones	Lynn Kincade	Beverly Morgan
Morris and Jean Krodle	Forest Mullins	Carol Ann O'Dell	Jay Owens
Devyn & Jaxon Riggs	Rose Raines	Carolyn Roland	Sylvia Sellers
Jim and Vera Skaggs	Elton Stewart	Velma Swatsell	Allan Thar
Becky & Danny Walker	Milly Townsend	Randall Voss	Betty Warren
Kati and Jerry Voss	Bob and Mary Ann Wilder	Leslie Wisdom	
Our Country and our leaders	Schools-Teachers, Students, Administrators, Staff		



Mother's Day is a celebration the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the Months of March or May.

The modern Mother's Day began in the United States, at the initiative of Anna Jarvis in the early 20th century, when she held a memorial for her mother at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia.

St. Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine.

In 1908, the U.S. Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day a holiday, joking that they would have to proclaim a "Mother-in-Law's Day." However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all U.S. states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as local holiday. In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, hold on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Wikipedia



Memorial Day (previously, but now seldom, called Decoration Day) is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the military personnel who had died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday is observed on the last Monday of May.

Soldiers' graves were decorated in the U.S. before and during the American civil War. In April 1865, following Lincoln's assassination, commemorations were widespread. The more than 600,000 soldiers of both sides who died in the Civil War meant that burial and memorialization took on new cultural significance. Under the leadership of women during the war, an increasingly formal practice of decorating graves had taken shape. In 1865, the federal government also began creating the United States National Cemetery System for the Union war dead.

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Notes from the Lay Leader

We had a nice luncheon celebrating Pastor Steve's birthday, and also Max Massey's. The food was delicious and the fellowship was heartwarming.

Thank you to Barbara Williams for all of her hard work. She is a true servant of Christ. There were others who helped but she was the backbone of the event. I look forward to more gatherings as we continue to be safe, but taking a few baby steps at a time for opening things back up.

The choir is starting back so that is also a blessing. We will also have a day in the park in May. I hope to see you there.

Please continue to give generously. We are so far behind, it is going to be hard to catch up. If you are not attending church at this time, please send in your tithe.

I look forward to seeing more and more of you at church. Please continue to pray for our church and our pastor.

In His Name,

Lou Jane Drummond

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rhonda Brock	May 9
Emily and Garrett Glass	May 14
Betty Phillips	May 16
Jim Gregg	May 17
Jacob Nelson	May 18
Janie Godfrey	May 20
Rachelle and Ron Sills	May 21
Finn Henderson	May 23
Barbara and Jim Williams	May 25
Kelly and Brad Gilmer	May 25
Paula Jordan	May 26
Casey and Johnny Nichols	May 31

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jim Williams	June 1
Didi Thurman	June 2
Mary Ellen Kirkland	June 2
Gloria and Joe Batty	June 2
Chelsea and Richard Batty	June 2
John Moser	June 5
Mary Lou and Stanley Foster	June 8
Eisley Henderson	June 9
Dennis Jordan	June 11
Louise Stewart	June 14
Troy Garrett	June 17
Emily Glass	June 18
Diane Dixon	June 22
Mary Ellen and Malcolm Kirkland	June 22
Magan Henderson	June 23
Louise and Elton Stewart	June 25
Dakota Clark	June 26
Madison Clark	June 26
Eva Phillips	June 30

From
Pastor
Steve

Living Our Resurrection Faith

Easter Sunday at Wesley was a reminder that **“nothing can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”** Romans 8:38-39

Our Lord’s House at Wesley was overflowing with joy and gladness in our praise and worship. It was time for so many to at least see fellow church members forced to live behind masks and social distancing during this pandemic. Though we had been able to podcast our worship services online via Facebook, it is reassuring to see, bump fists, touch elbows, or speak to one another face to face. We gather as the Church to corporately express our faith in the Lord who walked away from the tomb, walked among men and women for several days, and then ascend into heaven to sit at the right hand on the Throne of God. We are **living our Resurrection faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.** So now, **“come and see.”** Then we **“go and tell!”**

The Bible records the resurrection of Jesus in all four Gospels, which vary in the words that particular Gospel writer either heard or saw. Their overall message is, **“Why do you seek the living among the dead?”** Our Gospel hymn, **“He Lives,”** clearly expresses our **resurrection faith.**

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way. He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

“By grace we are saved by faith.” And, **“we walk by faith and not by sight!”**

Romans 6:5-6 reminds us of our **resurrection faith.** **“Since we have been united with Him in his death (death to sins via repentance), we will be raised as He was. Our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ (on the cross) so that sin might lose its power in our lives.”**

An old Christian hymn tells us:
I was lost, but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray; Threw His loving arms around me, drew me back into His way.
Yes, I’ll sing the wondrous story, of the Christ who died for me; Sing it in the light of glory, sing it through eternity.

The season of Easter continues through **Pentecost on Sunday, May 23.** It will be our joy to host our retiring District Superintendent, **Rev. Dr. Vic Casad,** as our morning worship

leader on Pentecost Sunday. Dr. Casad is retiring from day-to-day ministry on June 30, 2021. He and his wife, **East District First Lady, Mary Brooke Casad,** have served faithfully for eight years in our East District. Mary Brooke is an author, former North Texas Conference leader, and also serves our global United Methodist Church. Please make a special effort to be here so that Wesley can express our thanks to the Casads’ leadership among us.

Living our Resurrection Faith is expressed in every way we seek to worship and serve the Lord with gladness. Over 50 of us enjoyed our first dinner together in over 13 months this past Sunday. Organized overall by one of our newest members, Barbara Williams, it was a joy to see others jumping in (as Wesley folk are apt to do!) and assisting her! Our faith is teaching children, youth and adults in Sunday school, in a home Bible/book study, being a member of United Methodist Women, sing in our Sanctuary Choir, tending to our building and grounds issue, serving on a committee, visiting the sick and folks in homes and hospitals, and simply staying in touch with one another.

Attending and participating in church worship services and events is a way we all can live our **Resurrection Faith** as well. Helping our finances by giving as you are able is yet another way.

You will see additional activities being planned for ALL of us in the coming days. **A Picnic in the Buford Park Pavilion** replete with hamburgers is one. Other times to get together are being planned as noted in this newsletter.

Remember, no matter what. **God loves us, cares for us, and is always with us!**

In loving memory of Gaylon O’Dell

By: Stanley and Mary Lou Foster
Lou Jane Drummond
Jim and Wanda Winfrey
Max and Ilene Massey
Barbara and Jim Williams
Hendrik and Marieke deWitte

In loving memory of Muriel Lucas

By: Vera Ann Johnson
Rick and Cheryl Spears and Family
Diane Dixon
Dorothy McCaig
Rachel and Gary Lewis
Hendrik and Marieke deWitte





Wesley United Methodist Women News

UMW is off and running (slowly) in this new year. We sponsored the purchase of lilies for Easter worship.

On Sunday, May 2, we will have our annual spring bake sale. There will be several choices available; cakes, pies, cookies, soups, casseroles, etc. Cost is by donation. We hope everyone will be generous as we fund many mission projects each year.



Instead of the white elephant sale we usually have in June, we will have a picnic in the park on June 15. Each person will bring something special to take home, like something hand-crafted or baked or cooked. There will be a mystery item hidden in a bag. We may have a silent auction or something similar to make a few dollars.



Just wanted to send a thank you to the entire church for all you have done for and been to Mom and Dad over the years. I especially appreciate your feeding us on Wednesday and offering the sanctuary for the service. Mom and Dad always loved going there and it's only fitting that Mom went home from there. Thank you all very much.

Love,
Sim Lucas

From Pastor Steve...

In May, 2021, we have two special celebrations this year. Of course, Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9. We have had Muffins with Mom in the past—and we may do that again this year. Mother's Day will be celebrated between worship and Sunday school (10:30—11:00 a.m.)

Our second celebration will occur on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Vic Casad, will be our worship leader that day and will be retiring from active ministry June 30, 2021. We want to celebrate his ministry among us also between worship and Sunday school. (10:30 - 11:00 a.m.)

Special days and special people deserve to be celebrated and appreciated!

Sunday School Classes are up and Active

Wesleyan Class in their classroom - teachers are on a rotating schedule.

Cornerstone Class - in the library

Lifeway Café - in their room upstairs. Teachers, Diane Dixon and Amanda Clark are using a video curriculum.

Youth - 12-18 years - in their room upstairs with Joe Clark

Older Children - 6-11 yrs. Upstairs with Marieke deWitte

Younger Children - 3-5 yrs. In the Community Room with Barbara Williams

Nursery for the littles

All classes begin after church and end at 11:30 a.m.



Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

We're attending a Texas Rangers baseball game at their new (climate-controlled) ballpark in Arlington!

The first pitch will be thrown at 3:05pm on Saturday, June 5th. A carpool/ caravan will be organized when the date gets closer. Tickets are \$20 each.

We need to report how many seats need to be reserved for us. Please give your money to Barbara Williams at your earliest convenience. If you don't see her at church, you can call or text at 903-466-2359.

Easter Egg Hunt March 28, 2021



Mrs. Marieke reading the Easter story.



Brazos



Isla



Everlyn, Harper, Isla



Stella



Max



Finley



Jackson with Mom, Taylor



Katherine, Grant and Connor



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United Methodist Women

1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15

Program: Barbara Williams

Hostess: Joyce Davis

Mark your calendar for a PICNIC at the Park!

PICNIC IN THE PARK



The Pavilion at Buford Park has been reserved exclusively for Wesley on Saturday, May 15, from 11:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Hamburgers will be grilled for everyone. We

will have games after eating, or you can enjoy the shade of the Pavilion to visit with each other.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Wesley Hall. We hope you'll join us for food, fellowship and fun!