



INVITE all in the Name of Christ
GROW disciples with the Word of Christ
SERVE all with the LOVE of Christ.

Wesley Witness

November-December 2022

Wesley United Methodist Church


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**"O give thanks to the
Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love
endures forever..."**

Psalm 107:1

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 Loeffler	Nov 14
Logan Thurman	Nov 23
Bill Watts	Nov 25
Mary Lou Foster	Nov 26
Joe and Amanda Clark	Nov 29
Connor Glass	Nov 30

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Frances Daniels	Dec 4
Leigh Moseman	Dec 17
Judy Stewart	Dec 21
J.C. Clark	Dec 21
Marvin & Louise Jones	Dec 23
Stanley Foster	Dec 26
Ronny Darrow	Dec 26
Brad Gilmer	Dec 29
Carol Ann O'Dell	Dec 30

Wesley Chancel Choir

presents

Messiah Heaven's Glory!

Sunday, December 18

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

NO Sunday School

Sunday, January 1

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

NO Sunday School

Notes from the Lay Leader

As I write this note, we are in the middle of the discernment process. It is my hope and my prayer that when this process is over, we will still be the same loving church family we have always been. We have survived some tough issues, and stayed strong as a family. Please, let's continue loving each other as we are commanded to do. Faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love!

Pastor Steve is ready to lead us forward in serving our community and spreading the Word throughout the world. We have been satisfied with just taking care of our church family, but Jesus commands us to reach out to our neighbors. Pastor Rolando Renteria's message on "Loving Our Neighbor" has made me think, "Who is my neighbor?" It is ALL people of all races and all colors.

Let us be kind to everyone we meet because we never know what they are going through. We may be the only Jesus they will ever see. We are ALL sinners and have fallen short of the glory of God, yet He continues to love us, praise God. Can we do any less?

Love and peace,

Lou Jane Drummond



Wesley's Childrens Choir, under the direction of Mary Ellen Kirkland, singing during offertory October 2.



Children in Sunday school class about ready to walk around the walls of Jericho.



Katherine and Grant Glass serving communion on World Communion Sunday.



United Women in Faith

Women of Faith (UMW) met on October 18 in the Wesleyan classroom. Members presented their World Thank Offerings for missions for women and children.

A vote was taken to honor 2 people who serve our Church. Poinsettias have been ordered by Mary Lou for our December fund raiser.

Mary Ellen Kirkland presented the program. A candle was lit to represent awareness of people who see a need and respond spontaneously.

The December 6 meeting will be hosted by Gina Wilder. It will be a salad luncheon. Mary Lou Foster will provide the program. All women of Wesley Church are welcome to join us.

****Mary Lou Foster has ordered the poinsettias for our December fundraiser. Order forms will be in the bulletin soon.**



The Wesley Chancel Choir and Praise Band was proud to be invited to share their gifts with Kavanaugh United Methodist Church in Greenville this past Sunday evening. This event, organized by Rev. Cecilia Granadosin and Kavanaugh Choir

Director, Randal Hooper, was an effort to raise funds for the church's upcoming mission trip to the Philippines, as well as to provide scholarship money to collegiate singers who are members of the Kavanaugh Choir.

Many of the church's choir members are music students at nearby Texas A&M-Commerce and this ministry provides incentive for students to continue their involvement in church ministry even while they are away from home.

While there, we were fed a wonderful brisket and baked chicken dinner, saw a presentation on the Philippines mission trip, as well as fellowshiped with Kavanaugh members. During the dinner, the Wesley Praise Band (not all members were present) consisting of Gina Wilder, Mary Lou Foster, Paul Clark, Pastor Steve G. and Joe Clark, played several songs and received a great response.

After dinner, everyone convened in the sanctuary for the concert portion of the evening. The Kavanaugh Choir was very impressive and sounded amazing. Several singers performed songs that were nothing short of inspiring. Our own Wesley choir sounded wonderful and sang with full gusto. Honestly, we're pretty sure those Kavanaugh folk enjoyed hearing some good 'ol fashioned, knee-slappin', down-home singing. We are certainly grateful for the invitation and look forward to future opportunities to serve God outside of our own church walls.

Give 'em Jesus,

Joe Clark



We will have a full-immersion baptism of Trey Loeffler on Sunday, November 13, in Wesley Hall. A pot luck lunch will follow. Gail Clark will provide potato salad and meat. Sides and desserts are welcome!

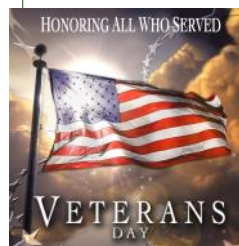


United Methodist Men Fellowship Saturday, December 3

Our men will serve breakfast to the ladies, and then have a short meditation.



Coming Soon!
Forms to order poinsettias for Christmas will be included in the bulletin and on the table in the sanctuary.



What is Veterans Day and why do we celebrate it?

Veterans Day is a public holiday held on the anniversary of the end of World War I, on November 11, to honor US veterans and victims of all wars. This holiday is a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



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Wesley UMC-Sulphur Springs
Worship: 9:30am

All Saints Day



Sunday, November 6

We will celebrate the lives of our saints who have gone before us and the influence they had on our lives.

*Vera Skaggs Pam Hollingsworth
Janet Skauge Donna Korth*



NOVEMBER DATES

- 6 All Saints Sunday
- Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 8 Trustees
- 13 Veterans Day Observance
- 15 SPRC Meets
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 27 First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER DATES



- 6 Women of Faith Salad Luncheon
 - 18 Christmas Cantata—Chancel Choir
 - 20 SPRC Meets
 - 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 - 25 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
No Sunday School
- * January 1 Worship 10:00 a.m. No Sunday School

Charge Conference is done!

Every year each United Methodist church in our denomination meets with the District Superintendent to discuss the state of the church, its present ministries and the future work the church hopes God to bless us with. Wesley UMC is blessed to have passionate leaders who dedicate time and talent to order the work of the church. Many thanks to all those who have worked in ministry throughout the year and kudos to the committee chairs who did their reports on time!

Now that charge conference is over, we can concentrate on things that have less to do with paperwork and more with the practical matters of worship, community, and ministry! We look forward to All Saints Sunday, Thanksgiving, and then Christ the King Sunday, after which we ease into the Advent Season all the way to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

This November we welcome Trey Loeffler into God's church at his baptism on Nov 13 during worship. As a way of celebrating with the family, we will have a pot-luck fellowship. Also, in November our church will participate in the "Be the Service" an event sponsored by the Hopkins County Clergy Alliance. Here is a link to the video announcement:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/cqoyv87pmd8io7n/BTS%202022%20FINAL.mp4?dl=0>. This event benefits low-income families to help celebrate Thanksgiving. December 3 also launches the Methodist Men's Fellowship. Our men will serve breakfast to the ladies, and then have a short meditation. I have a surprise for everybody so please come and attend this special day! This year we get to see Wesley Choir sing their cantata entitled "Messiah Heaven's Glory!"

I'm looking forward to our fellowship and team building activities throughout the year ahead. I pray these will bring us closer to each other to dream dreams for God's Kingdom-building. John Wesley called such activities "Holy Conferencing." Holy Conferencing does not only take place to order the church's work during Annual or Charge Conferences, but it happens during small conversations that spark people's interest in doing God's work through ministry.

Let us together find faithful ways to give God glory. Remember Paul's letter to the Hebrews to "...run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,..." (Heb 12:1-2) May Christ Jesus be praised!

Pastor Steve Granadosin

BE THE Service

DRIVE-THRU THANKSGIVING MEAL IN A BOX
(FROZEN TURKEY & FIXINGS)

FOOD FOR THE 1ST 1,000 FAMILIES
(1 BOX OF FOOD PER CAR)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
10 AM—2PM

ENTER HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT BY DAIRY MUSEUM



Pastors Steve Granadosin, Wesley UMC, and Perry Johnson, Lake Highlands Baptist Church in a BE THE Service promotional video.



The Wesley Chancel Choir sang at Kavanaugh UMC, Greenville, on October 23 at the fundraiser for the summer mission trip to the Philippines and KUMC singer scholarships.



The Kavanaugh UMC Choir