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INVITE all in the Name of Christ
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Wesley Witness

Wesley United Methodist Church

November 2016

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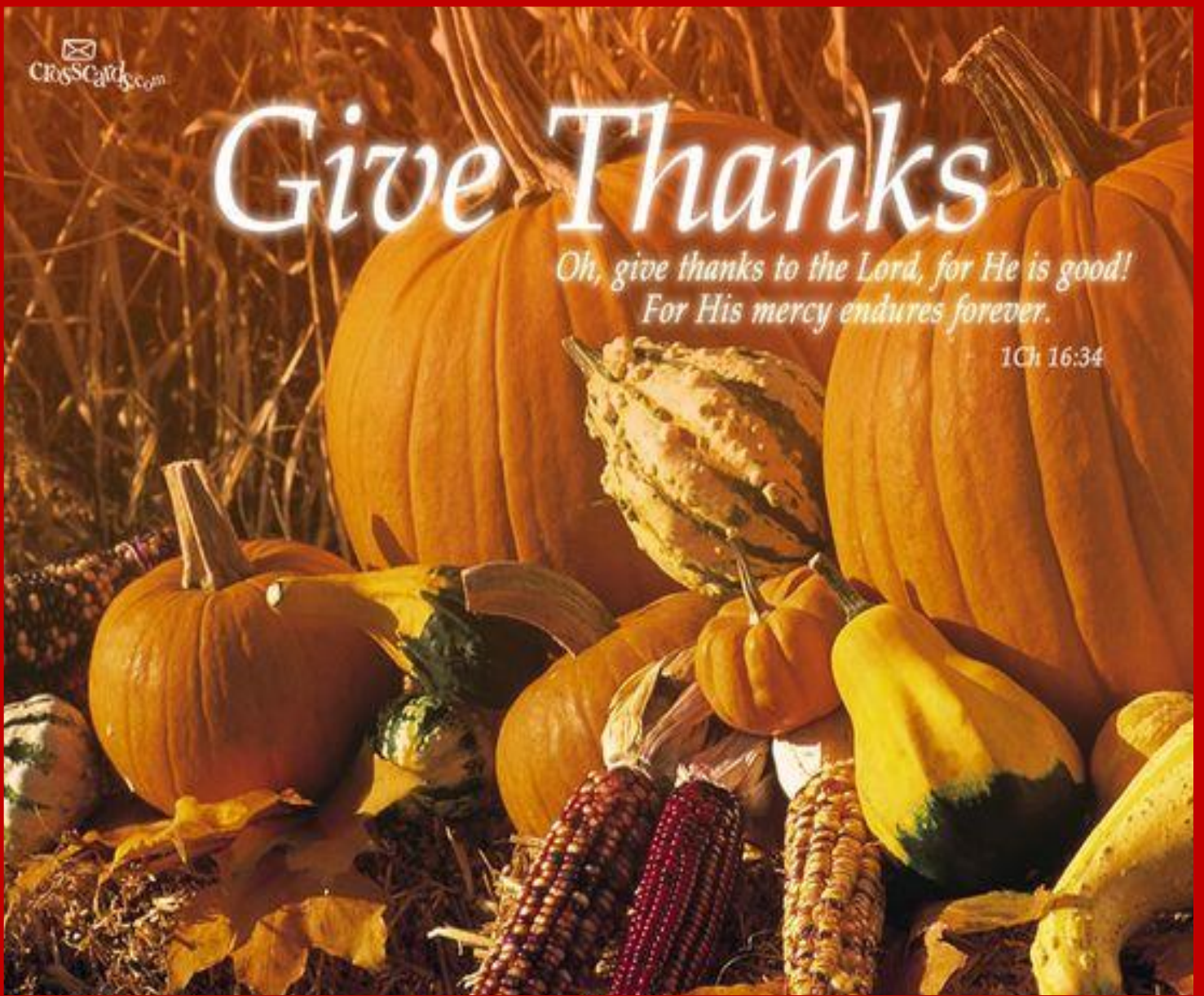
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Give Thanks

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

1Ch 16:34



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614 Texas @ Bellview, Sulphur Springs



Fall Roundup

Saturday, November 19

All you can eat Stew, Chili, and Dessert

Tickets

Adult	\$6.00
10 and under	\$4.00
Under 5	FREE

Quart Sales begin at 6:30 p.m. - 2 tickets

Activities

Country Store	3:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Stew/Chili Served	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Silent Auction	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Live Auction	6:30 p.m.

Child Care Available

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Brittany Ballard	Charles Batty, Jr.	DeLana Beadle
Sherry and Max Baxter	Cherrie Bolden	James Brown
Tom and Jane Ann Craft	Carson Bryant	Cathy Bryant
Ty and Jamie Funderburk	Sharon Callahan	Anna Campbell
Margaret Campbell	Cassie Cavaliere	Leah Conner
Jerry and Shirley Glossup	Scott Cornstuble	Kathy Crowson
Robert and Mary Glover	Diana Davis	Sandy Davis
Magan, Tim and Eisley Henderson	Sarah Duffel	David Foster
Marvin and Louise Jones	Don Gilmer	Brent Glenn
Christa and Victor Kasztelanski	Jayne Glenn	Doris Herman
Robert and Charlene Maples	Cason Houston	Jana Hublick
Mary Ann McCormick	Sharon Hughes	Sarah James
Tana and Gary Moon	Ann Jones	Dana Jordan
Ricky and Kay Orr	Corena Korth	Della Loane
Jim and Vera Skaggs	Muriel Lucas	Zane Magan
Donna and Dave Spears	Jo McCain	Red Penny
Pat and Floyd Spears	Lisa Phillips	Julie Piibe
Tommy Rawson	Truman Renshaw	Brad Rollins
Patti Sells	LaVada Shelton	Pat Skauge
Dustin Snyder	Charlene Stewart	Allan Thar
Richard Tharp	Braden Tinsley	Sherry Turner
Sara Wilkinso	Frances Williams	Ron Zitterick
The Family of Joe Clifton	The Family of Carey (Hoot) Gibson	

Schools - Teachers, Students, Staff
 Healthy Church Initiative Community Chest/Cupboard
 Backpack Buddies North Texas Food Bank CANHelp
 Holy Highway Girls Home Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center
 Dallas Bethlehem Center – Wesley-Rankin Community Center
 Way of Salvation UMC, Mytisch, Russia Abused Children and Youth
 Our Country and Our Leaders Military Personnel and their Families
 Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel
 Methodist Children's Home

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

Doris Rawls Bill Shell Bobbie Holder Truman Renshaw
 Muriel Lucas Sandra McIntire Della Loane Lloyd Hiller



This beautiful flower arrangement graced the sanctuary October 16 in honor of the ministry of Steve and Dicie Rue Cook; given by Wesley UMC members.



Doris Rawls turned 100 on October 25!
A celebration of her life was held at Hopkins Place.



Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on November 11, that honors military veterans, that is, persons who served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, 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 with Germany went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day; Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who *died* while in military service.^[1]



Fall Roundup

Live Auction - 50 item limit

- Items must be purchased new or hand crafted - quality items, please
- Items must be at the church no later than noon on November 19, unless the committee has approved late arrival of the item.

Silent Auction - Items must be new or hand crafted

Country Store

- Homemade cooked items : bread, cookies, candy, jams and jellies.
- Handmade items: crocheted items, afghans, quilts, embroidered pieces, aprons, baby bibs, booties, etc.
- If you have questions about the Country Store, please talk to Marieke.

**The Committee will determine where donated items will be placed.

We are doing what's best to keep things peppy and to keep interest in the bidding.

You can help us by signing up on the sheets posted on the bulletin board.

Even if you have done a particular job in the past, we need to know if we have enough help.

Coordinators - Carol Ann O'dell and Mary Lou Foster

Live Auction - Rhonda Brock/Amanda Clark/Pam Hollingsworth

Silent Auction - Didi Thurman/Silvina Epperson

Finance and Computer Gurus - Rick Spears and Bill Wilder

Set Up and Decorations - Wesleyan Class

Country Store - Marieke deWitte

Stew Pots and Cooks - Gary Lewis

Publicity - Diane Dixon

Auctioneer Chief - Diane Dixon

Volunteers Needed for Coordination in the Following Areas:

Ticket Takers Country Store Pie Room

Kitchen Preparation and Serving Clean Up

Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in Wesley Hall

The date is set: November 19, 2016! Time: 3:30 - 9:00 ish. The event: 38th Wesley Fall Roundup Preparations have begun, sign-up sheets are posted, positions of leadership have been assigned. All that's needed to make this the best FALL ROUNDUP is your commitment. Everyone has a job; no job is too small. Last year many said it was their last year to cook and yet Wesley committed again to open our doors to the community, to our friends and to our family.

Carol Ann O'dell/Mary Lou Foster

There is a Fall Roundup flyer in this newsletter. Please give it to someone or post in a place of business to help advertise Fall Roundup!

Memorials

In Loving Memory of Charles Johnson
By: Mary Logan Tommy and Carolyn Rawson



In Loving Memory of Billie Newsom
By: Rick and Cheryl Spears Mary Logan
Bonnie Huffstetler

In Loving Memory of Tilly Baumgardner
By: Pat and Janet Skauge

In Loving Memory of Randy Jenkins
By: Jerry and Shirley Glossup Donna Korth
Max and Ilene Massey Diane Dixon
JoAnn Johnson

In Honor of Steve Cook
By: Dorothy McCaig



November Mission Emphasis

BE THE SERVICE: Our November, 2016 Outreach Focus

For the third consecutive year, Wesley will join several other Hopkins County churches by participating in "BE THE SERVICE." This is a ministry of the Hopkins County Christian Alliance (HCCA) and is open to any church wanting to "Be the Service" to our community residents who desire a "Thanksgiving Meal in-a-box."

Prior work includes supporting churches passing out information on "how" they can receive a meal by filling out a doorknob card placed on their home or apartment, references from participating churches or ministers, and assistance from the Community Chest, also a ministry of the HCCA. Each home or apartment will have information on where to return this card and request for a meal. These requests will be gathered by volunteer of the supporting churches, processed, and then meals will be delivered the afternoon of Sunday, November 20 (again by volunteers) to each home or apartment.

First UMC, Sulphur Springs and Shannon Oaks Church are the two places where boxed meals and turkeys will be placed for volunteers to deliver. Wesley's location will be First UMC.

Once again, it is only \$10 per boxed meal to be a sponsor. Tickets are now available in our office. Wesley has been very generous the past two years purchasing/sponsoring 100 meals (or \$1000). Our Outreach Committee heartily endorses this giving opportunity!



Little Acorn School November Newsletter

Important Dates

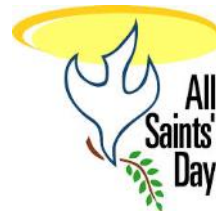
Nov 11 Scholastic Due
Nov 15 Have your food turned in for the Feast
Nov 18 Thanksgiving Feast
Nov 21 - 25 Closed for Thanksgiving

Important Reminders

I just want to say a huge thanks to all of you for helping to sell cookie dough. The class that sold the most was Ms. Cassie's class. They were treated with a McDonald's lunch. Leif Huff was our top cookies dough seller and received free tuition for the month.

Be sure you bring updated shot records when your child gets new shots. If you have a four-year-old and have not turned in your hearing and vision test, please do so ASAP.

Nov 1 - 4 Jonah and the Whale
The rest of November, we will be working on the Thanksgiving Feast, so no devotional.



Sunday November 6, 2016, is All Saints Sunday at Wesley. During the worship service at 9:30 a.m. that day, we will honor the saints of the church that have gone before us throughout the centuries and recognize the loved ones who have joined the multitude of saints during the past year. Those we will remember this year are:

Maxine Hiller Gene Alley Dell Cline
Mary Bruks Tilly Baumgardner Charles
Johnson Billie Jo Newsom



Needed! Used printer cartridges. We purchase office supplies with the rebates we get from recycling.

**From
Pastor
Steve**

In Everything, Give Thanks!

At the start of every Ad Board meeting, Chair Jim Skaggs asks us to share a celebration of ministries for the months since our last meeting. To be honest, some of these ministries occur each time (Backpack Buddies, youth and children reports, UMW events and speakers, etc.). And there are concerns and speakers and God sightings which become our focus at the moment: three youth professing Jesus Christ as Lord at an area-wide youth rally recently, the stewardship testimonies given over past 4-5 weeks, or the 100th birthday party for Doris Rawls celebrated at Hopkins Place this past Tuesday. These are moments that remind me of why I answered the call to ministry at age 17 and evoke feelings of gratitude for being Wesley's Pastor at this moment in history.

The month of November includes special times for all of us:

1. Sunday, November 6 is All-Saints Sunday, the moment we will remember and celebrate the lives of members lost since November, 2015. In addition, the Cornerstone and Life Way Sunday school classes will offer lunch following Sunday school. Donations for the lunch will benefit ministries of Wesley.
2. Sunday, November 13, will be our District-wide Charge Conference at Wesley UMC, Greenville, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
3. Wednesday, November 16, will be our annual church-wide Thanksgiving dinner at 6:00 p.m. (Turkey, dressing and all of the trimmings!).
4. Saturday, November 19, is our annual Fall Roundup with the cooking aroma of stew, chili and pies, along with the excitement of silent and live auctions.
5. Sunday, November 20, is Christ the King Sunday. This is when we implement "BE THE SERVICE" and deliver Thanksgiving meals to hundreds of Hopkins County residents!
6. Thursday, November 24, is Thanksgiving Day. "Let us give Thanks!"
7. Sunday, November 27, is the first Sunday in Advent. Theme: Good News.

Visits in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, homes, and hospitals will also be ongoing as well as surgeries planned and other ministry needs occurring. As a church, we all function best when we all work together being led in Grace and Mercy by God's Holy Spirit.

And when we complete November, then the great Christmas traditions and Christmas spirit will prevail in our homes and here at Wesley. It will bring a night of celebration with music and candlelight on Christmas Eve followed by two consecutive Sundays of Christmas on December 25

and New Year's Day on January 1. Our Worship Committee has recommended morning worship these two days at 10:00 a.m.

Then peering into the 2017 new year, Wesley celebrates its 65th birthday with a festive worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 8, featuring former pastors and families returning to help us remember "the Rock from which we were hewn." (Isaiah 51:1). We will then move to Wesley Hall and enjoy "a meal fit for the King!" While we look back, we will also be looking forward in faith to our grace-filled future. What a day it will be!

Sub-groups of your Worship Committee and Staff are planning for both the Christmas Eve musical/drama and the festive 65th anniversary celebration luncheon. So when you are asked to assist with these events, please say "Yes," with God leading me, "I will serve." In all of these things, I remain grateful to laity and staff who are "leading us to serve the Lord with gladness." (Psalm 100:2)

Finally, Dicie Rue and I want to say thank you for the surprise Pastor Appreciation Day on Laity Sunday, October 16. For all the cards, words of kindness, gift cards, and other expressions of appreciation, we are grateful and moved by your generosity. And the Wesleyan Sunday school class sponsored luncheon on top of that was absolutely sumptuous! Again, thanks Wesley!

These words from Henry Smith's *Give Thanks* express my deepest feelings: "Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. 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!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (I Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Mark Your Calendars!



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**65th Anniversary
Celebration
Sunday, January 8,
2017**

2016





United Methodist Women Report October, 2016

In September five members attended the annual District meeting in Leonard. We took 50 Health Kits which will be given to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

At the October meeting we allocated \$900 for SAFE-T, Fruitful Harvest (both for their Christmas needs), UMCOR, C.C. Young Home in Dallas, Holy Highway Girls Home in Pickton, Bethlehem Center and Wesley-Rankin, both in Dallas.

Carol Kirby was the guest speaker. She is a part of Fruitful Harvest which does local mission work in prisons and operates a local food bank. Mission teams also travel to the Philippines sharing God's Word. Carol was blessed to be able to stay in the Philippines for two months. It was also decided at our October meeting to host the district annual meeting in September, 2017.

UMW will be helping with the Wesley bake sale on December 17, which will help with the church's apportionments. It will be imperative that everyone who can help with goods for the bake sale.

Diane Dixon
UMW President



Thank You Note from the Lay
Leader: Lou Jane Drummond

Thank you to all who participated in Laity Sunday and to those who have shared their testimony on stewardship with us. Your response to Pastor Appreciation Day was wonderful! We are so blessed to have Pastor Steve and Dicie Rue as our parsonage family.

Thank you for your response to our Pledge Campaign. Thanks to our Sunday school classes who have had will be having "Lunches on Sunday" to help pay our apportionments. I believe we will get those Apportionments paid!

Fall is in the air and with that comes Fall Roundup! Please sign up and help with this endeavor. It is a day of fun, fellowship, and hard work!

What a blessing it is to be a member of Wesley Methodist Church, A Place of Grace. Please be in prayer for our church and our pastor as we minister to others and to our community. I believe in us and I believe we will meet our financial obligations, as we always have.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Kara Lane	Nov 2
Dora Gross	Nov 2
Ben Foster	Nov 4
Vera Ann Johnson	Nov 5
Doyle McKinzie	Nov 8
Kenna Lane	Nov 9
Jeff Spears	Nov 11
Hendrick deWitte	Nov 12
Billy Daniels	Nov 13
Andi Clark	Nov 14
Chris Ferrall	Nov 16
Mark Warren	Nov 19
Paul Smith	Nov 19
Martha Johnson	Nov 19
Sara Wilkinson	Nov 21
Logan Thurman	Nov 23
Red Penny	Nov 24
Bobbie and Leigh Moseman	Nov 24
Bill Watts	Nov 25
Ashley Garcia	Nov 26
Mary Lou Foster	Nov 26



Advent Study

*Christmas Journeys:
Finding JOY along the Way*

by: Dr. Justin Tull

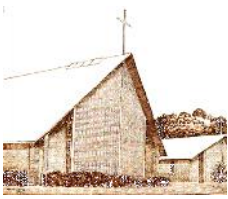
Wednesday, November 30 - Wednesday,
December 14. (will meet after dinner)

The study guide (printed version) is available at amazon.com for \$8. (There are also a few used copies.)

Orders of 10 or more printed versions are available from the author for \$5 each.

A Kindle version will be available for FREE download from amazon.com November 3-7.

A sign-up sheet is on the Wesley Hall bulletin board.



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United Methodist Women

1:30 p.m. Tuesday
November 15

Program: World Thank Offering/
Diane Dixon

Hostesses: Janie Godfrey/
Dicie Rue Cook

Everyone is invited to attend!



November 6, 2016

Fall Roundup

Saturday
November 19, 2016

