



Wesley's Vision

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

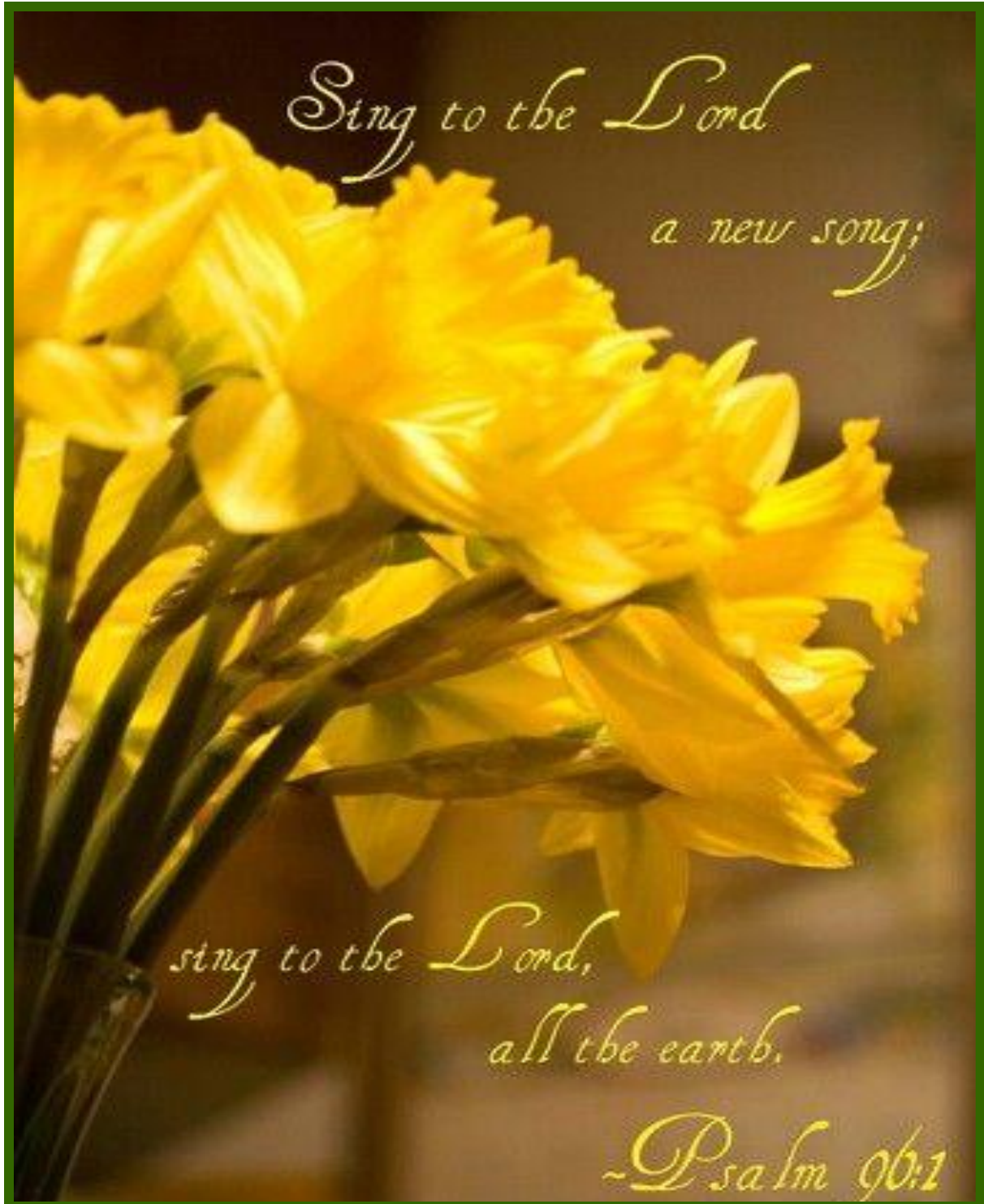
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# Lily Order Form

United Methodist Women are taking orders for lilies to be placed in the sanctuary Holy Week. The cost of each plant is \$10.00. Please make checks out to UMW. Deadline to order is April 9.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Lilies Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of Doris Herman  
By: Jack and Janie Godfrey  
Max and Lou Jane Drummond  
Rick and Cheryl Spears



In Loving Memory of Lloyd Hiller  
By: Pat and Janet Skauge  
Rachel and Gary Lewis  
Diane Dixon

In Loving Memory of Barbara Formby  
By: Rachel and Gary Lewis

## 2017 Emmaus Walks

Women's Walk 17-134 Apr 20-23 @ Lone Star, TX  
Girls Chrysalis Flight June 8-10 @ Cuthand, TX  
Boys Chrysalis Flight July 13-15 @ Cuthand, TX

For more information, talk to an Emmaus alumni.



Scouts and leaders from Troop 77 participated in the worship service, Sunday, February 12.





## PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Carolyn Albritton	Charles Batty, Jr.	Shanda Back
Sherry and Max Baxter	DeLana Beadle	Donna Berry
Carson Bryant	Van Bell	Cathy Bryant
Charlotte Burns	Anna Campbell	Cassie Cavaliere
W.B. and Martha Cox	Pam Clayton	Chloe Cox
Tom and Jane Ann Craft	Vivian Crowson	Sandy Davis Kathy
Crowson and Family	Chris Dixon	Diane Dixon
Faye and Gaither Day	Margie Giger	Sam Gilbreath
Shirley and Jerry Glossup	Don Gilmer	Jayne Glenn
Ty and Jamie Funderburk	Beulah Godfrey	Martha Johnson
Robert and Mary Glover	Billy Gregg	Kathy Hipkins
Jack and Janie Godfrey	Pam Hollingsworth	Sharon Hughes
Magan, Tim and Eisley Henderson	Jakeb Janetis	Sharon Jenkins
Mrs. and Mrs. Daniel Huie and unborn twins		Dana Jordan
Marvin and Louise Jones	Corena Korth	John Kramer
Christa and Victor Kasztelanski	Gary Lewis	Pricilla Lewis
Angela Little	Bear Littleton	Jase Mabie
Zane Magan	Sarah Massey	Sharon Mayo
Mary Ann McCormick	Kim Moore	Kay Orr
Tana and Gary Moon	Janice Petty	Tokio Pevalta
Ricky and Kay Orr	Mark Phillips	Debbie Price
Judy Rawson	Tommy Rawson	Greg Roller
Lois Shannon	Sharon	J.O. Shaw
Patsy and Don Shaw	LaVada Shelton	Beth Shurtleff
Pat Skauge	Dustin Snyder	Patty Soward
Donna and Dave Spears	Pat and Floyd Spears	Stephanie
Louise Stewart	Anna Mae Stolz	Jayne Stone
Grace Teal	Allan Thar	Braden Tinsley
Blake Thompson	Mark Warren	Della White
Bo and Penny West	Frances Williams	Vanessa Williams
Ron Zitterick	The Family of Barbara	Formby

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

## WESLEY HOMEBOUND

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



**United Methodist Women took lunch to the students at the Wesleyan Campus Ministry - Texas A&M-Commerce February 15, 2017**

## United Methodist Women

The local unit of United Methodist Women began the new year with a pledge service. We presented Lou Jane Drummond and L.B. Jordan with special membership pins. A monetary gift was given to missions in their names.

On February 15, several of us served lunch to the students at the Wesleyan Campus Ministry in Commerce.

Dicie Rue Cook presented a program in February on being thankful for everything around us. She gave each member a notebook and encouraged us to write in it every day.

**World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 3, at Our Savior Lutheran Church. The service begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch follows.** What a blessing it is to come together with our sisters in Christ from other churches in Sulphur Springs and worship together.

**On Sunday, April 9, we will have a bake sale.** This will be a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of buying a dessert, casserole or soup that has already been prepared. The money we make goes to help with mission projects. Please take a look at the UMW bulletin board in Wesley Hall. In 2016 we had information presented by speakers from several entities locally, in the state of Texas, and on a national level. Included are Methodist Children's Home in Waco, Wesleyan Campus Ministry in Commerce, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), which serves disaster victims in the U.S. and around the world, Wesley Rankin Community Center in Dallas, Bethlehem Center in Dallas, SAFE-T (Shelter Agencies for Families in East Texas-the local office is located at CANHelp) and the Holy Highway Girls Home.



## United Methodist Women PURPOSE

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole person through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

## The Vision of United Methodist Women

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

From  
Pastor  
Steve

## The Personal Response of Lent

LENT is here. When I hear that word that identifies “a season of inward reflection” on my personal relationship with Jesus the Christ and how I will express it each year, I often cringe. Will it be giving up food, television, coffee (oh my!), or other needy things?” Or will it be devoting myself more fully to be present with everyone I meet, read and study more intently before I preach, or choose to be careful on the use of words I speak? Just how will I experience the season of Lent in 2017?

Let me give you a definition of LENT: “It is a solemn religious observance in the liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday (March 1 this year) and ends a little over six weeks later on Holy Saturday (April 15 this year). The purpose of LENT is the preparation of the believer through prayer, repentance of sins, self-denial to draw closer to Jesus Christ.” The final week of LENT is known as **HOLY WEEK** (April 9-16) that marks the death, burial, resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ ending on **Easter Sunday** (April 16 this year). **Good Friday** (April 14 this year) marks the day Jesus was crucified and buried. Easter Sunday marks the day Jesus resurrected (arose from) the grave. It is, indeed, for the Christian Believer, the most important event in the Bible.

Confessionally, I have not always observed LENT solemnly and even with the right spirit. My personality requires a total shift from being an out-going, happy-go-lucky person to one of turning inward and walking with a limp of faith. I say **limp** intentionally as opposed to a **leap** of faith. As the Apostle Paul said to his “son in the ministry - Timothy,” **“I know the One whom I trust, and I am sure He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until the day of His return.” (II Timothy a:12 NLT).** This is that **leap of faith**. On the other hand, the **limp of faith** I refer to is more like the tax collector’s confession in Luke 18:13; **“O, God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.” (NLT)** The longer I live, the more I understand the Apostle Paul’s words of **“I die daily”** in I Corinthians 15:31. The need for daily repentance and confession of sin causes me to **LIMP** much more than **LEAP** in my faith walk with God in Christ Jesus. So, I confess to move

into this season is not natural for me, but it is necessary for me. **Lord, have mercy on me!**

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, you and I will be **marked** with the sign of the Cross as a reminder that “Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.” Truly, it is God’s love, mercy, and grace that carries us through life and the sooner we accept and trust these words, the more we can serve the Lord with gladness in our works and ways!. These ashes symbolize our need, at least once a year, to again convert our hearts to the Lord who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation. We are renewing our promises made at our baptism when we passed from our old way of life into our new way of life in Jesus Christ. We are to live mindful until this world passes away, we strive to live the Kingdom of God “on earth as it is in heaven”

So, Lent poses , for me, a challenge to go deeper into my inner self and discard those things (“weights,” Hebrews 12:1 calls them) that retard and distort the image of God deposited within me. Lent is the time for not only the preacher in me but also the person in me to take a personal inventory of my relationship with my Lord Jesus Christ. It reminds me to focus squarely on Jesus who died and arose for my sins, your sins, and sins of the whole-wide world. How will you observe Lent this year?

March 12, 2017



Daylight Saving  
Time Begins





## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Fran Francis	March 1
Della Loane	March 7
Bethany Ferrall	March 7
Rachel Lewis	March 8
Mary Logan	March 9
Jake Gibson	March 11
Marieke deWitte	March 12
<b>Marieke and Hendrick deWitte</b>	<b>March 13</b>
Brenda McKinzie	March 16
Katherine Glass	March 17
Pat Skaug	March 17
Kaitlyn Boughton	March 18
Jeff Godfrey	March 20
Jacob Jones	March 22
Gail Clark	March 23
<b>Jo and Bill Watts</b>	<b>March 24</b>
Rheston Sills	March 27
<b>Paula and Dennis Jordan</b>	<b>March 28</b>
Jana Prochaska	March 29
Sandra Parker	March 29
Peggy Gregg	March 29
Varie Ramos	March 31



The youth did a great job of serving lunch on Sunday, February 12. (Thanks also, helpers!)



### Needed!

Wesley still needs volunteers to drive the church bus on Sunday mornings. Someone to

drive the church bus in March and April.

Please contact the church office if you are willing to be a part of this ministry.



We are going to continue giving thanks and gratitude as we celebrate being a child of God!

Each Sunday, there will be a container on the table at the back

of the sanctuary for donations. Please give as you are led. At the end of the quarter (March, June, September, December) the money will be counted and will be in the newsletter along with the stewardship reported in each newsletter. The donations will go toward apportionments just as the thank offering did at the end of the year.



Kenna Lane and Zeus got third in their class! Way to go!



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



**Little Acorn School**  
**March Newsletter**

**Important Dates**

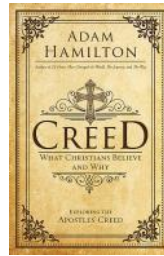
Closed for Spring Break

**Reminders**

If you have recently received new shots, please bring the updated shot record by the office.

**DEVOTIONAL**

- March 6 - 10 David and Goliath
- March 13 - 17 Closed for Spring Break
- March 20 - 25 Sharing
- March 27 - March 31 God Made Me



**Lenten Bible Study**

**Creed by Adam Hamilton**  
*What Christians Believe and Why*  
Exploring the **APOSTLES' CREED**

March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12

Books now \$13 per copy

**Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board**



Tax-Aide won a nice people award for Valentine's Day from KSST Radio and received a box of candy. Tax preparers from Wesley are: Cheryl Spears, Mary Logan, Mary Lou Foster, and Bill Watts.



The children made Valentine cards for the Holy Highway girls.

**Tax-Aide Federal Income Tax Preparation**  
from **AARP Foundation**

**Tuesdays and Saturdays till April 18**

**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Wesley UMC Wesley Hall**

**Cost: FREE**

For more information, call  
**Cheryl Spears 903-885-8932**



The Wesleyan Class hosted the girls from Holy Highway Girls Home to pizza and fun February 17, 2017. The Outreach Committee gave them buckets with goodies and red roses in celebration of Valentine's Day. The home received lots of supplies donated by church members.



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## United Methodist Women

1:30 p.m. Tuesday  
March 21

Program: Donna Korth  
Hostesses: Donna/Konnie



## World Day of Prayer

11:30 a.m.

Friday, March 3  
Our Savior Lutheran Church

1000 Texas Street

**Lunch follows**

## Wesleyan Class Fundraiser for Apportionments

Sunday, March 5  
following Sunday school

**Menu: World Famous  
Chicken Stew**

by: Shirley & Lou Jane