



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

November 2018

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And may the LORD make you
increase and abound
IN LOVE to one another
and to all,
just as we do to you, so that He may
establish your hearts
BLAMELESS in holiness
before our God & Father
at the coming
of our LORD JESUS CHRIST
with all His saints. **1 Thessalonians**
THREE:12-13

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PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Antonia Alcay	Patsy Ardis	Jordyn Ausmus	Charles Batty, Jr.
Beverly and Michael Chapman	Gloria Batty	Delana Beadle	Cassie Cavaliere
Allison and John Bostick	Dicie Rue and Pastor	Steve Cook	Wanda Clayton
Preston Crayton	Lou Jane Drummond	Eddie Fenstermaker	Silvina Epperson
Donny and Baulah Godfrey	Gene George	Jayne Glenn	H.W. Halcomb
Jack and Janie Godfrey	Dorothy Hargrave	Roy Herman, Jr.	Mark Heisler
Magan, Tim and Easley Henderson	Linda Hill		
Mindi Home	Dana Jordan		
Christa Kasztelanski	Lynn Kincade	Mark Lacelk	
Tonya and Jerry Lucas	Mary Logan	Jase Mabie	
Bobbie and Leigh Moseman	Zane Magan	Dorothy McCaig	
Kelly Moser	Cheryl Mullen	Edwin Munoz	
Debbie Nichols	Lynna Nichols	Gaylon O'dell	
Sandra Parker	Mack Phillips	Joe Pogue	
Nan Price	Bill Rodgers	Carolyn Roland	
Mildred Schulz	Pat Skauge	Amlie Smith	
Clara and Durwood Smith	Terry Smuthermon	The Spears Family	
Elton and Louise Stewart	Nancy Stobough	Barry Tyndell	
Allan Thar	Loretta Vaughn	Mark Warren	
Karen Wedding	Bill Weiderman	Ron Zitterick	
Barbara and Jim Williams	The Family of LaDonna Kusta - Konnie Cross' Mother		

Wildfires, Flooding, Hurricanes Victims of the shooting in Pittsburg
Students, Teachers, Administrators, Support Personnel
First Responders, Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel
 Our Country and Our Leaders

Community Chest/Cupboard CANHelp Backpack Buddies CASA
 North Texas Food Bank Holy Highway Girls Home
 Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center Abused Children and Youth
 Dallas Bethlehem Center – Wesley-Rankin Community Center
 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

Bobbie Holder Muriel Lucas Lois Shannon Margaret Campbell Sandra McIntire
 Della Loane Martha Johnson Red and Vernice Penny Marge Johnson



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, a U.S. public holiday in May; Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who *died* while in military service.^[1] It is also not to be confused with Armed Forces Day, a minor U.S. remembrance that also occurs in May, which specifically honors those *currently serving* in the U.S. military.

November Mission Emphasis

Be the Service

\$15

**1 Ticket Sponsors
 1 Meal for 1 Household**

THANKSGIVING 2018

**Pick up and Deliver
 2:00—3:00 p.m.
 On November 18**

Tickets in the church office



In Loving Memory of Billie Bright

By: Cheryl and Rick Spears and Family

In Loving Memory of Fred Kusta

By: Diane Dixon

In Honor of Paul Clark

By: Max and Lou Jane Drummond

In Honor of Jordan Krause

By: Elton and Louise Stewart



From
Pastor
Steve

Seedtime and Harvest

My Papa, Leland Cook, always looked forward to spring so that he could plow and till his garden wherever he lived—on the farm in the country and in a small town where, as the sitcom, *Cheers*, and its theme song declared, “...where everybody knows your name.” Papa and Grandma Cook lived a self-sustaining life on the farm in rural Trigg County, KY most of their lives before moving to our small town to take care of three children after my Mom died when I was thirteen.

The neatest thing I looked forward to was our Sunday meal at their house with my aunts and uncles and my four cousins. Add our family of six and there were eight children, three moms and three dads plus the grandparents. That’s right! Sixteen of us meeting after a thirty-minute drive from our home to theirs. Every Sunday! Only bad, icy, or snowy weather prevented us from being there.

There was a kids table and an adult table. The menu varied with the season but generally included a feast of 2-3 meats, 4-6 vegetables, sweet tea, lemonade, water, and on top of all this; Grandma made Jello with everyone’s favorite flavor and even favorite fruit (bananas/ fruit cocktail/strawberries, apples, etc. I think I even remember Jello with shaved carrots and mayonnaise on top! Great and fun memories, indeed.

On several occasions, Papa “let me” help him. He taught how to how a row, drop various vegetable seeds into that row, and then to gently cover the seed. He was always a patient teacher with me and my cousins. In those days, it was sign of family leveling out the garden with rakes, assigning certain rows for pole beans, squash, cabbage, both green peas and black-eyed peas, corn, hills for potatoes, cucumbers, and setting tomato plants.

I recall fondly Papa telling us cousins that we’ll have some good “maters” and “taters” at the end of the summer. We even got to break beans with Grandma in her apron, “help her” can beans, tomatoes, tomato juice, beets, and pickles and freeze corn. It was there I learned that a cucumber turns into a pickle! What joy! What a life!

Frequently, in the Bible, we read of sowing seeds and then harvest time. In Galatians 6:7-9 the Apostle Paul tells the Church folk this, “You will always reap what you sow! Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful desires will harvest the consequences of decay and death. So don’t get tired of doing what is good. Don’t get discouraged and give up, for we reap a harvest of blessing in the appropriate time.” (New Living Version)

This law of sowing is repeated often throughout the Bible. It also applies to our growing spiritual life. Just as one sowing/ planting a garden chooses what she/he wants to harvest and enjoy later on the dinner table, the spiritual person chooses growth through Bible study (personal or in groups), worshipping as a church member with other church members, visiting the sick, elderly, homebound, those in hospitals and nursing or assisted living homes, and even those incarcerated, participating in Holy Communion and Baptisms, feeding and clothing the needy, and being an advocate for the poor, the marginalized, and the elderly. Your participation in even 2-3 of these

experiences, will yield a harvest of the Fruit of the Spirit and transformations in your life!

When you speak to a guest or someone you do not know, you sow a seed in a heart—even if you just wanted to say welcome. When you listen to a friend, a neighbor, or church member share a story or thought, a seed has been sown. I’ve frequently heard this from church members in every church I’ve pastored, “Do you know who that person is over there?” I used to say yes or no. I do not any more. Now I say, “Why don’t you go over and introduce yourself, listen to their names, and then welcome them to our service or invite them to Sunday school or to a special event our church has planned?” (Even if I DO know them!) All it takes is for you to choose to do it. Plant that seed. Hang in there.

The end result for planting seeds is always the harvest. It is remarkable that Jesus says in the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13:3-23 that seed sown on the good, rich soil varies in its return, “yielding a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown.” This means we must take the time to prepare properly and timely when sowing/planting—in our gardens and in our spiritual growth.

With Thanksgiving approaching as well as our Fall Roundup on November 17, it is with gratitude I thank God for putting me in a seedtime and harvest ministry!

Alert!

A new small group for young women will begin meeting Sunday, December 2, at 10:45 a.m. We will meet in an upstairs classroom. The first study will use the book *Girl, Wash Your Face*, by Rachel Hollis. The group will be facilitated by Amanda Clark and Diane Dixon.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Kara Lane	November 2
Dora Gross	November 2
Vera Ann Johnson	November 5
Doyle McKinzie	November 8
Kenna Lane	November 9
Jeff Spears	November 11
Hendrik deWitte	November 12
Billy Daniels	November 13
Andi Clark	November 14
Chris Ferrall	November 16
Mark Warren	November 19
Paul Smith	November 19
Martha Johnson	November 19
Sara Wilkinson	November 21
Logan Thurman	November 23
Red Penny	November 24
Bobbie and Leigh Moseman	November 24
Bill Watts	November 25
Mary Lou Foster	November 26
Amanda and Joe Clark	November 29



WESLEY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH PRESENTS

The 40th Annual

FALL ROUND UP

November 17, 2018 • 4:30-8:00PM

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

TICKETS: Adults \$6 | Children \$3

Childcare available for children under 3

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Wesley UMC-Sulphur Springs



**United Methodist
Women**

1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 13

Program: Bonnie Gilmer

**Hostesses: Mary Logan
Bonnie Gilmer**

**Ad Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 6
6:30 p.m.
Wesleyan Classroom**



**40th Annual
Fall Roundup
Saturday
November 17**

**Signup sheets are on the
Wesley Hall bulletin board**