



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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Hello,  
 To my wonderful church family,  
 Thanks for your cards and prayers. I continue to  
 pray for all the sick in our church family. Thanks for all of you who  
 are working so hard in the church. Wish I could be there with you.  
 We enjoy the ladies who come to visit us.

Love,  
 Louise Stewart

Dear Church family,  
 We were blessed by your phone calls, cards, visits, food,  
 memorials, and most of all, by your prayers.  
 Max loved his church and his church family. Pastor Steve stood  
 with us day and night and we were blessed by his loving compas-  
 sion.  
 The Bereavement Committee served us a delicious lunch and we  
 are grateful to all of you who cooked food and to those of you  
 who helped serve.  
 Please continue to pray for our family. There is no other church  
 as loving and caring as Wesley United Methodist Church. God  
 Bless each of you.

**In Loving Memory of Joe Pogue**

By: Joyce Davis

**In Loving Memory of Fran Francis**

By: Jack and Janie Godfrey

**In Loving Memory of Sandy Davis**

By: Joyce Davis

**In Loving Memory of Della Loane**

By: James and Annada Jones

JoAnn Henderson

Ronny and Kathy Darrow  
 O'dell

**In Loving Memory of Max Drummond**

By: Mary Logan

Betty Green

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Diane Dixon

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Sandra Phillips

Bill and Jo Watts

Bill and Gina Wilder

Vera Ann Johnson

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Rhonda Alley



Red and Vernice Penny

Jack & Janie God-

Barbara & Rex

Rick and Cheryl Spears

Jim and Connie West-

Doyle and Brenda McKin-

Gary and Rachel Lewis

Jerry and Shirley Glossup

Ronny and Kathy Darrow

Richard and Janeen Fran-

Chris and Lezley Brown

Thank You



The Wesley Staff thanks you for  
 the monetary gifts you so gener-  
 ously gave us at Christmas We  
 love and appreciate each of you!  
 God bless you in 2019.

**The Thurman Family, Didi, Logan, Allie,  
 Mattie and Spencer, light the Advent  
 Candles.**



United Methodist  
 Women had a  
 money tree at  
 their Christmas  
 party. A donation  
 of \$195 was  
 made to Breaking  
 Bread Ministry.  
 Mary Lou Foster  
 presented the  
 check to Bill  
 Watts.



**The Christmas Story**



## PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Richard Adams	Patsy Ardis	Jordyn Ausmus
Charles Batty, Jr.	Delana Beadle	Bethany Nichole
Cassie Cavaliere	Wanda Clayton	Lou Jane Drummond
Allison and John Bostick	Silvina Epperson	Gene George
Beverly and Michael Chapman	Eddie Fenstermaker	Jerry Gibby
Don and Mary Gilmer	Jayne Glenn	Jeff Godfrey
Donny and Baulah Godfrey	H.W. Halcomb	Dorothy Hargrave
<b>Jack and Janie Godfrey</b>	Roy Herman, Jr.	Mark Heiser
Magan, Tim and Easley Henderson	Pam Hollingsworth	Mindi Horne
Dana Jordan	Christa Kasztelanski	Lynn Kincade
Mark Lacelk	Jase Mabie	Zane Magan
Bobbie and Leigh Moseman	Nan Price	Carolyn Roland
Mack and Betty Phillips	Mildred Schulz	Terry Smutherford
Elton and Louise Stewart	Michael Spurlock	Nancy Stobough
Allan Thar	Loretta Vaughn	Bill Wallpe
Betty and Mark Warren	Karen Wedding	Bill Weiderman
Barbara and Jim Williams	Ron Zitterick	
Our Country and Our Leaders	First Responders	
Community Chest/Cupboard	CANHelp	Backpack Buddies
CASA		
North Texas Food Bank	Holy Highway Girls Home	

## The Wesley Chancel Choir, Children and Youth Ministries presented

### *The Christmas Story*



**From Pastor Steve** **A Holy, Yet Jolly, Christmas Story!**

In my ministry, I have never once directed a Christmas pageant. I've been both a shepherd in a bathrobe, a king wearing a jeweled crown and wearing colorful jackets, and even an angel singer (early in life, but they would not give me my wings!). I've secretly thought I deserved a short at being Joseph—but too many church people knew the real me.

I cannot remember during all my 67 years of not seeing and/or hearing the Christmas story. Though I know all of the prophecies about the advent of Jesus, can, from memory, re-create and piece together the Biblical story of Jesus' birth, I am still moved whenever I still see it come together and know personally why "Mary treasured and pondered these things in her heart."

This story never gets old. The characters change from year to year, the specific music/cantata sung may be repeated—but always without folk who have either passed on or moved on, and who can predict the weather for Christmas, it always presents, "Christ the Savior who is born"—first in a Bethlehem sheep pen and then again in our hearts.

The 2018 Christmas Story at Wesley did introduce us to new characters who 1. Wandered more than wondered as sheep; 2. An angelic child who simply did not accept her role as an angel; 3. The inclusion of a camel because "all camels are boys" and "I can be real still;" 4. Two wandering sheep who did venture back toward stardom in The Christmas Story; 5. A Mary and Joseph, sister and brother—related to the cantata music director—with Mary, the sister, being older and wiser than a younger Joseph and, according to Joseph, kept kicking him under the manger; and 6. A wondrous, ponderous cast to remind us of the beauty of the Babe born in that Bethlehem manger.

The glorious music, interspersed with readings and Scripture by the duo of Taylor and Paul Clark, gave each of us a holy, yet jolly, Christmas story. To our Chancel Choir and Director, Joe Clark, and to our very talented media men, Stanley Foster and Rick Spears, to our Children's Minister, Marieke deWitte, and all our youth and

children, thank you for making memories with your Wesley Church. (By the way, our choir of angels and townspeople rocked—were spectacular!)

I do hope this 2018 Advent/Christmas spirit will stay with us at least until Sunday, January 6, 2019, as we celebrate Epiphany—the coming of the Three Wise Men (or Magi) to offer their gifts to the Christ Child. Did you know that the Twelve Days of Christmas begin on Christmas Day and end with Epiphany? And, according to our own "Etiquette by Emily" (as in Glass), we can continue to give and receive gifts since it is still Advent/Christmas! (I am citing my resource to let you know I learned not to plagiarize when doing a term paper in college! See, I did learn something in all of my education. Oh, by the way, since there is no "g" in education, pronounce it "ed u ca tion." (Maybe I learned two things!)

Proverbs 17:22 is one of my favorite Bible verses: "A merry heart does good like medicine, but a broken (downcast) spirit dries the bones." Perhaps, it is an appropriate time to recognize that grief challenges any holy, holly, yet jolly Christmas. One of the gifts offered to me by so many college co-workers over the years was the gift of humor. In a group of peers and experts, I learned that life is precious, knowledge is passing, laughing with others and also at yourself, promoted a very healthy work environment. Yet, the strength of my collegial friends was always stronger when we practiced the words of Paul in Romans 12:15: "Rejoice



Kelly Moser	January 7
Vera and Jim Skaggs	January 7
Shirley Glossup	January 8
Ryan Spears	January 9
Bonnie Gilmer	January 13
Amanda Clark	January 14
Elton Stewart	January 16
Lynna Nichols	January 17
Spender Thurman	January 26
Kimberly Hart	January 27
Norma Gadt	January 29
Richard Batty	January 30



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United  
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Hostesses: Diane Dixon  
and Bonnie  
Gilmer

**Ad Board Meet-  
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**6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday  
January 22**



**1:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, January  
15**

Program: Mary Lou Foster  
and Rachel Lewis

**Poinsettias Given in Memory of:**

**By:**

Our Parents	Wanda and Jimmy Winfrey
James Parker	Sandra Parker
Doris and Aaron McKinzie McKinzie	Brenda and Doyle
Billy Gregg	
Sid and Christine Speck Dr. Bud Watts	Bill and Jo Watts
Carey (Hoot) Gibson Max Drummond	
Daddy and PaPa	The Thurman Family
Max Drummond	
Floyd and Patsy Spears Spears	Rick, Cheryl, Ryan and Jeff
Myrtle Thar	
Johnell Thompson	Emilie Vaughn
Jerry and Mary Huffman man	Gary and Debra Huff-
Orin and Irene Scholz	
Dorothy Junod, Grandmother Foster Gaines, Grandfather	Kelly Moser
Leroy Dixon	Diane Dixon
Max Drummond	
Raymond McCaig	Dorothy McCaig
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Herman	Gina Wilder
Leroy Easley	Wandean Easley
Joe Saint and Gertrude Clark Clark	Joe, Amanda, Ruth and J.C.
Robert Eugene Moore	
Max Drummond	Frances and Billy Dan-
iels	
Buddy Watts	Rhonda Alley
Max Drummond	
Tom and Esther Massey T.M. and Marietta Higgins	Max and Ilene Massey
Erica Kines	
Bill and Elizabeth Foster Foster	Mary Lou and Stanley
Morris Logan	
Loved Ones who have gone before us	Marieke and Hendrik
deWitte	
Fred Kusta and LaDonna Kusta	Konnie Cross
Max Drummond	
Algarine Jordan	L.B. and Dana Jordan
Andrew Robinson Rue	Pastor Steve and Dicie
Aubrey Mullinax Waymon and Mary Cook	
Williams S. and Mary Rogers	

**Poinsettias Given in Honor of:**

**By:**

Mother and Memaw Lou Jane Drummond Clark Family Marieke deWitte	The Thurman Family
Allan Thar Spears	Rick, Cheryl, Ryan and Jeff
Ethan Huffman Erica, Ryan, Adelaide and Emma Murphy	Gary and Debra Huffman
Jana and Danny Kirkland Paul, Kim, Kaden, Caelyn	Mary Ellen and Malcolm
Lou Jane Drummond	Diane Dixon
Our Church Choir and Family	Gary and Rachel Lewis
Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Glass and Family Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wilder Miss Gail Herman Mr. and Mrs. Roy Herman, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilder	Gina Wilder
My Grandma, Esther Georgean Moore	Joe, Amanda, Ruth and J.C. Clark
Bill and Jo Watts Lou Jane Drummond	Rhonda Alley
Vivian and Wade Kines Marcy and Max Massey, Jr.	Max and Ilene Massey
Mary Logan	Mary Lou and Stanley Foster
Our Children and Family	James and Gail Clark
Our daughters, sons-in-law, and Grandchildren	Marieke and Hendrik deWitte
Mack and Betty Phillips dan	Dennis and Paula Jor-
dan	
Mark and Betty Warren Lou Jane Drummond	
Everett Nelson Zeringue	L.B. and Dana Jordan
Our Children	Jack and Janie Godfrey



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