



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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ROMANS 5:8

But God demonstrates
HIS OWN LOVE
toward us,
in that while we were
still sinners,

Christ

DIED FOR US.

Please note: Memorials as of March 24, 2019



In Loving Memory of Bobbie Holder

By: Ronnie and Kathy Darrow Rick and Cheryl Spears
JoAnn Johnson Diane Dixon Dorothy Duncan
Vernice Penny Gary and Rachel Lewis

In Loving Memory of Sybrigje deWitte

By: Diane Dixon

In Loving Memory of Della Loane

By: Jerry and Gail Brewer

In Loving Memory of Max Drummond

By: Jerry and Gail Brewer

In Loving Memory of Mack Phillips

By: Jerry and Gail Brewer

The Children's Annual Mardi Gras Parade.



Kathy and Chris Steele joined the Wesley Family March 17, 2019. Welcome!!



Amanda and the children—March 24

Update on Backpack Buddies

Receipts January—December 2018	\$3,819.47
Disbursements January-December 2018	\$5,599.20
A deficit of	\$1,779.73

January 2019

Receipts	\$271.00
Disbursements	\$620.43
Deficit	\$349.43

February, 2019

Receipts	\$386.00
Disbursements	\$478.75
Deficit	\$ 92.75

March, 2019

Receipts	\$551.00
Disbursements	*\$928.90
Deficit	(this is for several weeks) \$377.00

2019 Apportionments
TOTAL APPORTIONMENTS \$22,147.00

GENERAL CONFERENCE

WORLD SERVICE FUND: The basic benevolence fund for our church, distributed to various program agencies by a precise formula to support their missional responsibilities. The agencies serve both as a resource to local churches and an extension of local churches in action on a national and world level primarily through World Service budgets.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND: Money for theological seminaries and continuing education programs with 75% being administered by the general church and 25% by our Annual Conference.

BLACK COLLEGES FUND: Financial help to upgrade the standards of buildings, facilities, and operational expensed of the ten Black Methodist colleges and one Black Methodist medical school.

AFRICA UNIVERSITY FUND: Funds for the development of the first private university in sub-Saharan Africa.

EPISCOPAL FUND: The salary, travel, and office expensed for the bishops of the United Methodist Church.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION FUND: The support for general church activities, ecumenical in nature, so that United Methodism might be in mission and ministry with other Christian communities.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND: The funding of administrative work on the church's general level, including the cost of holding General Conference and financing church agencies administrative in nature.

JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE: A special project of the South Central Jurisdiction for the Mexican-American School in El Paso, Texas.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Funds for the Center for Leadership Development, which is responsible for identifying, recruiting, equipping and developing young, diverse, lay and clergy principled Christian leaders. Includes our work in faith development and discipleship and the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Board of Laity and the Conference Council on Youth Ministries

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT & CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION: Funds for the Center for New Church Development & Congregational Transformation, which is responsible for starting new faith communities and transforming existing congregations.

MISSIONAL OUTREACH: Funds for the Center for Missional Outreach, which is responsible for our ministry with the poor and our efforts to improve global health.

CONNECTIONAL RESOURCES: Funds for the Center for Connectional Resources, which is responsible for providing the necessary services to leverage our resources and support our efforts to address the priorities of the Annual Conference. Includes the central treasury, clergy and staff benefits, property concerns including the conference - wide property & liability insurance program, administrative support services, and camp and retreat operations.

BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS: Funds for the Comprehensive Protection Plan (disability and life insurance) for pastors, pension supplements for those churches and pastors whose compensation is under the Denominational Average Compensation, and Board of Pension and Health Benefits operating expenses. Also includes supplemental funds for health insurance premiums for current retired ministers and pastors and dependents whose salaries are below denominational average compensation, and funding for our past pension and retiree medical liability obligations.

AREA ADMINISTRATION: Funds for the Bishop's office and residence, including the Conference Communications Office.



Thank you so very much for the wonderful luncheon that was supplied for our family. Thanks to the ladies that served and cleaned up. We greatly appreciate you all.

Thanks again,

Larry and Cathy Wallace
Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

From "Come and See; Go and Tell!"

**Pastor
Steve**

The incomplete story of Jesus Christ is often called "The Greatest Story Ever Told." While we do have two birth narratives in Matthew 1 and Luke 2, we know very little else about Jesus of Nazareth. In fact, the town of Nazareth was so indistinct that a saying developed: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Most of us would be offended if others referred to our hometown in such a negative or vain way! And so we can only surmise that Jesus was an apprentice carpenter with his earthly father, Joseph. And, frankly, the handful of woodworkers and carpenters I've known have been mentors both encouraging and watching me as I have used saws, sanders, and drills without injuring myself! In each personal mentor, I learned to be both attentive and intentional while in the workshop. Creating something out of nothing using wood products is art and craft inside one's mind finding purpose. So we can only guess how Joseph prodded Jesus along to learn this skill.

We do know that Jesus debated Jewish scholars in the Jerusalem Temple when he was 12 years old. So we can surmise that Jesus was like many other adolescent boys in being trained in the Torah and all its laws. Apparently he was so wrapped up in his debating that he forgot how he got there (with mom and dad!) and they did not know he was missing until the caravan of Jewish folk stopped for the evening. So back to Jerusalem they go to find Jesus. It was in the temple they found him with mom saying, "You have worried us silly! What in the world do you think you were doing?" Jesus did not try to weasel out of this. He simply said, "Surely you know I must be about my Father's business?" Which seems to me to be an early indication Jesus was preparing for that "Come and See; Go and Tell" moment called Resurrection.

All four Gospels have their varying accounts of the Resurrection Story. Each has written as he either saw it, was told about it, or heard from others. No one story is more accurate than the other. Together, we can piecemeal one of those priceless moments in biblical antiquity. There's earthquakes, angels, an open tomb, women on a mission of love, and embarrassed disciples finally coming out of hiding places. The only

ones remembering Jesus' words are the chief priests and Pharisees (who dogged Jesus at every turn!) who went to Pilate, the Roman Governor and state they had heard Jesus once say, "After three days I will rise again." So they asked Pilate to place a special guard to "Watch the tome and make sure His Disciples do not come and steal His body!" So much for three years of intensive teaching and mentoring for the Twelve!

Yet in all of this ongoing shuttling around by so many people and events, it is the angel who said to the women, "I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here. He is risen just as He said He would. Come, see the place where He lay; then go and tell His Disciples He will see them in Galilee." (Matthew 16:6-7) Again, these words: "Come and See; Go and Tell." And in Mark 16:6-7, the angel adds, "Go, tell His Disciples, and Peter, He is going ahead of you in Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you."

The season of Lent leading into the Easter season is an annual reminder to "Come and See—then—Go and Tell." These words form for us our simple task as weary pilgrims in our journey of faith. "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) Then, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Since we walk by faith and not by sight, we Christ followers are to sow the seeds of God's Word wherever we go leaving the results up to our God in Christ who understands hearts much better than we do. We keep on keeping on for the glory of God—not for ourselves! So we offer this unique yet simple message to all who would listen: "Come and See—what the Lord has done!" Then, we, together—all of us—become the bearers of Good News to all people when "We go and Tell others what has changed about us!"

Come to think about it: The Easter story is the Greatest Story every told! Will you "Rise up and Follow?" We've a story to tell to the nations—each of us!

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 14, 2019.

Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

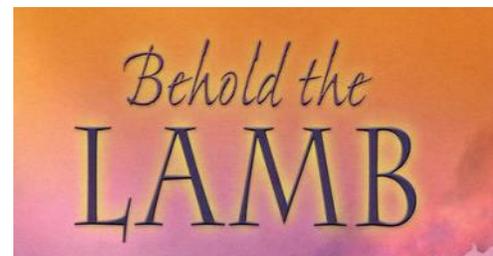
Total Lilies Ordered _____

Good Friday Service of Darkness

6:00 p.m. April 19



The Wesley Chancel Choir presents



10:00 a.m. April 21

Easter Sunday



Tickets may be purchased at area banks and from Choral Society members.

Mary Lou Foster, Carol Ann O'dell, Paul Clark and in the church office.



April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Joe Batty	April 2
Sandy Heisler	April 6
Harper Clark	April 7
Donna Nelson	April 9
Wanda Winfrey	April 13
Michelle and Keith Griffith	April 13
Norma and Don Gadt	April 15
Jaci Zeringue	April 16
Jo Watts	April 17
Max Massey	April 18
Steve Cook	April 18
Jolie Jones	April 20
Gloria Batty	April 27
Pam Hollingsworth	April 28
Rachel and Gary Lewis	April 29

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Richard Adams	Patsy Ardis	Jordyn Ausmus	
Charles Batty, Jr.	Delana Beadle	Bethany Nichole	
Allison and John Bostick	Cassie Cavaliere	Wanda Clayton	
Beverly and Michael Chapman	Marilyn Davenport	Virginia Emerline	
Eddie Fenstermaker	Silvina Epperson	Jayne Glenn	
Jerry and Shirley Glossup	Jeff Godfrey	Betty Green	
Don and Mary Gilmer	Betty Green	Dorothy Hargrave	Ashley Harris
Donny and Baulah Godfrey	Roy Herman, Jr	Mark Heisler	
Jack and Janie Godfrey	Pam Hollingsworth	Mindi Home	
Magan, Tim and Eisley Henderson	Patty Hudson	Louise Jones	
Christa Kasztelanski	James and Pat Hulen	Dana Jordan	
Jeff and Pat Johnson	Lynn Kincade	Mark Laclek	
Jase Mabie	Zane Magan	Johnny Nichols	
Lynn and Richard Merrick	Sandra Parker	Roger Perish	
Bobbie and Leigh Moseman	Matt Pogue	Nan Price	
Kenneth Raleigh	Michael Spurlock	Nancy Stobough	
Elton and Louise Stewart	Allan Thar	Kelly Tomlinson	
Betty and Mark Warren	Wanda Winfrey	Ron Zitterick	
Barbara and Jim Williams	Flood Victims	Janet Skauge	

Students, Teachers, Administrators, Support Personnel
First Responders, Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel
Our Country and Our Leaders
Military Personnel and their Families
First Responders
Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel
Community Chest/Cupboard
CANHelp
ackpack 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

Muriel Lucas Lois Shannon Margaret Campbell
Sandra McIntire Martha Johnson Marge Johnson

Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday, April 17

Following dinner

Kids! Bring your baskets.

No grass, please!



United Methodist Women

150th Birthday 1869—2019

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was formed in Boston in 1869 in response to the lack of women's health care in India.

Women in the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren traditions organized about the same time in history (1869-1893) when women and children were legally classified as "chattel, legally dead, non-persons. There was little service to women because of prejudice and limitations of cultural attitudes in the church and in society.

In 1869, Mrs. Williams Butler and Mrs. Edwin Parker, wives of missionaries to India, were home on furlough. They spoke to a group of eight women in Boston. Mrs. Butler told about the desperate spiritual and physical needs of women in India. A male doctor could not treat women. Schooling for girls was almost non-existent. Single, trained and dedicated women were needed for medical and educational work.

The women who were present called another meeting of women, wrote a constitution, and organized the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS). By November 1869, the newly formed organization raised funds and sent Isabella Thoburn, an education, and Dr. Clara Swain, a doctor, to India.

Mrs. Thoburn began a school with six young girls in Lucknow. This school expanded to include Isabella Thoburn College, the first women's college in Asia. Dr. Swain began her medical work, resulting in the establishment of the first women's hospital in Asia. Both of these institutions are still serving the people of India.

1879 The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church was founded.

1884 The Woman's Missionary Society was organized in the Evangelical Association.

The Ladies Aid Societies, which had existed for many years, were incorporated into the missionary societies in the 1940s. Through reorganization and denominational mergers, these various groups were brought together.

1973 United Methodist Women because the women's mission organization of the United Methodist Church.

2012 The United Methodist Church General Conference voted to make United Methodist Women's national policymaking body autonomous. The transition began October 1, 2012. Harriet Jane Olson, Chief Executive Officer of the organization said, "Our work is making our voices heard. Our work is not just about service, it's about worship, it's about standing up, stepping up and making our voice heard. We try to help governments see the world the way we see the world because it will positively impact the lives of women, children and youth."



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United
Methodist
Women

1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19

Program: Dicie Rue Cook

Hostesses: Barbara Williams
Sharon Callahan



United Methodist Women

Bake Sale

8:30 a.m.



Sunday, April 14

Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Casseroles, Soups

