



Wesley's Vision

INVITE all in the Name of Christ
GROW disciples with the Word
of Christ
SERVE all with the LOVE of

Wesley Witness

Wesley United Methodist Church

November 2020

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Wesley UMC-Sulphur Springs



Wesley Cooks for You!

Name	Phone Number	Dish	Minimum Donation
Dorothy McCaig	903-885-4908	Chicken 'n Dumplings (1 quart)	\$15.00
Rachel Lewis	903-439-8337	Autumn Soup (1 quart)	\$15.00
Cheryl Spears	903-348-6459	Taco Stew (1 quart)	\$15.00
Frances Daniels	903-885-2483	Black Eyed Pea Soup (1 quart) Mild Medium Hot	\$15.00
Mary Ellen Kirkland	903-243-7812	Chicken and Wild Rice	\$20.00
Julie Weir	904-440-5307	Chicken Spaghetti	\$20.00
Ilene Massey	903-243-3690	Taco Bake	\$20.00
Carol Ann O'Dell	903-513-5958	Enchiladas (1 dozen)	\$20.00
Betty Phillips	903-485-4612	Chicken Stew (1 quart)	\$15.00
Bonnie Gilmer	317-628-0223	Breakfast Casserole or King Ranch Chicken	\$20.00
Gina Wilder	903-243-1297	Chicken and Dressing	\$20.00
Diane Dixon	903-243-3459	Rum Cake (Bundt) or Homemade Bread (1 Loaf)	\$25.00/\$8.00
Cheryl Spears	903-348-6459	Guacamole (1 pint or 1 quart)	Check with Cheryl
Wanda Winfrey	903-885-4428	Coconut Cake (Layer Cake)	\$25.00
Lou Jane Drummond	903-243-4911	Coca Cola Cake (Sheet Cake)	\$25.00
Janie Godfrey	903-885-3956	Banana Nut Cake	\$25.00
Emily Glass	903-243-6222	Choice of Pies	\$20.00
Vera Ann Johnson	903-885-7279	Choice of Pies	\$20.00



Wesley Cooks for You Grand Finale!

Sunday, November 15 immediately following worship.
10:30—11:45 a.m.

**Each of the cooks will bring their specialty item(s) to be sold.
Purchase is by donation to apportionments.**

Please join us in topping off our Wesley Cooks fundraiser!

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Richard Adams	Stephen Andersen	Jade Ausbrooks	Charles Batty, Sr.	Marilyn Baxter	Delana Beadle
Richard Brown	Wanda Clayton	William Cochran	Hazel Collins	Brenda Cupps	Johnny Darrow
Pastor Steve & Dicie Rue	Benny Deaton	Diane Dixon	Pvt Ryan Dixon	Steve Fitch	Renee Francey
Eddie Fenstermaker	Nancy Ferguson	Ricky Gammill	Mike Gilmer	Steve Gilmer	Jerry Glossup
Janie Godfrey	The Harris Family	Rebecca Hathcoat	Frank Hernandez	Kristi Hodgkiss	Mindi Horne
Roy & Gina Lynn Herman	Kaycee Ivey	Ronnie Jenkins	Louise Jones	Dana Jordan	Lynn Kincade
Becky Moore	Beverly Morgan	Forest Mullins	Debbie Nichols	Rose Raines	Carolyn Roland
Devyn & Jaxon Riggs	Sylvia Sellers	Nancy Stobough	Velma Swatsell	Allan Thar	Milly Townsend
Jayne & Roger Stone	Kati Voss	Randall Voss	Betty Warren	Bill Wilder	Sara Wilkinson
Tom Young	Becky & Danny Walker	Wildfires and Hurricane Cleanup	Schools-Teachers, Students, Administrators, Staff		
		Those suffering from COVID-19			

Homebound

Marvin and Louise Jones Reid Rawls Marge Johnson Muriel Lucas Elton and Louise Stewart Lois Shannon

From Pastor
Steve

Sur-prise Sur-prise Sur-prise!

One of my all-time favorite television comedy series was Gomer Pyle, USMC. The first episode was shown on September 25, 1964. "Back in the day," I watched it on a black and white tv. Reruns appear on several networks today on color tv. Gomer was played by the professional operatic singer, Jim Nabors. He has a nasal twang he perfected into a country bumpkin private serving under Gunnery Sergeant Vince Carter (Sergeant Carter to Gomer.) I can still hear him calling out, "Sergeant, Sergeant!" no matter the situation or question. But the oft quoted lines that always set up a confrontation between these was this; "Sur-prise Sur-prise Sur-prise!" And then, no telling what would happen.

Surely most of us love surprises that unexpectedly excite us, fool us, or even overwhelm us. A positive surprise will do that. On the other hand, when we are on the receiving end of an embarrassing situation, a gossip unknown to us about us, or a negative connotation, those hurt!

I have to be honest with you. When I was the recipient of Pastor Appreciation Day on Sunday, October 11, 2020, I had never been so surprised by any church I've ever served before! You may recall that it was only my third Sunday back in the pulpit since my extended health leave. I was just beginning to feel my way back into preaching and you showered me with cards, notes/message, and gifts! I am so honored to serve here at Wesley UMC along with my very supportive wife, Dicie Rue. Perhaps, a preacher/pastor weakness is the difficulty of saying thanks or accepting praise. Borrowing from an old African village quote: "It truly takes a church and community to raise a preacher/pastor!"

From my/our heart (s), THANK YOU, WESLEY!

This coming Sunday is an important Sunday each year at Wesley. We have altered the way we honor **All Saints Day**, but it is our joy to remember those saints who have gone on to the Church Eternal. Here is our current roll:

#1805	<i>James Clark</i>	<i>December 4, 2019</i>
#1790	<i>Martha Johnson</i>	<i>December 9, 2019</i>
#415	<i>Shirley Glossup</i>	<i>January 3, 2020</i>
#509	<i>Jack Godfrey</i>	<i>May 18, 2020</i>
#1536	<i>Sandra Parker</i>	<i>May 30, 2020</i>
#716	<i>Mark Warren</i>	<i>July 5, 2020</i>
#995	<i>Emmett Daehn</i>	<i>September 20, 2020</i>

Prayer: God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, today we give thanks for the lives of these saints who have entered the Church Eternal. We miss them, yet we remember them as faithful members of our church—even in varying years of service. By their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness, they

have completed their time with us. We commend them to your eternal care, O God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Finally, I wish to commend so many women in our church who have signed up to offer meals to all of us in return to a suggestive gift amount (or even over and above the suggestive dollar amount.) these dollars will be needed asset during this coronavirus (COVID-19). Nearly \$2,500 has been raised already!

Additionally, our volunteer cooks will conclude their prepared meals with a final round of their advertised cooking treats on Sunday, November 15, between worship and Sunday school. **By donation only! Please be generous once again.**

Though our Fall Roundup will be limited—no inside meals, silent and live auctions, our wonderful stew and chili cooks will offer **drive-through sales for \$10 quart (or two for \$17) on Saturday, November 21 between 12 NOON– 3 p.m.** Help us spread the word and make sure you purchase for you and for a friend!

WE ARE THE CHURCH!

Sunday, November 1
All Saints Sunday
We remember loved ones.



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Notes from the Lay Leader

We are continuing to have church in the sanctuary. Come and join us! We wear masks and we social distance. It looks like the pandemic is here to stay for a while so we must adjust and carry on.

Wesley Cooks for You will have a sale with their specialties (see list) November 15 at the church. This is to raise money to help the church finances. Please plan on being at church and spending some money for delicious food. We have great cooks at Wesley!

Also, some of us will be cooking stew the Saturday before Thanksgiving. It will be a drive through so make your plans to buy good stew! Please be generous with your donation because we are behind on apportionments and we use the proceeds to help catch up.

I hope you have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving. We will miss our annual Thanksgiving feast but we hope for a better 2021. If you gather with your families, remember to wear your masks and social distance as much as possible.

Let us continue praying for each other and for our church. Pray for Pastor Steve and Dicie Rue also.

To God be the glory,
Lou Jane Drummond



United Methodist Women

will meet

Tuesday, November 17

1:30 p.m. Cornerstone Classroom

Program: Dicie Rue Cook
World Thank Offering
Hostesses: Mary Ellen Kirkland
Rachel Lewis

Congratulations, Kara Lane, on being named North Hopkins ISD Elementary October Teacher of the Month!

All Saints Day

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the tradition of the church.

From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on.

On All Saints Day we remember all those—famous or obscure—who are part of the "communion of saints" we confess whenever we recite The Apostles' Creed. We tell the stories of the saints "to glory gone."

In loving memory of Emmett Daehn

By: Diane Dixon

In loving memory of Don Gilmer

By: Diane Dixon, Rick & Cheryl Spears,
Gary & Rachel Lewis

Poinsettia Order Form

United Methodist Women are taking orders for poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas. The cost of each poinsettia is \$10. Please make checks payable to UMW.

Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Total Poinsettia(s) Ordered _____



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

See us on



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November 1

Drive Through Fall Roundup

Serving Chicken Stew, Beef Stew and Chili

Wesley United Methodist Church
614 Texas @ Bellview
Saturday, November 21
12 NOON — 3 p.m.

Pick up East Side of the Building under Covered Driveway
Quart \$10 2 Quarts for \$17

Due to the pandemic, we cannot sit down and eat together, but we can still can provide guests with the same good stews and chili.

Please come and join us!

