



WESLEY FLAME

So much of what is done by Wesley MUMC on behalf of Jesus goes unseen. Sometimes what is done is actually unseen by the very people that do it.



Recently I received a letter from a man who volunteers as a lay chaplain at one of our Methodist Hospitals in Houston. He has been distributing some of the prayer pillows that our Prayers and Squares ministry makes so that sick people can have something to hold. If you clasp one of the 3X3 squares, you can feel the shape of the cross inside, and combined with the dedication on the back from our church family, it can be a tangible comfort to the sick who don't know what will happen next.

Here is the letter written to the Wesley family from the volunteer:

Dear Pastor Smith,

My name is Jim Beckner and I am a member of the Chaplaincy Care Team at Methodist West Houston Hospital. I serve as a volunteer lay chaplain.

I wish to express a huge thank you to you and your church family for the precious gift of hope and love you have made and provided.

These little pillows provide a tangible expression of what the body of Christ is all about. When I give these precious gifts to those I am visiting, I do so after offering and sharing prayer. I then tell the patient that someone who doesn't even know them has made a gift of love and encouragement for them. I then pull from my pocket one of the little "pillow crosses" and read the inscription on it to them.

Pastor, this touching, small piece of true Agape moves those precious souls I visit, often times to tears of joy.

I just want to thank you and all the folks of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church for these wonderful expressions of love and affection.

*Yours in Christ,
Jim Beckner*

Wesley, you all make me so proud. In ways large and small, we prepare the way of the Lord together, and I am humbled to get to be your pastor.
Cheryl



Monday, July 22 -
Friday, July 26,
2013
5:30p-8:00p

"Everywhere Fun Fair" VBS. We will serve children from Pre-K thru 5th grade (3 year olds to entering 5th grade). If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS this year, you must be Safe Sanctuary certified, but YOU can be before VBS happens, just contact Cheryl or Sharon Cameron. Otherwise, contact LeWanda Martin at [REDACTED] (please leave a message) or at [REDACTED], or call the church office.

We also have online registration for volunteers and VBS participants at:
www.2013.cokesburyvbs.com/wesleymumchuntstx

If you just cannot volunteer for VBS but want to help out somehow, there is a box in the Narthex for items to be donated. VBS set-up will be Sunday, July 21 after the second service. Keep your eyes/ears open for some upcoming VBS promotional events!

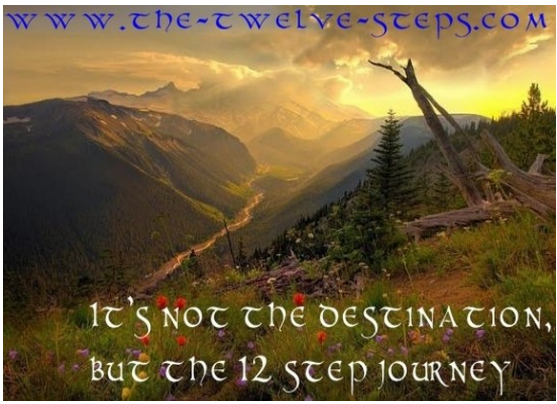
Looking forward to a wonderful VBS week,
LeWanda Martin, 2013 VBS Director



The Trustees are trying to identify and label the various breaker switches around the church. If you have any knowledge of the breaker panels, please pass this information along.. Also, if you have a tool that can be used to identify the switches, the Trustees would like to know about that too.

The contact person for this project? Larry Fuchs:





Wesley & The 12-Step Programs

I have two very important announcements regarding Wesley's involvement with the 12-step programs. First off, we have a NEW 12-step program starting at Wesley in late July. The first meeting will be July 24. The name of this group is FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS; or more commonly called FAA. This organization has been active since the late '80s but is new to Huntsville. In fact, there are only two other groups in the Great State of Texas - one in the Dallas area and a brand new one starting up on June 29 in the Houston area. If any of you have any questions, please contact me or you can go to <http://www.foodaddictsanonymous.org> for more information. I sincerely hope all of you will join with me in welcoming this new group. Wesley is being known as a Church that is willing to help people lead a more healthy and productive lifestyle for our community.

My other announcement for this month is regarding AA (Alcoholics Anonymous). This group will be conducting a workshop at Wesley in the Fellowship Hall of Saturday, July 27, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. This workshop will be to train recruits to go to jails and prisons in an effort to help other alcoholics. One our most important steps in recovery is to try to help other alcoholics recover from this dreaded disease. As I have stated many times, I was an alcoholic yesterday, I am an alcoholic today, I will die an alcoholic but by the Grace of God and with the help and love of my family and AA, **I will NOT die drunk!** I hope I can help another alcoholic find this same peace of mind and the road to recovery.

I want to thank the many of you who have been so kind and helpful to me in writing these articles. Your suggestions and comments are so very, very much appreciated. Until next month, God bless.

George M.
George Martin

The monthly blood drives are every second Saturday of the month at Gibbs Elementary Cafeteria from 9AM to 4PM.

LET FREEDOM RING!!!



The first half of this year, our members provided monetary donations to the following through communion rail offerings:

January -	Human Relations	\$122.00
February -	Pastor's Benevolent Fund	\$255.00
March -	Hospitality House	\$107.00
April -	CASA of Walker County	\$182.00
May -	Methodist Retirement Community	\$242.00
June -	Senior Center	\$123.00

The rail offering for July will be for Huntsville ISD School Supplies.

Thank you,
Sharon Cameron

Hey Wesley Family,

Your Outreach Committee is actively working on a number of projects, and we could use your help. In addition to the monthly Communion Rail Offerings, completing Change the World, hosting a Big House Mission Camp and our youth attending two, week-long mission trips, we will be having a number of opportunities to transform the world this fall. Please consider taking part on one of the following, and let us know how you are able to help.



Hornet Hotspot/Technology Program: Wesley has been approached about helping Huntsville ISD provide internet access to students to help with their new technology related educational initiatives. This partnership with AT&T would allow Wesley to “blast” free internet to the neighborhoods surrounding the church. This is part of a larger Wesley initiative aimed at providing technological support to our neighbors. We have a volunteer willing to teach classes and have received a \$1,500 grant from the West District. Now, we just need to figure out if/what we can do to serve our neighbors. Might we offer classes for adults? Or could we offer tutoring/mentoring or a computer lab at the church for students? We will work to figure out what the community needs, but let us know what you might be interested in doing. Hopefully we can get creative on how we serve our neighbors.

Santa's Helpers: Planning will be underway soon, and we will be looking for folks to help plan/lead certain areas, and teams of folks to help raise some money. Please let Scott, Mary Pat or Hope know if you are interested in helping this year!

There will be a lot coming in the fall, so please prayerfully consider how you are willing to serve or what ideas you might have to help us change the world!

Scott Atnip on behalf of the Outreach Committee

FIVE MONTHS.....AND COUNTING

At the end of each month, Wesley's Financial Secretary, Betty Martin, produces a financial statement for the latest month and the year to date. The Finance Committee examines each statement in detail, then authorizes publication of multiple copies, and provides copies on the table in the narthex for anyone who wants a personal copy.



You may -- or may not -- have an interest in the eight pages of statistical information about our church but each report almost certainly contains some facts and figures that should be of interest to anyone who has any concern about the financial health and wellbeing of our institution. For example, in the latest report (for the first five months of this year, through May), you will see ---- the total budgeted expenses for this year, as approved by our church council, come to \$213,450 which the church must raise through the offering plates and other sources to meet these expenses. so, for the first five months, we should have put in the bank 5/12 of \$213,450, or about \$89,000, -- **but**, at the top of the report for May, we see we have collected only \$76,100, or about \$13,000 less than what we need, --looking at the sources of expected income (top of page 1), one obvious source of the shortfall is fundraisers. To meet our needs, our budget estimates that about \$14,000 will have to come from events and programs and income-producing money-makers by the church and its committees and ministries....and less than \$1,400 (10%) has been raised to date this year.

Obviously, this is a call for every group and committee and ministry of the church to consider ways to raise funds to supplement what comes in from offerings and other sources. The Finance Committee raised about \$1,100 from its recent "garage sale", and has already scheduled another one in November. What are you planning?

Joe Machac, for the Finance Committee

Summer is here...just step outside and you'll know that!! We all have plans for vacation trips or sports events now but I'm inviting you all to come get your batteries recharged with us each Sunday morning you're home. This last Sunday in June is a "Fifth" Sunday and we'll sing old favorites and also welcome a youth choir from Wylie, TX., as they perform for us. The next "Fifth" Sunday comes in September and I will take requests anytime before then for your favorite hymns.



See you in church!

Wanda Hassman, Worship Chair

Wesley Youth Updates

Wesley Family,

It has been a great start to the summer for the Wesley Youth group as we joined with missionaries from Bear Creek, Van Alstyne and Bridgeport to make up JUMMP College Station 2013, repairing 13 homes and helping lead in worship and around Base Camp. A huge thank you to Wesley for their support-both prayers and financial, in making sure that the JUMMP team could represent both Christ and this congregation. Please take a moment to thank the JUMMP Missionaries:

Adults: Scott Atnip, Shannon Atnip, Tom Ramsey and Tom Martin

Youth: Jenacee Ashworth, Ethan Jones, Jacob Jones and Ryan Skains

Also, keep in mind that Wesley will be supporting two other youth mission trips this summer, as our students attend U.M. ARMY July 14-20 and Wesley Hosts a Big House Camp July 11-14.

Finally, we welcomed our new 6th graders to the group recently and are excited about the energy they bring. We hope that all youth will make sure to pick up a summer schedule from Scott and Shannon and try their best to attend worship and UMYF Sundays at 5.

Thanks Wesley for your continued support!

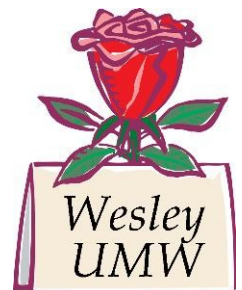
Shannon and Scott



Can you believe half the year has passed by and it's already July? This year is moving way too fast or maybe I'm just moving too slow!!

We are working on our yearly bazaar every Wednesday at 4:00pm, so if any of the ladies of Wesley (UMW members or not) have an idea for our bazaar we will be glad to hear about it. What we really need is some of our younger (18 - 180 yr. old) to join us with some new fresh ideas.

The Wesley Memorial UMW business meetings are held the first Sunday of each month from 12:15p - ??:00p except in July, when we have our yearly luncheon meeting and all the ladies of Wesley are invited.





If I were to ask you what the three main aims for United Methodist Men were, Would you know? I will give you a hint, cooking is not one of them. The primary purpose of United Methodist Men is Evangelism, Mission, and Spiritual Growth.

Spiritual growth does not happen by accident. We must work on it. One of the simplest ways for spiritual growth to take place is praying for others. We will be having a remote line from the Upper Room Living Prayer Center at our church coming soon.

Another thing I am sure all of us want to pray for is our children and teachers in our schools. So we will be setting the time up closer to the beginning of our school year. The important thing is that all are invited to take part. So please pray about whether or not you feel that you would like to help.

I am aware that some of you may have not heard of the Upper Room Living Prayer Center, so here is something copied from their website telling you what they are about:

Equipping and Connecting Disciples to Deepen Their Prayer Lives

The mission of The Upper Room Living Prayer Center is to help individuals, small groups and local congregations grow in their understanding and experience of prayer. For more than 33 years, we've had a single purpose: to help disciples of Christ experience the living, transformative power of prayer. Intercessory prayer is not something that just "happens." That's why we've created a way for the thousands who need prayer to connect with prayer partners who are called and trained to meet those needs.

We Connect Callers to a Powerful Prayer Network. Our ministry is dedicated to fulfill the mission of Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Funding for the toll-free line is provided by The Upper Room, United Methodist Men groups, and individual gifts.

Intercessory prayer groups across the world are a vital part of the prayer ministry. Upper Room Covenant Prayer Groups, chartered after a minimal study period, receive prayer requests weekly or monthly from The Upper Room by mail or by phone. There are now over 255 Covenant Prayer Groups across the United States and abroad.

How The Center Works:

Each day, hundreds of people request prayer by calling the Living Prayer Center's toll-free number (1-800-251-2468) (available 7 am - 11 pm). This is more than our staff can handle, so we rely on the assistance of about 200 volunteers around the country. For example, our incoming calls can be forwarded to your home or church phone number.

You might choose to receive calls for just two hours a week. Even small commitments of time make a real difference! If you're led to participate in this ministry, contact us.

As your heart connects with callers, you make notes about their specific needs before praying with them. This information is then shared with our Covenant Prayer Groups around the world, who will continue to pray for the caller.

To become a phone volunteer, all you need is a vital Christian experience out of which to share with persons who call, and a desire to grow in your own prayer life

Tom Ramsey,
UMM President

Prayers and Squares



Prayers and Squares will meet on July 16, 2013, at the Wesley House. Be sure and bring a sack lunch. We will have several quilts ready for ties, perhaps even some new ones to cut out.

Remember we can use you even if you do not sew. Hope to see everyone there.

Those of you requesting a prayer quilt, or in need of one, please contact me,
Mildred Farior, [REDACTED]
E-mail address [REDACTED]

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 07 2 Kings 5:1-14
 Psalms 30 (UMH 762)
 Galatians 6(1-6) 7-16
 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14 Amos 7:7-17
 Psalms 82 (UMH 804)
 Colossians 1:1-14
 Luke 10:25-37

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 21 Amos 8:1-12
 Psalms 52
 Colossians 1:15-28
 Luke 10:38-42

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 28 Hosea 1:2-10
 Psalms 85 (UMH 806)
 Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)
 Luke 11:1-13

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 04 Hosea 11:1-11
 Psalms 107 (UMH 830)
 Colossians 3:1-11
 Luke 12:13-21

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 11 Isaiah 1:1,10-20
 Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23 (UMH 783)
 Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16
 Luke 12:13-21

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18 Isaiah 5:1-7
 Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19 (UMH 801)
 Hebrews 11:29-12:2
 Luke 12:49-56

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 25 Jeremiah 1:4-10
 Psalms 71:1-6 (UMH 794)
 Hebrews 12:18-29
 Luke 13:10-17

During our Change the World weekend last May, 600lbs. of beans and rice were bagged for distribution to those who are in need of help with food. Half of it was given to the Good Shepherd Mission for local use and half was taken to the Christian Alliance for broader distribution.

Following is the letter we received from them:

Christian Alliance

For Humanitarian Aid, Inc
Website: www.christian-alliance.com

June 19, 2013

Dear Rev. Smith,

On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Christian Alliance, thank you for your donation of rice and beans to help feed those who are struggling to put food on the table for their families.

Please thank all who packed the rice and beans for distribution. Your donation makes a meaningful difference in the lives of men, women and children both locally and internationally. We continue to distribute food in the greater Houston area, and are in the process of shipping two containers to Haiti, a Healthcare Clinic filled with medical supplies and a 40' cargo container loaded with rice and beans, for the Foundation for Worldwide Mercy and Sharing, who work with abandoned babies and children in Haiti.

Christian Alliance is also sending a Healthcare Clinic to Belize that was built by A & M United Methodist Church. This clinic is being loaded with medical supplies and will be sent out in the next few weeks.


Thanks to volunteers like your church and Mr. Andy Sloat, who brought the rice and beans to Christian Alliance, we are able to help families in need. Working together we make a difference.

Thank You,

Sincerely,
Fran Stokely, President

**Communion Rail Offering:
HISD Schools Supplies**

July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July Liturgist - Anthony Ormsbee Greeters & Bulletins - The Kookien	1 5:45P Witness	2	3 NO Choir Practice In July 4:30p UMW Crafts	4 	5	6 8:00P N/A Group
7 2:00P Renovare Group 7:00P N/A	8 5:30P SPR 6:30P Finance	9 6:30p A/A Group 8:00P N/A	10 NO Choir Practice In July 4:30p UMW Crafts	11 Wesley _____ 5:30P Trustees 6:30p A/A Group 8:00P N/A	12 Hosting ___ Big	13 8:00A UMM Breakfast House _____➔
14 12:15p Worship 2:00P Renovare Group	15 5:30P Church Council ←	16 10:00A Prayers & Squares 6:30p A/A Group 8:00P N/A	17 UMARMY 1:00P Care Team Visitation NO Choir Practice In July 4:30p UMW Crafts	18 6:30p A/A Group 8:00P N/A	19 →	20
21 12:15 P Age Level 2:00P Renovare Group	22 Deadline For Aug. Newsletter Articles 5:30P Outreach ←	23 VACATION	24 BIBLE NO Choir Practice In July 4:30p UMW Crafts	25 ← UMW SCHOOL	26 Mission U @	27 Lakeview →
28 2:00P Renovare Group	29	30	31 NO Choir Practice In July 4:30p UMW Crafts	1 ← Women's	2 Walk to	3 Emmaus →

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Mon.-Thur. 9:30am-2:30pm

Fri. Closed

Sunday

Worship Services:

8:45am Horizon's Service

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Service

3:30pm Bell Practice

5:00pm Youth

Wednesday

5:30pm Choir Practice

7:00pm Horizons Practice

Monthly Meetings

1st Sun.

12:15pm UMW

2nd Sun.

12:15pm Worship Comm.

3rd Sun.

12:15pm Age Level

1st Mon.

5:30pm Witness

6:30pm Evening UMW

2nd Mon.

5:30pm SPR

6:30pm Finance

3rd Mon

5:30pm Church Council

4th Mon.

6:30pm Outreach

1st Wed.

5:30 Nurture (*Quarterly*)

2nd Thur.

10:00am SOAR

5:30pm Trustees

2nd Sat.

8:00am UMM Breakfast



BIRTHDAYS
in
July



Alex Zeisig	7/01
Janice Warren	7/03
Terri Fuchs	7/05
Charles Zeisig	7/08
Dorothy Hunter	7/10
Jean-Marie Clark	7/12
Taylor Reddoch	7/12
Kadi Thorp	7/21
Nathan Zeisig	7/24
Joan Zeisig	7/29
Mark Hlavinka	7/30
Joy Dell Roe	7/31
Will Vick	7/31





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Sent with prayers to:



Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church—what will you do between now and the time we next gather:
"We will show the love of Jesus by loving God and all of God's creation with our whole being through active service and prayer."



***ARTICLES FOR THE
AUGUST NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE NO LATER THAN
JULY 24...***

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