

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 21, 2018

THIS WEEK AT **WESLEY**

Sunday, February 24

- 8:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00am Contemporary Worship (Praise Center)
Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
Sunday School
2:00pm Hearts to Hands Knitting Group (Room 106)
5:30pm ONE SM Sunday Night Live (Youth Bldg.)

Monday, February 25

- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Methodist Day School

Tuesday, February 26

- 8:00am Seeds for Needs Workday
9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Methodist Day School
1:30pm Marion's Bible Study (Bride's Room)

Wednesday, February 27

- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Methodist Day School
11:00am Prayer Card Ministry (Conference Room)
12:00pm Communion Service (Sanctuary)
5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner (Dining Hall)
6:00pm ONE Students Mid-Week Worship (Youth Bldg.)
6:30pm Spring Bible Studies
Open Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, February 28

- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Methodist Day School
12:00pm Heart Sisters Bible Study (Bride's Room)
Senior Games Day (Parlor)

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

****NEW DATE** Wednesday, March 6**

6:30am - Dining Hall

The presentation scheduled for March 6th Methodist Men will be presented by JP Adams and Art Belle-Isle. Their presentation will include ways to "harden" your home to make it more difficult to intrusion by unwanted persons. They will also show and demonstrate some inexpensive items that will assist in the "hardening" of your home and to alert you of possible intrusion. Their presentation will also include "personal" safety awareness.



First Methodist Beaumont
Oyster Supper
Thursday, February 28
4:30pm-6:30pm
Tickets available in the church office \$30



United Methodist Men
SHROVE TUESDAY
pancake
SUPPER
Tuesday, March 5 - 5:30pm
Tickets on sale in the church office.

For a complete listing of times, locations and additional events such as recovery meetings and scouts, visit <http://www.wesleyumc.com/calendar/>

OUR | FAITHFULNESS

Attendance February 17-21, 2019

Sunday Morning Groups

9:00am Children	14
9:00am Adults	66
10:30am Children	17
10:30am Adults	34

Sunday Worship

8:00 Worship	69
9:00 Worship	132
10:30 Worship	165

Live Stream

9:00am Worship	17
10:30am Worship	12

Wednesday

Communion	12
ONE Students	67

Financial News: February 17, 2019

2019 Church Income Budget	\$1,377,000
Needed for One Week	\$26,481
Received 02/17/19 for Church Budget	\$21,925
Needed Income YTD for Expense Budget	\$185,365
Received Income YTD	\$228,771
Difference	\$43,406

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Capital Campaign- A/C & Sound	\$80
Memorials - All Funds	\$5,100
Missions	\$565
Soc. Of St. Stephen	\$25
Building Use	\$228
Life Supper	\$268
Helping Hands	\$50

NEW SPRING STUDIES & CLASSES

Wednesdays March 20-May 15

Traveling Journals

Week 1 Verse 2 Tim 1:7 We will be decorating the covers of our traveling journals using the paint scraping and texturizing technique- (everyone please bring any old expired gift cards for this class)

Week 2 Verse 23rd Psalm using and shading with colored pencils

Week 3 Verse Isaiah 40:31 using gel pens and highlighting

Week 4 Verse 2 Corinthians 12 9-10 using washi tape, highlighting

Week 5 Verse Phil 4:6-7 using Colored Pencils with Mineral oil (Jann Gray method)

Week 6 Verse Matthew 13: 1-23 Parable of the Farmer using Gelato colors

Week 7 Verse Matthew 6:5-21 using Water Colors

Week 8 Verse Luke 12: 32-34 using stamps

Week 9 Verse John 14:5 Guest Speaker or pick a technique

This class will be led by Angie Neil & Alicia Hargreaves. There will be a fee of \$10 to cover supplies.

Financial Peace University

Are you tired of living paycheck to paycheck? Do you worry that an emergency can put you in financial jeopardy? Join us for Financial Peace university, where we will learn the tools to stay on track. Use the link below or visit our website to register and purchase your materials (\$109). For more information contact the church office or Chad Powell.

<https://www.financialpeace.com/groups/1086168?c=ccf>

FROM THE | PASTOR

This upcoming weekend February (23-26), there will be a special called General Conference of the United Methodist Church held in St. Louis. The General conference of the United Methodist Church is the only body that can officially decide and speak for the U.M.C.. The called session is charged with finding a way forward despite the differences around the issue of homosexuality. Our church will be represented by a delegation of clergy and laity from the Texas Annual Conference. I wanted to bring this event to your attention because there will most likely be some news coverage of the event and some people are anxious or concerned about what this event will mean for the future of the United Methodist Church. I want to encourage you to be informed, to pray for the called General Conference, and to know that if you have any concerns or want to discuss it with myself or someone else from our church leadership we will be happy to talk with you. Personally, I am not worried about what will happen. I am going to wait until the conference has voted and made clear what the direction of the denomination will be before deciding if there is anything I need to do or anyway we need to respond as a congregation. Shortly after the conference has been held I will share with our church what has been decided and how it may potentially impact us as a church. This is certainly a difficult issue to resolve with lots of emotion and belief involved. I hope that the conference can provide a way forward that allows us to focus upon the mission of the Jesus Christ.

Once again, I encourage you to use the links below to gain a better understanding of the called General Conference and the proposed plans they will be voting upon at that time.

Helpful Links:

Texas Annual Conference Website:

<https://www.txcumc.org/thewayforward>

The Bishop of the Texas Annual Conference, Scott Jones's website:

<http://extremecenter.com/>

Grace and Peace,



**“Instead,
by speaking
the truth
with love,
let’s grow
in every way
into Christ,
who is the head.
The whole body
grows from him
and its joined
and held together
by all the
supporting ligaments.
The body
makes itself grow
in that
it builds itself up
with love
as each one
does its part”**
Ephesians 4: 15



Methodist History: Christmas Conference

In 1784, John Wesley dispatched Thomas Coke from England to oversee the founding of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. Coke met Francis Asbury at Barratt's Chapel in November. Plans were quickly made to gather all Methodist preachers together for the Christmas Conference at Lovely Lane. Historian John Strawbridge talks about what happened over those ten days that formed a new denomination.

John Strawbridge, Lovely Lane United Methodist Church: "Every Methodist preacher in America left their homes and their parish on Christmas Eve, which is something that could not happen today. For them the important place to be was in the church forming this denomination, dealing with the business that it took to create a church that would serve the people." John Strawbridge is the historian at Lovely Lane United Methodist Church in Maryland. Lovely Lane Chapel was the site of the Christmas Conference of 1784.

John Strawbridge: "So, they gathered all the preachers in America, about 86 preachers that they knew of at the time, and planned to meet at the Lovely Lane Chapel on Christmas Eve 1784 for the formation of a new denomination. They met in conference for ten days, established a Discipline, a Book of Worship, they ordained preachers, and they aside Asbury as the first superintendent.

It was 10 days of debates and struggles and accusations and reconciliations, and the kinds of things that we do as Methodists, which is beautiful in its own way. To realize that this is not something that was handed down from high on the church, but that those people all came together as lay people. It's so important that the laity realize that they are not the audience, that they are the church. And I think that's really strong in Methodism and I think that's really important that you realize that this is not a church where you go and leave it to the pastor. You are the church. You are expected to do the work that the church does.

So it was that the Christmas Eve Conference of 1784 established Methodism for the first time as its own denomination. So even though the movement began in England, as a church Methodism was born at the Lovely Lane Chapel in 1784."

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/methodist-history-the-christmas-conference>

HAPPY | BIRTHDAY

February 24

Connie Dopson
Barabara Farris
Emily Forster
Corey Greene
Jef Kethley
Dave Martinez
Mike Miller

February 25

Braeden Buckout
Jim Cowart
Donna Brown

February 26

Lorena Forster
Barbara Mattison
Kathie Platt

February 27

Kathrine Davis
Jerad Saindon
Teri Travis
Allison Vaughn

February 28

Sandra Malloch
Madeline Powell
Kay Timaeus

March 1

Cindy Grimes
Johnny Head
Grady Kash

March 2

Jessica Gonzales
Lynda Kay Makin
Betty Jo Ray