

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 18, 2018

THIS WEEK AT **WESLEY**

Thursday, January 18

- 12:00pm Ladies Bible Study (**Bride's Room**)
Senior Games Day (**Parlor**)
7:00pm Open Praise Band Rehearsal (**Praise Center**)

Friday, January 19

- 9:00am PieceMakers Quilting Group (**Room 106**)

Sunday, January 21

- 6:00pm ONE SM Sunday Night Live (**Youth Building**)

Tuesday, January 23

- 9:00am Seeds for Needs Workday
1:30pm Marion's Bible Study (**Bride's Room**)
5:00pm Men's Basketball (**Praise Center**)

Wednesday, January 24

- 12:00pm Communion Service (**Sanctuary**)
5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner (**Dining Hall**)
6:30pm Bible Studies and Groups
ONE SM Mid-Week Worship (**Youth Building**)
Open Choir Rehearsal (**Choir Room**)

Thursday, January 25

- 12:00pm Ladies Bible Study (**Bride's Room**)
Senior Games Day (**Parlor**)
7:00pm Open Praise Band Rehearsal (**Praise Center**)

LADIES BOOK CLUB MOVED DUE TO WEATHER JANUARY 30 - 12:30PM BRAZOS CATTLE COMPANY

Ladies Book Club was moved from January 16 to January 30, due to weather concerns. That just means you have a little more time to read the book. Pick up your copy of "Allie and Bea" by Catherine Ryan Hyde and join us at Brazos Cattle Company at 12:30pm on January 30.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY MISSION'S LUNCH FEBRUARY 4

Join us for a "Souper Bowl" party in the Dining Hall and Praise Center following the 10:30am service. We are having a Soup Cook-Off of Soup provided by you, the congregation. The idea here is that you, your family, your Sunday School, or other church group will bring in a crockpot full of Soup for the meal. Those that attend the lunch will then vote on the best soup and several prizes will be given out based on the voting. Also, we ask that the congregation bring desserts to share as well. If you are wondering what we mean by "Soup", we are loosely defining it as anything typically served in bowls; so think chili, gumbo, stew, potato soup, split pea soup, taco soup, etc. This is a free event open to everyone to attend, you don't have to make soup to attend. We want everyone to come and enjoy some good Soup and learn more about the Missions Wesley is involved in. There will also be Live Music provided by our very own Paul Vick and the Praise Band. So get excited, sign up on this Sunday's bulletin insert, and bring an appetite.

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

January 14-17, 2018

Sunday Morning Groups

9:00am Children 17

9:00am Adults 72

10:30am Children 13

10:30am Adults 18

Sunday Worship

8:00am 59

9:00am 176

10:30am 197

5:30pm 6

Wednesday Communion 5

ONE Weekly Worship 55

Financial News: January 14, 2017

2018 Church Expense Budget	\$1,469,208
Needed for One Week	\$28,254
Received 01/14/18 for Church Budget	\$55,142
Needed Income YTD for Expense Budget	\$56,508
Received Income YTD	\$81,707
Difference	\$25,199

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Building Fund	\$100
Missions	\$30
Soc. Of St. Stephens	\$1,102
Youth Ministry/Pumpkin Patch	\$300
One Student Ministry	\$1,000
Children's Ministry	\$20
Hospitality Fund	\$10
Community Garden	\$20
Life Supper	\$191
Class Books	\$117
Bunco	\$190
Hurricane Harvey	\$50

DAILY WALKERS BIBLES FOR HARVEY FAMILIES

A family Bible is an important part of our faith foundation. When the flood waters rose families could only save a handful of items, for many that did not include their family Bible. The Daily Walkers Sunday school class wants to help those families by giving them a new Bible. If you family lost your family Bible in the flood waters we have one for you. Please stop by and pick one up after worship on Sunday or in the church office during the week. Let us help you rebuild your faith foundation.

LAMAR WESLEY FOUNDATION WINTER FEAST FEBRUARY 5 - 6:00PM

Come support the college campus ministry of the Wesley Foundation at Lamar by attending the annual Winter Feast, an exciting banquet by the students of the Wesley Foundation. The Scott McGill Band will be the musical performance of the evening, and a BBQ dinner will be catered by Blue Dave's BBQ. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased in the church office.

THIRD GRADE BIBLES FEBRUARY 18

On Sunday, February 18, all current third graders are invited to receive the gift of a Bible from Wesley UMC. If your child, grandchild, or a child you know, is in 3rd grade, please fill out the form in this Sunday's bulletin or on our website at <http://www.wesleyumc.com/third-grade-bibles/>

Contact the Wesley Kids Ministry Director, Julie Floyd for more information



What is Stewardship?

"Celebrating the offering is a spiritual act of worship every believer can actively participate in each week. Giving becomes a celebration when the believer discovers the joy of generosity, which grows out of God's grace." — Melvin Amerson, *Celebrating the Offering*

We Give

To belong to our congregation is to be a steward. Some may say that "stewardship" is just a polite way of referring to financial giving to the church. But it's far more than that.

One character in some of Jesus' parables is the steward — the servant charged by the master to care for the master's property. It is the master, not the steward, who owns the property, but the steward is responsible for it and is accountable to the master. So it is, said Jesus, between God and us. As God's stewards we have three responsibilities:

- *Receiving:* We receive with joyful thanksgiving the many gifts that God showers upon us — time, talent, treasure, our bodies, our friendships, natural resources, and the beauty around us.
- *Managing:* We take good care of what we have received. We manage these resources wisely — for our own good and the good of others.

Giving: Out of our gratitude in receiving so abundantly, we want to share with others. Let's look at four kinds of gifts that we receive, manage, and share:

Our time

We did nothing to earn the hours, the days, the weeks of our lives. Time is a gift of God. How we choose to use it is a matter of stewardship. Some people lead lives of frenetic activity, always over-extending themselves to the point of exhaustion, while others sit around in apathetic boredom. Some spend all their hours serving the needs of others at the expense of their own, while others live only for themselves.

As Christian stewards we try to manage time wisely and in a balanced way. And we give our time gladly to family and friends, to strangers, to the community, the church, and to ourselves.

Our abilities

Do you remember Jesus' parable of the three servants who received different amounts of money to manage while the master was away? We've each received from God distinctive gifts and talents. How we develop and use these talents is a matter of stewardship. Like two of the servants in Jesus' story, we can invest them wisely — or like the third, out of fear we can hide them (Matthew 25:14-30).

As stewards, we acknowledge the gifts we have without apology. We develop them further, practicing new skills and putting our talents to work in ministry.

Our resources

We may think that our financial resources are our own. But when we recall that the time, the energy, the good health, and the opportunities for employment behind these dollars are all gifts from God, we see that the funds belong to God too. We are the stewards; God is the owner. So questions about what we earn, how we earn it, how we save, spend, and give it away, are all questions of Christian stewardship.

One vital aspect of our stewardship is our giving to Christ's work in the world. We've learned that giving is most effective when we commit ourselves to give a definite proportion of our income through the church. For many, this proportion is one-tenth, or a tithe. Whatever the amount, we have discovered the joy in giving to God the "first fruits," an amount "off the top" of our income, not what's left over at the end of the month.

— Excerpt from *The United Methodist Member's Handbook Revised and Expanded*, pgs. 20-21, George E. Koehler © 2006, Discipleship Resources.

HAPPY | BIRTHDAY

January 19

Bill Ayers
Wendy Devillier
Drew Hayes
Isabella Quintanilla
Greg Roberts

January 21

Dee Franklin
Mark Hazlip
Angie Neil
Jolie Saindon
Emily White

January 23

Shane Chambers
Carolyn Hudler
Mae Isbell

January 24

Brandon Thomas

January 20

Ashur Fondren
Aiden Jones
Carl Rush

January 22

Jake Galle
Gabriel Sanchez

January 25

Shirley Chapman

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4 Souper Bowl Sunday (annual missions lunch)

February 5 Wesley is hosting the Lamar Wesley Foundation's Winter Feast

February 14 Ash Wednesday Services

February 18 Scout Sunday & Third Grade Bible Presentation

March 31 Easter EGG-stavaganza

April 1 Easter Sunday



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OFFICE | HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:30am-4:30pm

Friday

8:30am-12:30pm