



The Wesley Word



Jesus Invites us into His Presence

By Jayne Wolfe

Holy God, as we study your Word during Ordinary Time, may we pause to read your Word, reflect on your Word, and respond to your Word. May our study of scripture to sacred and may it lead us into a deeper relationship with you and with people and situations that you bring across our path. In the holy name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen

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Thank You Wesley

Dear Saints,

What a joy it has been to come to be with the Wesley family here in McKinney. I cannot begin to express my gratitude to all of you who have made me feel so welcomed and accepted. I have been completely taken aback by your warmth, caring and openness toward me as your new pastor. It is always difficult to move and begin the process of getting to know new people, new ways of doing things, a new community, and even potentially a different way of view-

ing the Divine. This community of faith however, has gone out of its way to make me feel at home and get me oriented in this ministry setting.

As I reflect on my feelings and experience above, I realize this is what being the Church is all about. We have been welcomed by God, to come to God just as we are, and now we are encouraged to do the same with others. We are living in a dynamic and growing community. This will mean we will have more and more oppor-

tunity to meet, greet and welcome new persons to this community of faith. Our task is to accept those who come, just as they are. Our responsibility is to love those who God sends our way, God will work out the other details in God's time.

Your fellow traveler on the Way,

Tom Waitschies

Fundraiser for New Phone System

You're invited to an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support **Wesley United Methodist Church**. Tickets are \$8.00

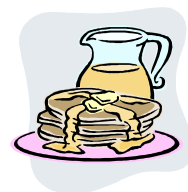
When: August 29, 8:00 - 10:00 am

Where: **Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar**

1820 W. University Drive in McKinney.

Come and enjoy a good breakfast while supporting the fundraiser for a

new phone system.





Presents

A grand new day

2009 EVENT

Friday 10:00 am-3:30 pm

Friday 7:00 pm-9:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

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August 21-22, 2009

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valerie@thebrinkmanfamily.com

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Needed**

**Wesley is
looking into
purchasing a
Choir screen
for the sanc-**

**tuary so that the choir can
read the words from the
screen and not the hymnals.
If you would like to donate
mark your checks in the
memo (choir screen.) For
more information contact
Mario Major 469-734-4427.**

**Any donation is greatly
appreciated.**

**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY
OF MCKINNEY**

307 Smith Street,
McKinney, TX 75069

972-547-4404

**Mission Statement: To
provide groceries on an
emergency basis to
families and individuals who
have found themselves in a
state of crisis**



To: Wesley United Methodist
Church,

Thank you for your recent donation of food items. During the month of June, groceries were provided to prepare 1,390 meals. Those meals helped 445 families, including 743 children and their parents.

This donation helped enable us to make this possible. Your sharing and caring have touched many

lives.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

W. Churchill



UMW SUMMER SOCIAL EVENT

August—no regular meeting. However, on Saturday, August 15, the UMW will have its annual summer social event (lunch offsite). Guests are welcome.

Date: August 15, 2009
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Place: Rick's Chophouse
107 N Kentucky Street on the square in downtown McKinney

If attending, please RSVP to June Halpin at 972-529-3573

If you have questions, please contact one of the following officers:

Pat Chadwick:
countrymusicmemorie47@yahoo.com
Betty Bailey:
bettybailey@tx.rr.com
Carol Bichler:
cbichler@jcpenny.com



Thank you so much to all of you who have brought your paper to our church to help recycle! We are making a difference! We have recycled 3.3 tons of paper from the middle of February through June. Now that we have reached the 3 ton mark, our church will receive a \$15 check.

Even though the payout isn't quite what we expected, remember that we are still recycling and helping the environment. Here are a couple statistics...

Wesley UMC, alone, has saved 9.9 cubic yards of landfill!

Wesley UMC, alone, has saved 13,536.60 KWH of energy!

Just think how much more we could save if we got everyone involved. Let your business and neighbors know that we have a paper recycling bin on our property. Please continue to bring your paper to our bin to support this cause.

Thank you so much to all of you who have brought paper to our bin the past 5 months.



CONFIRMATION IS COMING!

We need all 6th graders!

Starting August 26th Confirmation will meet Wednesday evenings from 5:30 pm—7:30 pm. Taught by: Tim & Valerie Brinkman in the Quilters Room.

INFORMATION & ICE CREAM MEETING:

Sunday, August 23rd at 2:00 pm—3:00 pm in the church

gym for confirmands & parents.

Church members willing to help:

___ Pray for specific confirmands

___ Be a "mentor" for a confirmand

___ Bake desserts/goodies for fundraiser time

___ Prepare a meal for confirmands and teachers before class on Wednesday nights. (approx. 6 people)

___ Write encouraging words to confirmands

___ Share about:

___ Church history

___ Missions

___ Prayer Life

___ Other

Please check and turn into the church office by 8-23 or to Tim and Valerie Brinkman. Thank you.

PUPPET NEWS

Summer Break - During July and into August, the puppet team is taking a well-deserved break. The leaders, however, will be taking this down time to do our planning for the upcoming year.

Want to Join? - Now is a great time to join the puppet team as a puppeteer, a prop/scenery team member, a writer, a team leader, etc.. We are starting our new season and are looking for kids (6th grade and up) and adults.

Email Stacey (cowleyzoo@sbcglobal.net) if you'd like to hear more!

For the Puppet Team - Keep checking your emails for the kick-off parent meeting & pool party in late August or early September. After that we'll begin our new season of practices and performances.



A note from the co-director:

Please keep our team in your prayers, as the leaders look at where God wants us to be and what God wants us to be doing. Pray that we make our decisions based on God's will and not our own. Pray that we keep God's Word and the sharing of His Word our focus. Thank you.

SAMARITAN INN

The second Saturday of each month is the designated time for Wesley UMC to provide groceries to the Inn. The ingredients are purchased based on a list provided by the kitchen and delivered to the Inn by 6:00 PM. The ingredients will be used for a future meal to be prepared by the Inn’s personnel. The cost of the groceries is approximately \$200.

“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” Matthew 24:40

Sign up now for 2009, call the church office or David Coburn (214)726-0182

See below the months that are open and prayerfully consider being the Hands and Feet for this on-going mission.



Hands and Feet Needed 

Sign up for 2009

January	Individual	July	Tuesday Men’s Grp
February	Individual	August	UMW
March	Oasis SS Class	September	Adult Choir
April	Koinania Class	October	Quest SS Class
May	Church Council	November	Church Council
June	Fellowship Class	December	Open
	& Women’s Tuesday Evening Bibl Study		

PRAYER VIGIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH

9:00 am—6:00 pm in Prayer Room

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ.” Philip-



Come! Kneel before the throne of Grace, praying with joy, for God is busy bringing a good work to fruition at Wesley and in your life. Pray for God’s will to be done in:

1. The prayer concerns of others
2. God’s leaders, ministry and mission at Wesley

3. McKinney ISD...teachers, students, administration, etc
4. Pastor Tom
5. Churches in McKinney
6. People who are lonely, sick, in trouble, disenfranchised
7. Those who do not know Christ as Lord and Savior

HEALING SERVICE AUGUST 30TH

6:00 pm in Prayer Room

Our Healing Service on August 30th will be in the Prayer Room at 6:00 pm.

Our Healing Service is always a blessing to everyone who comes and all who are lifted up in prayer!

This is a sacred time in which God is working to bring healing, peace, joy, grace and mercy to the Body of Christ lived out at Wesley.



Join your sisters and brothers in Christ as we read the moment, opening ourselves to **God’s Holy Light.**



*Happy August
Birthday's*

Lynnea Webb	2nd
Jason Malone	4th
Carolyn Pratt	4th
Cooper Natal	7th
Curtis Clark	8th
Mitchell Wells	8th
Lori Annett	10th
Mario Major	10th
Jayne Wolfe	10th
Esther Denniston	12th
Jody Jones	13th
Dian Walker	13th
Kristen Coburn	14th
Rachel Kleker	14th
Mia Major	14th
Luciano Garcia	18th
Sherry Major	18th
Stefani Billings	19th
Coy Coburn	20th
Margaret Talkington	20th
Shirley Clark	22nd
Bill Lair	24th
Meikhail Major	24th
Robert McFaddin	25th
Daniel Kardos	26th
Florabelle Livingston	27th
Laurie Wells	27th
Wanda Fisher	28th
Adam Hollingsworth	28th
Michael Mullens	28th
Jake Wilson Zappe	31st



*“Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice”
Let us rejoice as we present ourselves before our loving creator.
Welcome to Wesley, Welcome to this house of God.*

Our New Baptized Members

- Jordan Allen
- Evan Mosley
- Ashleigh Quinn
- Natilee Quinn
- Wesley Jozwiak
- Emily Jozwiak
- Andrew Ryan Jandoc
- Cody Edward Stallings

Our Newest Members

- Michael & Nycol Mosley
- Megan Mosley
- Susan Quinn
- Mark & Jonelle Jozwiak
- Kristina Kaszowski
- Joe & Jan Wimmer
- Kristen Coburn
- Christina Cowley
- Marissa Full
- Kathy McClellan
- Reid Offers
- Kelsey Pearce
- Mary Elizabeth Rumsey
- Katherine Trout
- Kyle Turner
- Wanda Mohon
- Chad & Debbie Stallings
- Simon, Stacey, Ian, Mariah Cowley



UP COMING EVENTS

- August 2 Youth Parent Meeting
- August 2 Worship Committee
- August 3 Trustees Meeting
- August 8 Samaritan Inn Meal/ Hands and Feet/ UMW
- August 10 Finance Meeting
- August 11 WCP Board Meeting
- August 12 Weight Loss Support
- August 15 UMW Summer Social
- August 17 Church Council Meeting
- August 18 Prayer Vigil
- August 24 SPRC Meeting
- August 29 Breakfast at Applebee's Fundraiser for new phone System
- August 30 Healing Service



Thank you to the Preschool for purchasing a new microwave oven for the Church Kitchen.

It has been relocated next to the Coke machine on the steel table due to the short cord.





News From **YOUR LIBRARY**

A new listing of the library collection is now in the notebooks: a listing of books by title, a listing of books by author, and a listing of books by subject. A book has more than one subject usually listed. Therefore, there are three separate listings of subjects. I can only get a listing of a subject on a book at a time. When looking for a subject check all three listings.

The listings show the subject then the title of the book, the author, and the call number of the book for easy access of locating the book on the shelf. Or the listing shows the title of the book, the author, and the call number. Or the listing shows the author, the title, and the call number. I hope this will be helpful.

I hope you will check out a book or DVD.

A new item entering our collection is:

ISRAEL: A Journey Through Time a 6DVD series filmed entirely in Israel. DVD1: From Abraham to Jesus, DVD 2: Jesus: The Jew Who Divided History DVD3: Anti-Semitism, DVD4: Aliyah: Rebirth of a Nation, DVD5: Israel in Crisis, DVD 6: What Time Is It

Enjoy your library.

Library Ministry
Sue Rominger

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### **Library Donations for June:**

United Methodist Women's books are:

***The Greatest Gift:*** The Courageous Life and Martyrdom of Sister Dorothy Stang

***Keeping Spiritual Balance as We Grow Older:*** More than 65 creative ways to use Purpose, Prayer, and the Power of Spirit to Build a Meaningful Retirement.

***Miniskirts, Mothers & Muslims:*** A Christian Woman in a Muslin Land

***A Thousand Splendid Suns*** is a breathtaking story set against the volatile events of Afghanistan's last thirty years—from the Soviet invasion to the reign of the Taliban to post-Taliban rebuilding.

***Amish Grace:*** How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy: The remarkable response of the Amish community to the horrific shooting of ten schoolgirls at Nickel Mines, Pa. in October 2006

#### **Other donations:**

***Experiencing spiritual breakthroughs*** by Bruce Wilkinson

***The Parting*** by Beverly Lewis—A novel of Amish fiction

***A Call to Die*** by David Nasser: A 40 day journey of fasting from the world & feasting on God

***Our riches in Christ:*** Discovering the Believer's Inheritance in Ephesians

***Psalms 91: God's shield of Protection*** by Peggy Joyce Ruth

***Against the Wind:*** Finishing Well in a World of Compromise

***Discipline: The Glad Surrender*** by Elisabeth Elliot

***Could the Rapture Happen Today?*** By Mark Hitchcock

***God Came Near*** by Max Lucado

***Through Wesley's England*** by T.E. Dowley

***"I Believe": Exploring the Apostles' Creed*** by Alister McGrath

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Library Donations for July

Hard to Believe: The high cost and infinite value of following Jesus by John MacArthur

The Truth War: Fighting for Certainty in an Age of Deception by John MacArthur

Because the Time is Near by John MacArthur, He explains the Book of Revelation

The Murder of Jesus a study of how Jesus died by John MacArthur

Joshua and the City by Joseph F. Girzone

Never Alone: A Personal Way to God by Joseph F. Girzone

Joey the true story of one boy's relationship with God by Joseph F. Girzone

The Wounded Spirit by Frank Peretti

It's Not About Me rescue from the life we thought would make us happy by Max Lucado

Stories for a Woman's Heart compiled by Alice Gray

Tapestry of Life Book 2: Devotions for the Unique Woman by Nancy Corbett Cole

Devotions for Couples by Patrick Morley

The New Building your Mate's Self-esteem by Dennis & Barbara Rainey

Lies Young Women Believe and the truth that sets them free by Nancy Leigh DeMoss

Traveling Mercies: Some thoughts on faith by Anne Lamott

31 Days of Prayer by Warren & Ruth Myers

Chicken Soup for the Parent's Soul by Jack Canfield

Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts by Charles V. Bryant

Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts Workbook by John I Penn

That's What Love is For by Stormie Omartian

When God Writes Your Love Story: the ultimate approach to guy/girl relationships by Eric & Leslie Ludy

The Proposal by Lori Wick

Elsie's Troubled Times by Martha Finley Elsie and Edward experience the joys of parenthood, the Civil War begins and ends, with terrible losses to their families.

SHARING THE JOURNEY By Cathy DeLisle

I came to Wesley around 1997. It was a particularly rough time for me because I wanted a family badly, but it didn't seem to be in God's plan. I didn't understand why I couldn't get pregnant. I had been a "good Christian". I went to church regularly and was a good person. Why couldn't I have a baby? I had no idea what God had in store for me.

I remember one Sunday very vividly. I was visiting Wesley and sat in the back of the church by myself. I remember feeling as though the world was crashing down on me. You see, I didn't let anyone know how badly I was hurting. I'm not sure how good I was at hiding it, but I sure tried. Why is it that no matter how much we hurt, we are afraid to be vulnerable in front of the very people that care for us? I had tried to pretend that I was fine for so long, that it was tearing me apart. I literally felt like I was dying inside. I couldn't admit to my feelings because I was afraid of how it would look. Would it look as if I didn't have enough faith. It was communion Sunday and I kneeled at the communion rail, struggling, unsuccessfully to hold it together. I felt Jesus' presence that day. I felt him tell me it was going to be okay. After I went back to my seat, a church member sat beside me, hugged me and gave me some much needed Kleenex. Not long after that, we joined the church. In 2000, Rick and I celebrated the birth of our son Matthew and I finally began my first actual bible study. I had been baptized and confirmed, but had never really studied the Bible. I didn't know how to have a personal relationship with my Savior. Through Wesley and my struggles, God gave me so much more than an earthly family. In his perfect plan, He showed me Jesus. Through the Bible study, God also showed me 2 Cor 1:3-4 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." I knew that somehow the comfort I had received that day at Wesley from our Lord through the hands of a fellow Christian, would be passed on some day.

In 2004, Wesley commissioned its first group of Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are lay people in our congregation trained to give one on one Christian care to individuals experiencing difficulties in their lives. They are called to do as in Galatians 6:2, "Bear each other's burdens , and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." I was in that group of Stephen's Ministers. Since commissioning, I have been privileged to walk beside two amazing women going through difficult times in their lives. As I write this, I am attending the Stephen's Leader Training in Dallas where I am learning how to train other Stephen Ministers. Since most of that first group has moved out of our congregation, I look forward to training another group of Stephen Ministers and commissioning them in 2010. I praise the Father for what he has done with my life through the struggles I have faced. I am so thankful that he led me to Wesley that day when I needed His perfect compassion and comfort. I am thankful to the teachers in this congregation that have shown me God's word and taught me to look on my own.

Will you share in my journey? Will you become a Stephen Minister? Or, will you allow a Stephen Minister to walk along side you during a difficult time? Will you find Jesus' love in the arms of another Christian or through studying his Word in one of our many Bible studies? Come, share the journey, He is waiting for you.

***This column is a new addition to the monthly newsletter and will appear regularly. How have you been blessed by a ministry or an individual at Wesley UMC? Will you consider sharing your story? Please email our Lay Leader, Carol Boston, at: carolboston@swbell.net**



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- ❖ Licensed by State of Texas

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