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Living in the Present With God

By Jayne Wolfe



Spirit of the Living God, a part from You, we can do nothing. Transform Your Church into the image of Jesus Christ. Release Your power to bring healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed and comfort to those who mourn. Pour Your love into our hearts and fill us with compassion to answer the call of the homeless and the hungry and to enfold orphans, widows, and the elderly in Your care. Give us wisdom and insight for the dimples problems we face today. Help us to use the resources of the earth for the well-being of all. Holy Spirit, we need Your comfort and guidance. Transform our hearts. Amen.

(from the Global Day of Prayer for the world.)

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“A Future With Hope – Making Disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”

If you're on our Church's email list, you may recognize the title of this article from the numerous press releases about the 2008 General Conference. This was the theme.

A few members have asked for my pastoral perspective on General Conference. As Wesley's pastor I will do so, with a few statements of preface. First, I am not an expert on General Conference. The North Texas Annual Conference sent an outstanding delegation to General Conference and every member of that delegation would know much more than me. Second, I do not speak on behalf of the United Methodist Church. Only General Conference speaks on behalf of the United Methodist Church. Third, I cannot address every issue. Having said these things, I continue.

--**The world-wide church.** Even though membership has decreased in the United States, the United Methodist Church is experiencing great growth in "Africa, the Philippines and parts of Europe." Therefore, General Conference approved a number of amendments to help give the church a more "global structure." These amendments will go to the annual conferences for ratification. Though I do not currently know the details, I can only think that a global church would benefit from a more global structure. I'm joyfully reminded that the UMC truly is a worldwide church.

--**Budget.** \$642 million dollars was approved for the next four years with a focus in the following areas: **Developing principled Christian leaders; Creating new places for new people by starting new congregations and renewing existing ones; Engaging in ministries with the poor; Improving global health, especially attacking the killer diseases of poverty.** This seems right in step with our mission – "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

--**Nothing But Nets.** Malaria is a leading killer of children in Africa. *Nothing But Nets* is a world-wide, multi-organization campaign geared toward preventing malaria through purchasing bed nets. Research shows that simple bed nets tremendously reduce the odds of getting malaria. The United Methodist Church has been a significant partner. At General Conference, "William H. Gates, Sr., co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, thanked the denomination for being a partner in the Nothing But Nets campaign...More than \$20 million has been raised since the campaign began in 2006. The church recently learned it will receive a \$5 million grant from the United Nations Foundation with help from the Gates Foundation on other health initiatives." What a great ministry.

--**Homosexuality.** Following passionate debate, General Conference upheld our denomination's position saying, "The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching." It was also stressed that "all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God," and that United Methodists are to be "welcoming, forgiving and loving one another, as Christ has loved and accepted us." General Conference called upon the Church to stand against crimes and violence against homosexual persons.

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Up Coming Events

June 1	Worship Team Meeting
June 2	Trustees Meeting
June 6-8	Weekend to Remember/Gaylord Texan Resort in Grapevine
June 9	Finance Meeting
June 14	Samaritan Inn Meal
June 16	Church Council Meeting
June 16-20	Sr. Hi Church Camp
June 19	Prime Timers Pot luck
June 21	UMW Meeting
June 23-27	Vacation Bible School
June 23	SPRC Meeting

100 years of Faithful Service *Wesley United Methodist Church*

Wesley will be celebrating 100 years of faithful service in March of 2009

Many are already involved in the planning of this Centennial Celebration.

How can you help?? We need addresses of former member so that we can invite them back for this wonderful event. Please get out your address books and start making a list of people we should invite.

Call the church office with your information: 972-542-2228. We have already started a list. Any information you can give us is most appreciated.

MAD SCIENCE SUMMER CAMP COMING TO WESLEY

Starting July 7th for 6 weeks Mad Science Summer camp will be at Wesley. Do you have children ages 6-12 years old? If you do you may want to check this out. You can visit their website at www.madscience.org/dentoncounty. Or you can call them directly at 972-436-2500 for more information.

Happy Birthday

JUNE

Desire Encizo	1st
Brody Smith	2nd
Joel Cook	3rd
Ben Long	3rd
Chandler Miracle	4th
Chad Harper	5th
Laurel Mutchler	5th
Cadie Annett	8th
Callie Annett	8th
Michelle Barr	9th
Kyle Sides	12th
Victoria Vizard	18th
Mary Jo Williams	18th
Allen Breor	19th
June Halpin	19th
Bridget Hartnell	19th
Joyce Encizo	20th
Leslie Hollingsworth	21st
Larry Tinsley	21st
Marlo Major	22nd
Landon Furness	23rd
Toni Miracle	23rd
Bryan McDonald	24th
Paige Wells	24th
Brad Casteel	25th
Ruby Williamson	25th
Suzanne Hartnell	27th
Susan Hines	27th
Lisa Full	28th
Anyssa Garcia	28th
Jacob Dickson	30th
Jarred Dreher	30th



*"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

Jenna Shae Williams
Stella Mae Jones
Johnny Ray Garcia
Emma Frances Dulworth
Tyler Trinh Young

Our Newest Members

Tom Tolbert
Denise Tolbert
Sylvia Munoz
Jessica Dulworth
Jerad Warick
Jourdan Brauen
Hannah Clarke
Savannah Ehman
Cayleigh Kardos
Camille Moorman
Michelle Mullens
Cooper Natal
Madelynn Schober
Mitchell Wells



UMW June Meeting

Wesley women and guest are invited to attend the UMW's June meeting;

When: Saturday, June 21, 2008

Time: 9:30 am-12:00 noon

Where: Quilters Room

Bring your favorite brunch food and join us. Topic is "UMW Reading Program"

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

- Barbara Miller, President bamiller1234@yahoo.com
- Pat Chadwick, Vice President dillwick@juno.com
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- Carol Bichler, Treasurer cbichler@jcpenny.com

Library News



You are Called to Read These

The Offer: Examining the Role of the Nation of Israel in The First and Second Comings of Jesus Christ. by Lance E. Clippinger He demonstrates that if we understand what Jesus offered Israel, many of our questions about the Bible, Jesus, the time we live in, and the future of our world will be answered.

When Christ Comes: the beginning of the very best by Max Lucado. If you have some questions about the end of time...If you have concerns about what will happen to you...If you like to look to the end of time as a source of comfort and not chaos...

Christ Will Come Again: Hope for the Second Coming of Jesus by Stephen H. Travis

Eight Books Opened: A novel of the Second Coming of Christ by Larry Hawk Williams. A novel of the judgment seat of Jesus Christ. This is a quick moving thought provoking novel, designed to make you examine your relationship with Jesus Christ. As you read the stories of eight persons whose books are opened and lives revealed, you begin to wonder what is being recorded about you.

The Bible says that we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ to give an account of the deeds done in our bodies. What will you answer when you stand before the Throne and your book is opened.

This author hopes that everyone who reads this book will be able to hear the Words of Jesus Christ, "Well done, my good and faithful servant, well done."

23 Minutes in Hell: One Man's Story about what he Saw, Heard, and Felt in that Place of Torment. by Bill Wiese

90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper He was pronounced dead at the scene of a car accident. During the next 90 minutes, he remembers hearing beautiful music, meeting those who had a spiritual impact in his life, and experiences deep peace—until suddenly he is brought back to "real life" through another minister's prayer.

Thank you Jesus Christ. Heaven is our Goal.

Sue Rominger

Library Ministry



2008 OLYMPICS IN CHINA

The eyes of the world will be on China leading up to the Olympic Games which will be held August 8-24, 2008, in Beijing. It's not too early for Christians to blanket China in prayer while counting down this historic event.

To help believers unite in prayer for China, Open Doors USA is sponsoring a special prayer campaign called "One Minute/One Year/One Country." Christians are asked to pray for China at least one minute each day, if possible at 8 p.m. Beijing time. The current time in Beijing as well as a countdown clock to the start of the Olympics are featured on the Open Doors USA website, www.openDoorsUSA.org.

Believers who register for the campaign will receive a monthly prayer email calendar and a brief daily email. Both will include updated information on China and specific prayer requests. "The Beijing Olympics present an awesome opportunity for believers in the West to unite in prayer...not only for our fellow Christians but for the Communist government of China to grant religious freedom to all worshippers, especially house church members," said Open Doors USA President and CEO Carl Moeller.

To register for the campaign, go to www.openDoorsUSA.org and click on the rotating banner on the upper right of the homepage.

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***SHARING THE JOURNEY**

I joined the choir last fall, without any expectations, I really just wanted to sing! (Heavenly noise)

All I knew at the time was that I loved listening to music, especially some of the new Christian music.

The fellowship and time spent with the other members of the choir are like family gatherings. We have laughed, cried and prayed together and I my soul is at peace in this place.

To hear Mario pray is inspiring as his voice soars in praise!

I have formed closer relationships with many of my brothers in Christ, especially with Rob Kelly and he was gracious enough to sponsor my Walk to Emmaus. I am not sure I would have gone had it not been for his council.

What a blessing to join with my brothers and sisters in raising our voices in song to our God.

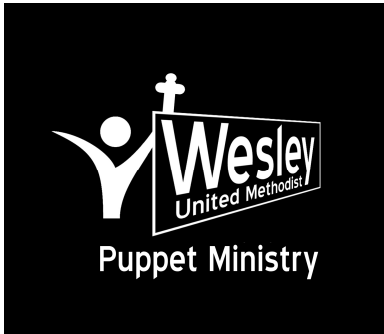
We in the choir truly want to bless the congregation each week with beautiful sounds. As Mario says, if just one person's soul is stirred by the choir's music, then God will be glorified. I speak for the choir when I say that even though you may be blessed week to week, it is we who are so blessed to bring the Body these heavenly messages in song.

By the way, I sang my first solo since the seventh grade recently. What a tremendous blessing that was to me, and I hope to you.

Glory to God!

Chuck Boston

*** 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**



Our Ministry is growing! As part of their studies, the 2008 Confirmation class has been learning the craft of puppeteering. They are now ready to share their skills and will be presenting the play, "Little Root" immediately following both services on Sunday, June 1st. The play, based on Hebrews 11:1, speaks to the question of why we, as Christians, should continue to grow and search. Welcome to our 9 new puppeteers; Jourdan Brauen, Hannah Clark, Savannah Ehman, Cayleigh Kardos, Camille Moorman, Michelle Mullens, Cooper Natal, Madelynn Schober and Mitchell Wells!

We are also welcoming Stacey Cowley to our leadership team. She will be in charge of the administrative side of this ministry and has already had a chance to try her hand at performing during the Pre-School's field day.

Our family of puppets has also grown thanks to the generosity of Betty Dalton and her daughter Kaye Beatty. We have 5 new puppets that are a much needed addition to our cast of characters. One of the puppets, a sheep, will be seen soon during an upcoming Children's Moment.

Our Hands in Puppetry Ministry had the opportunity to hit the road recently. We visited Wellspring United Methodist Church. We shared the message that God is the God of Second Chances during both of their services. We also had the chance to present several songs and stories to the children during their Children's Church. We are looking forward to more opportunities to share our special ministry outside Wesley.

Look for your puppet friends over the summer during Children's Moments.

SAMARITAN INN

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SUPPORTING MISSIONS AT WESLEY

The Samaritan Inn is the only homeless shelter in Collin County. The Inn is helping individuals and families regain independence through Homeless Prevention, Emergency Shelter, Case Management and Supported Transitional Living.

The Samaritan Inn is an integral member of the Wesley UMC body as are *all* missions that are supported by our church family.

Wesley has long supported The Samaritan Inn by providing groceries for a meal once a month. The food items are purchased and delivered to the Inn the second Saturday of each month. The groceries are then used to prepare a meal for the residents by Inn personnel. The current monthly Wesley grocery list consist of ingredients for a hamburger dinner.

The cost of the groceries is approximately \$200.00.

As fuel and food prices rise, we are *all* affected; the Mission Ministry would like to implement an alternate method of collecting the “non-perishable” food items that are needed to round out the grocery list.

The Non-Perishable food stuff may be donated on an ongoing basis by the whole Body, and the group that is responsible for the monthly meal (i.e. Sunday School class, youth group, individuals, Bible Study groups, UMW, Men’s Prayer Group, Prime Timers) can draw from that “food basket” and add the perishable items to complete their grocery list, thus reducing the overall cost.

The Inn population is full with approximately 120 residents on a full time basis.

Below is the standard grocery list that Wesley is responsible for the one meal a month:

NON-PERISHABLE:

- Dill Pickle Slices 1 Gallon
- Mayonnaise 1 Gallon
- Mustard 1 Gallon
- Ketchup 4 Qt. Bottles
- Onions 1 Bag

PERISHABLE:

- Hamburger patties 4 cases
- Hamburger buns 10-16 bags
- French fries 6 5lb bags
- Lettuce 8 heads
- Cheese 160 slices
- Tomatoes 18
- Ice Cream 5 5quart buckets

You may contact the Mission Ministry chair, Ken Hollingsworth, with your choice of future dates



FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

“Please bring any kind of canned goods (regular size cans) and or dry goods to the church to be delivered to the McKinney Community Food Pantry. This is an on going need. Items donated go to needy families in the McKinney area. They also prefer the smaller jars of peanut butter. Thanks so much for helping with this Mission.

2nd Sat. of month	Samaritan Inn Meal
DATE:	HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST
January	INDIVIDUAL
February	INDIVIDUAL W/YOUTH SERVING
March	OASIS SS
April	QUEST SS
May	FELLOWSHIP SS
June	UMW
July	<u>OPEN</u>
August	<u>OPEN</u>

“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me”. Matthew 25:40

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Making Disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World")

It is no secret that this is a heated discussion in United Methodism, as well as in many denominations. I also believe there are people of faith and integrity on both sides of the issue. However, I firmly believe General Conference made the right decision. Homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching, yet God loves all people. Rev. Eddie Fox put it well by saying our statement on sexuality needs to be "clear, concise and faithful to biblical teaching." One of my favorite descriptions of Jesus comes from the gospel of John. John writes, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14). May we be like Christ – People of grace and truth.

Throughout General Conference speeches and sermons were given from a pulpit made of trees destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Likewise, the Communion table was also fashioned from hurricane-damaged trees. The altar and the table remind me of the redemptive, restorative power of Christ. They remind me of our mission – to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Blessings,

Ed

*Quotes and references are from the UMNS article "Wrap-up: General Conference acts on wide range of issues", May 6, 2008)



These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services

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| <p>1. The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.</p> <p>2. The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'</p> <p>3. Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.</p> <p>4. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale.. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.</p> <p>5. The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.</p> <p>6. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance</p> <p>7. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.</p> <p>8. Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.</p> <p>9. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.</p> <p>10. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.</p> | <p>11. The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: 'Break Forth Into Joy.'</p> <p>12. The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan Last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours'</p> <p>13. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.</p> <p>14. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice</p> <p>15. The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.</p> <p>16. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.</p> <p>17. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.</p> <p>19. Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.</p> <p>20. Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.</p> |
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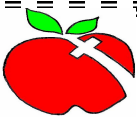
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If you have questions, please see Karen or Nikki at the Preschool office.

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