



# Wesley United Methodist Church

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## Living in the Present With God

By Jayne Wolfe



**Father, as we enter Fall with all the changes in the seasons of the earth as well as changes in our routine, grant that we may draw near to God with a sincere heart, full of assurance of faith. We praise You that the grace offered to us by God will cleanse our hearts from all unrighteousness and wash our bodies with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.**

*Praying from Hebrews 10*

## The Pony Express is Coming

If you were in worship on September 14, you probably noticed the insert called **The Pony Express**. **The Pony Express** is Wesley's upcoming stewardship program and we're very excited about it.

The program is based on the historic Pony Express mail route from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California in the 1860's. Though it only lasted a little over eighteen months, it became legendary.

The mechanics were simple: Night and day, through all seasons and conditions, mail was carried by relay of horses and riders.

**The Pony Express** stewardship program borrows from that method. Our church family is divided into routes according to geographic location. Beginning October 5, Trail Bosses will deliver a saddlebag to the first home on their routes. The bag is filled with helpful stewardship information, as well as an "Estimate of Giving" card. (Note: This is not a Pledge Card. It is an estimate of what you perceive you will be able to give financially to Wesley UMC in 2009. These estimates help tremendously as we prayerfully move into a new year.)

After prayerfully filling out the "Estimate" card and placing it into a sealed opaque envelope, the envelope goes into the saddlebag. Then, a member of the household delivers it to the next house on the circuit within twenty-four hours. It may sound complicated, but it really is not. If you're on a circuit, you will receive more information. Also, your Trail Boss is only a phone call away.

Obviously there are some clear differences between the original Pony Express and our version:

Rider Qualifications for the Original: Ad in California newspaper read: "Wanted. Young, skinny, wiry fellows. Not over 18. Must be expert riders. Willing to risk death daily. Orphans preferred." Most riders were around 20. Youngest was 11. Oldest was mid-40s. Not many were orphans. Usually weighed around 120 pounds.

Rider Qualifications for our version: Any age, both genders and no weight specifications. No equestrian skills required.

Length of the circuits for the Original: New riders took over every 75 to 100 miles. "Pony Bob" Haslam once rode 370 miles.

Length of the circuits for our version: Much shorter! – Most routes are probably only a few miles. Some may not even be a mile.

The Product delivered in the Original: Mail

The Product delivered in our version: Stewardship for the advancement of the good news of Jesus Christ.

There are many blessings that come from **The Pony Express**. Here are a few:

(1) It is a great **opportunity to meet people** from Wesley whom you do not know. It is amazing how many of us worship together but do not know one another. You may have the chance to meet someone from your church for the first time. That is a good thing.

(2) There is **no high-pressure moment** to bring a pledge card to the altar. The "Estimate of Giving" is filled out prayerfully in the privacy of your own home. No one is looking over your shoulder or nudging your to bring it forward.

(3) The Pony Express **allows us to participate in God's work**. God will use our stewardship to transform lives. What a privilege!

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Savannah Ehman	1st
Mario Major (Jr.)	1st
Allie Fowler	4th
Jourdan Brauen	5th
Keith Hartnell	6th
Yun Hollingsworth	7th
Doris West	7th
Christian Young	7th
Darren Gell	10th
Lacee Turner	10th
Camaren Gell	11th
Bailey Gell	11th
Jenna Williams	11th
Olivia Vizard	12th
Betty Bailey	13th
Jody Priestley	13th
Tim Brinkman	14th
Eva Peterson	14th
Drew Anderson	17th
Jordan Jasien	18th
Charles Williamson	21st
Shana Kelly	24th
Logan Miracle	24th
Karly Jandoc	26th
Benjamin Peterson	26th

*Happy Birthday to All*



**Up Coming Events**

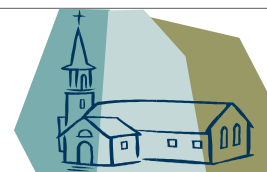
*Be watching for The Pony Express*



- 5th     Worship Team Meeting
- 5th     Youth Parent Meeting
- 6th     Trustees Meeting
- 11th    Samaritan Inn Meal
- 11th    35th Annual North TX Conference UMW Meeting
- 13th    Finance Meeting
- 13th-Nov. 14th WCP Cookie Dough Sale
- 14th-17th WCP Book Fair
- 16th    Prime Timers
- 18th    UMW Meeting
- 20th    Church Council
- 27th    SPRC Meeting
- 27th    WCP Closed
- 30th-31st WCP Fall Parties and Classroom Dress Up Days



**Happy Halloween**



*“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
- Mason Webb

**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
- Coleen Parkman
- Betty Jo Miller
- David Webb
- Lynnea Webb
- Jordan Hopps
- Robert Nelson
- Karon Nelson



**Welcome our New Babies:**

Jake Wilson Zappe born to Andy and Tara and big brother Max.

Thomas Hill Sweeney born to James and Amy and big sister Lori.

**Congratulations!!**



## UMW

### Two October Meetings

1.

What: 35th Annual North Texas Conference UMW Mtg.  
 When: Saturday, October 11, 2008  
 Time: 8:15 am—12 noon  
 Where: First UMC—McKinney

2.

What: Wesley UMW Regular Monthly Meeting  
 When: Saturday, October 18, 2008  
 Time: 9:30 am—12 noon  
 Where: Quilters Room

Bring your favorite brunch food and join us.

Topic is “Pledge Service” presented by Carol Bichler

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

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Let me say a final word about the routes. If you're an active member of our church, or a regular visitor and are mobile, we're counting on you to participate. In fact, you may already be on a route. More information is on the way. Also, a **route list will be posted** at church beginning on Sunday, September 21. Please be sure to check it out.

We know, however, that schedules and other things may prohibit you from being on a route. Please let us know if this is the case.

Likewise, if you're new to the Church or haven't been a regular worshiper but would like to participate on a route, please let us know. We didn't intend to leave anyone out. You can contact our **Pony Express** chairperson, Liz Jones, at 330-418-2400 or [liz.jones@spotplus.com](mailto:liz.jones@spotplus.com). For those who are unable to participate in a route, you can still be part of **The Pony Express**. Information will be mailed to you.

Thanks so much for being part of Wesley. Please be in prayer for **The Pony Express**. I'm confident it will be a point of celebration for Wesley UMC.  
 Blessings, Ed

(References to the historic Pony Expresshttp are from ://  
[www.americanwest.com/trails/pages/ponyexp1.htm](http://www.americanwest.com/trails/pages/ponyexp1.htm))

## *Library News*



### **Do you know**

The United Methodist Woman have books in the library. These books have a blue spine label on them. They are books on Education for Mission, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, Spiritual Growth, Children's books and Youth books. Although these books are shelved on the UMW shelves, anyone may check them out. The Children's books will be on display in the library shortly. Check them out.

### **Do you know**

The Wesley Preschool have books in the library. These books have an orange spine label on them. Check them out.

### **Do you know**

The library has received many book donations this month. They are on display on the east side. You should look through them now and check out a few.

### **Do you know**

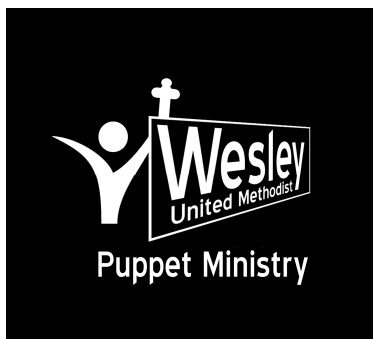
Several magazines and/or Bible studies have been left on a table for your taking pleasure. Please enjoy. Don't be shy, Please take.

### **Do you know**

Just how much God blesses us with eyes to see, a mind to learn, and books we can read so that we understand His way for our life. Not all people have this opportunity.

Many Blessings,

Library Ministry  
 Sue Rominger



New Meeting Time: The puppet team is now meeting on Sunday evenings from 5 to 6 pm. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month we'll be meeting for an extra hour while the parents attend the Youth Parent Meeting at 4pm. Remember everyone 6<sup>th</sup> grade through adults are welcome.

Now that we've been meeting during the month of September, we've made some wonderful progress on perfecting our shows and expanding our puppeteering skills. We are looking at opportunities in the community to share God's word. We have also starting working with the confirmation class for a ½ hour each week. What wonderful things God is doing through us!

Under Construction: look for changes happening on Wesley's website under Puppet Ministries. We'll be adding new pictures and new information and even a few surprises. Keep checking so you can be one of the first to see what's new!

Mexico Mission Puppet Project: We are off to a great start collecting donations to purchase the supplies needed to create 100 puppets. We'll be taking these puppets with us on the Mexico Mission trip. They'll be given to the children in the La Vid orphanage after we use some of them in a special performance - given in Spanish! It's not too late to participate by either sending in donations, or helping at the upcoming work day where we'll assemble the puppets. As always, please bless this special mission with your continued prayers.

Correction: We awarded the Apprentice Puppeteer Certification to Kelsey Priestly and **Clay Lambert** (Coy Coburn already had his).

#### A note from the director...

The outpouring of generosity from our congregation, towards the Mexico Puppet Project has completely overwhelmed me. The excitement has been mounting right before my eyes. I've heard questions like "Is there anything else you need?" and "Can I buy the glue, I want to buy the glue?". One lady asked for the pattern and she was ready to get started on the spot!! Amen!! You and I both know that these things take money, but we don't ever want it to cloud or come before what the Lord is doing. We let Him take care of our needs; we simply want everyone to be as excited as we are through this project. It is a chance to walk alongside what God is doing and to be part of the blessing. God is the only one that can bless you while He is blessing others. What an awesome mystery that is!! You have encouraged me and the Puppet Team, and we thank the Lord for all of you. Please continue to hold us in your prayers. Armando, 100 puppets coming your way!!

Shan Kelly



Our Cookie dough fundraiser begins October 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have a table set up in the Narthex to place orders. On October 14-17<sup>th</sup> we will host a Scholastic book fair in the gym during school hours. All are welcome to stop by and browse through the children's books. We look forward to dress up days and our fall parties at the end of the month. Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we begin our new school year. Preschool is a great place to be!

Joyfully in His service,

Karen Stein



We have had a great start to the preschool year. The preschool is blessed with 109 children and 20 staff. A big welcome to all of our new families.

# No One Works



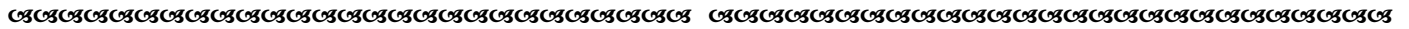
# Unless Someone Prays

## ELECTIONS/NATIONAL CONCERNS

As we go into the final stages of our national election process, may Wesley bathe the entire process in prayer. Affirm the sovereignty of God and the supremacy of Jesus Christ over all U. S. political parties, candidates, super delegates, platforms and nominating conventions. (Col.1:9-20) Intercede for mercy and for godly candidates in accord with God's revealed will for redemption, truth, and good government. (I Tim. 2:1-4, I Jn 5:14) Intercede for those drafting platforms the Democratic, Republican, and third party platforms, as most debate and compromise over philosophy and issues are occurring prior to the August 25-28 Democratic and September 1-4 Republican nominating conventions. *Intercessors For America. June 2008. Vol. 35, No. 6*

## LET THE SPIRIT OF GOD ENFOLD YOU

God is leading the Prayer Ministry in a new phase of service. Room 102 in the Adult Wing is being turned into a Prayer Room. A cross has been designed, constructed, and is gracing a table. An altar rail is in the room. It will soon be painted and other items, including devotional/prayer material, will be added. The Prayer Room is open for you to pray, meditate, read, or quietly be with God any time the church is open. This includes Monday evenings when there is a meeting and Wednesday evenings during all activities. Please use this room as the Holy Spirit leads.



## BE WATCHING FOR THE PONY EXPRESS

### WEEKLY CHORES

#### Monday Wash Day

Lord, help me wash away all through the week ahead.



my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility

#### Tuesday Ironing Day

Dear Lord, help me see the beauty in others.



iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may

#### Wednesday Mending Day

O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others.

#### Thursday Cleaning Day

Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the



many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart.

#### Friday Shopping Day

O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for my self and all others in need of love.

#### Saturday Cooking Day

Help me, my savior, to brew a kindness.



big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human

#### Sunday The Lords Day

O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please



come into my heart so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.

## SHARING THE JOURNEY by Bill & Donna Thomas

A few years ago, I wrote a short story titled, Coming To California. I described what it was like as a lad of eleven to move to California from my native state of Oklahoma. That was when I-40 was called Route 66.

In a somewhat similar mood, I want to share what it was like for Donna and I to move to McKinney from Oceanside, California in 2006. We both spent the first portion of our lives living in the heartland of America. Donna was born in Missouri. We both lived in California from our teenage years until we moved here.

One of the first questions asked of us was, "why did you move to Texas, especially from the almost perfect climate of North San Diego County?" Well, on these hot and humid summer days, we sometimes ask ourselves that question.

A better answer to this question is, we believe God wanted us here. We have been graciously welcomed and blessed by neighbors, and most of all by Pastor Ed and Lisa, and all you wonderful Christians at Wesley.

As a Methodist Pastor of almost forty as part of the fellowship. I needn't have and welcoming of Donna and me.

Retired Pastors are sort of like how Gen-said, "they never die, they just fade away."

I have enjoyed helping start the Wesley Evans are the leaders. We meet each Come and check us out. I love to sing, and



years, and now retired, I wondered how I might fit in worried. Pastor Ed couldn't have been more gracious

eral Douglas McArthur described old Soldiers. He

Writers, now in our second year. Anna and David Wednesday evening in the Church Library at 6:30. have tried to fit the Choir into my schedule.

Donna had thirty years with the state of California, Employment Development Department. Last year she volunteered one day a week with the Texas Job Service here in McKinney. Also, she is a member of the McKinney Police Department Volunteers.

Recently, I completed my first historical fiction novel and hope to have it published in the near future. Our son, Kevin and family live here in McKinney and we hope they may join this fellowship one of these days.

Finally, Donna and I love being part of the Oasis Class. It has been our 'icing on the cake.' If you are not part of a small group of fellow Christians, engaged in Bible study and prayer for each other, you are missing out on a means of grace. Our prayer is that we may be a blessing to you as you have been to us.

**\*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](mailto:carolboston@swbell.net)**



## ROUND UP CELEBRATION !!!

November 2, 2008

You don't want to miss the huge **Round Up Celebration Lunch** on **Sunday, November 2, at noon** following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come and celebrate what God is doing at Wesley as we celebrate our blessings, the completed Pony Express Stewardship program and the exciting year coming up at Wesley in 2009. The celebration is in the Wesley Gym.

See you there pardners!





# SAMARITAN INN



1710 N. McDonald Street, McKinney, TX 75071

## 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

2ND SATURDAY OF MONTH/ DATE:	SAMARITAN INN MEAL HANDS & FEET
January 12	Individual
February 9	Individual w/Youth serving
March 8	Oasis SS Class
April 12	Quest SS Class
May 10	Fellowship SS Class
June 14	UMW
July 12	Church Council
August 9	Individual
September 13	Open
<b>October 11</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>November 8</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>December 13</b>	<b>Open</b>

*“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*



**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.



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### Now enrolling for fall 2008/2009 school year

- 2, 3, 5 day classes available
- Must be 2, 3 or 4 years old by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Christian Curriculum including Spanish, Music & Movement and Chapel
- Hours: 9:15-2:15 Monday- Thursday
- 9:15-12:45-Fridays
- Follows MISD calendar with the exception of start and end dates
- Preschool year begins Sept 8/9<sup>th</sup> and ends May 21/22nd.

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