

Wheatland's Wit & Wisdom



CHRIST ON TRIAL WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

February, 2009

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Join us on the journey called Lent. Lent is the 40 days before Easter not counting Sundays. Forty days to reflect on what Jesus sacrificed for us and what we can do in return for him. This journey starts on Ash Wednesday, February 25th at 7 p.m. There will be imposition of ashes, communion, and burning our sins on little slips of paper...the smoke rising to the heavens to be turned over to God.

The first drama in the series Christ on Trial will be on Ash Wednesday. This service starts at 7 p.m. and ends in silence.

On the subsequent Wednesdays in Lent at 6:00 p.m., court will remain in session. Lay speakers will represent the different people in Jesus' life. This will be very interesting, you won't want to miss any court sessions. Invite your neighbors. There will be a light supper, soup and sandwiches in fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. Each Wednesday hear people close to Jesus testify either in his behalf or against him.

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday, February 25th, we hear a lawyer's opening statements on who people are saying Jesus is and who will be on the witness stand in the weeks to come.

6:00 p.m. March 4th Matthew, a tax collector, testifies on Jesus' association with sinners.

6:00 p.m. March 11th A once crippled woman testifies that Jesus illegally healed her on the Sabbath.

6:00 p.m. March 18th Nicodemus, a Jewish leader, speaks of Jesus disturbing the peace.

6:00 p.m. March 25th A woman caught in adultery testifies how Jesus halted her execution.

6:00 p.m. April 1st John speaks to accusations of consuming Jesus' body and blood.

CONTINUING SERMON SERIES The Lord's Prayer Path to Inner Peace

All of us would like to feel at peace with ourselves on the inside. We often go to great lengths to try to find what will calm us down, what will de-stress us, what will give us that inner peace. The Bible says the key to inner peace is prayer. The Lord's Prayer is eight different phrases; and each phrase brings peace in your life. We started this series in January looking at each of the first four individual phrases of the Lord's Prayer and what it means to our lives. In February, we will look at the next 4 phrases. I hope you'll not only learn to pray the Lord's Prayer but you'll learn to live it.

February 1 st	The Prayer of Cleansing
February 8 th	The Prayer of Release
February 15 th	The Prayer of Protection
February 22 nd	The Prayer of Blessing

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On Sunday February 1st, 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 1st or you may bring canned goods that morning. Those who need help may not know that you cared, but God will. And our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts.

Pastor Kay's Korner

Being the country church in the city isn't always the nicest thing to be.



Last Sunday one of God's beautiful creatures left his mark on the church. Ode de Skunk! Sometimes animals build their homes or take refuge under the church and I think this skunk must have sought sanctuary under our sanctuary. It was probably being chased by some other animal...we have dogs and coyotes and bobcats that occasionally cross our property and probably live in the woods nearby. Anyway, the odor was quite evident and pronounced when you entered the sanctuary, but it wasn't long until you got use to it and didn't notice it anymore.

That is a lot like sin. At first we are shocked, but then we become accustomed to it and it doesn't bother us anymore. That is why we should be more cautious about which television shows we watch, books we read, or movies we attend. That is why we should choose the people we hang out with very carefully. You are going to say that Jesus hung out with sinners. I don't think he actually hung out with them. He loved them, he ate with them, he conversed with them, he did spend time with them, but the people he spent the most time with were his disciples whom he loved also. Everyone needs good friends to encourage them, to correct them if necessary, and to relax with. Why don't you call one of your friends today?



See you in worship,

Pastor Kay

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO RECYCLE "STUFF"

As God's children, we are responsible for God's creation. We should individually be recycling... and the church should have a recycle program. What happens to your church bulletin when you go home? If you put the calendar near the refrigerator or computer or phone so that you can see what the weeks activities are, that is great. If you toss it in your own recycling bin at home, that is great. But if you toss it in the waste basket, that's not good.

We need a recycling basket at both entrances/exits of the sanctuary, and if you aren't going to be using your bulletin, then you can toss it in the basket and a volunteer can take the papers to their recycling bin. (This would also keep the sanctuary looking much neater than leaving bulletins and loose papers in the pew on Sunday morning.)

The same is true for Fellowship Hall usage. In Plano, you can't recycle the plastic silverware or cups, and you can't recycle Styrofoam anywhere! But there are papers, boxes, cans, and soda bottles that occasionally are used. Those can be recycled. And perhaps we need to consider using recyclable products in the church kitchen. God has entrusted us to care for his world and I fear that we aren't doing such a good job. Our landfills are being filled and our trees are disappearing.

Would someone volunteer to take on this project? Talk to the pastor if this is something you feel you could do for God.

In his service,

Pastor Kay



Wheatland United Methodist Men

Methodist Men held their regular meeting on Saturday January 10, 2009. The lead off attraction was a great "Breakfast by George" and "Gravy by Kay" followed by a devotional and business meeting.

Please attend our February meeting (the breakfast alone is worth your time!) when we will put the finishing touches on the plans for our "Sweetheart Banquet."

WUMMen meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:00am for breakfast, fellowship, a devotion time, and a brief business meeting. All men of the church (and Laura Foreman) and their guests are invited and encouraged to attend.

We hope to see you on Saturday February 14, 2009 at 9:00am!!!!

Sunshine Fellowship

Do you have a friend that is lonesome? Do you know someone that needs to get out and visit with people? Invite them to Sunshine Fellowship. Even if you don't like to play games, maybe they do. This could be your mission to help someone else by bringing them to Sunshine Fellowship. Lots of talking and visiting goes on while the group plays chicken foot dominoes. It's an easy game, if you can see the colors or count the dots, you've got it made. Bring a dish to share at lunch. Come at 10 and stay till 2, or come when you can and leave when you need to. This month's group meets on February 4th at 10 a.m.



YOUTH TACO LUNCH

February 15th the youth will meet for tacos in Fellowship Hall after the worship service. This is a meeting to discuss events planned for 2009. All youth (grades 6 and up) are invited to this delicious luncheon.

MARCH LENTEN SERMON SERIES BY HIS STRIPES: HEALING WOUNDED RELATIONSHIPS

Christianity is about relationships: Our relationship with God and our relationships with others. Follow Christ along his Lenten way and discover how he reclaims us and all our relationships in this exciting, topical, hard-hitting series of services for Lent. The sermons bring the powerful message of God's love directly into the family!

March 1 st	The Testimony
March 8 th	The High Priest's Reaction
March 15 th	Peter's Denial
March 22 nd	A Willing Sacrifice
March 29 th	Paradise for a Sinner

Church Calendar

A group of very enthusiastic church leaders met in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 24th to discuss upcoming programming for the church. There are programs, trips, game nights, team meetings, and dinners planned. These were all placed on the church calendar which can be found on our web site www.wheatlandumc.org. Just click on 2009 calendar and all the information for the year is there. As teams meet I am sure there will be additions to the calendar. So check out the web site frequently to stay current with activities.



Planned Gifts for Future Ministries:

Do you have a dream for our church? Enclosed in this newsletter is a pamphlet explaining planned gifts. If this is something you would be interested in learning more about, a speaker program is being planned for this Spring. More details to follow.

In the meantime, direct your questions / inquiries to Diana West.

Thank You for the Christmas Gift!!!

Thank you for the fountain pens! How did you know??? I will happily add them to my collection and think fondly of my Wheatland Family every time I use them!

I appreciate the continued opportunity to play music for our worship services!!!

Ted Gruebbel

Thank you all, so very much, for thinking of my family this Christmas. It was such an inexplicable joy to have presents under the tree for my girls and me. Not just any presents, but things they (and I) wanted or needed.

The girls were delighted Christmas morning and so was I. It was truly a "Merry" Christmas for us all and I thank you sincerely for your generosity.

Love,
Jana, Marissa & Kailey Castellano

To My Wheatland Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful meal you all prepared and for all the prayers, cards, and your support in memory of my sister Elizabeth Scott

Nancy Wright ~ The Scott Family

WHEATLAND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



FUNDRAISER FOR MISSIONS

February 22nd
Fellowship Luncheon
11:45 a.m.

5 different kinds of delicious soup

cornbread and crackers
yummy desserts
and iced tea



suggested donation of \$5

Church Luncheon

Thank you to everyone who signed up
and helped with last months lunch.
Everyone's efforts are appreciated.



Inviting all Women of the Church

To demonstrate our love and thanksgiving to all the women of Wheatland Church, We, the United Methodist Men, invite You to dinner

February 21st

5:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

(spouses are invited too!)

Delicious Food

Special Entertainment

Sarah Corsey, comedian

A.K.A., singers

Reservations required



Yes, count me in. I want to join you for dinner on the 21st.

I will need a ride - yes _____ no _____

_____ (name)

_____ (number in your party including you)

Wheatland United
Methodist Church

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Methodist Church – the
country church in the city
– strives to be a
welcoming congregation
worshipping God
together; increasing in
faith and discipleship
through prayer, Bible
study and fellowship;
caring for one another;
and reaching out to the
community and the
world.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Souper Bowl Sunday Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Communion Sunday Property Mgmt 11:45 am Luther Berry's Birthday	2	3 Fred Hart's Birthday	4 Sunshine Fellowship: 10:00 am Wheatlandettes: 6:45 pm Route 66: 7:00 pm	5	6 Mary Satterfield & Mai Smith's Birthday	7 Quilting 9:00 am Ted Gruebbel's Birthday
8 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am Dylan Beazley & Araceli Estrada's Birthday	9 Bill Ross & Sally Smith's Birthday	10	11 Lightseekers: 11:00 am Wheatlandettes: 6:45 pm Route 66: 7:00 pm	12	13	14 UM Men - 9:00 am Education Meeting 10:30 am Wedding - 2:00 pm
15 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am Youth Taco Lunch 11:30 am Troy & Wilma Simpson's Anniversary	16	17 Dorothy Ridgeway's Birthday Al & Sara Gaston's Anniversary	18 Lightseekers: 11:00 am Wheatlandettes - 6:45 Route 66 - 7:00 pm Breyenna Estrada's Birthday	19 Dick Merz & Johnnie Mae Snipes' Birthday	20	21 UM Women 12:30 pm Sweet Heart Banquet Given by UMM 5:00 pm
22 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Lunch Fund Raiser for UM Women 11:45 am Linda Duke's Birthday	23 Newsletter Article Deadline	24	25 Lightseekers: 11:00 am Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm	26 Wilma Simpson's Birthday K.D. & Michelle Durham Anniversary	27 Joyce Merz & Sherry Akin's Birthday	28