

Wheatland's Wit & Wisdom



PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 5TH

April, 2009

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Once again, Palm Sunday will be an exciting time in our church...full of activities for young and old. The service will start outside with the waving of palms as we process into the sanctuary. The service starts with the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem and continues as Mary Magdalene takes the witness stand in the trial to prove Jesus' innocence or guilt. The choir will sing, the scripture will be read, and the word will be heard. Join us for this meaningful service starting with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and ending with his passion on the cross.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE The trial ends...maybe? APRIL 10TH, 7:00 P.M.

How do we go from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday? What happens in between? What events led to Jesus' resurrection? Come to the Good Friday Service. Peter takes the witness stand and the prosecution gives his closing statements. The service will close with our liturgical dancers performing. It will be a short service, a meaningful service which closes in darkness and silence. If you need a ride, please call the pastor. Come as you are, bring a friend.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

After contacting the weatherman to check on what time the sun is to rise, the time for our service has been set for 6:45 a.m. The sanctuary will be utilized in case of rain, otherwise, we will meet in back of the church between fellowship hall and the sanctuary. This provides a great opportunity to see the sun as it rises between and over the trees on the back of the church property. Communion will be served, favorite Easter hymns will be sung, and Mary Magdalene insists the case be reopened and takes the witness stand again. Come as you are, if it is cold, bring a blanket to snuggle under. Coffee and coffee cake will be provided in Fellowship Hall.

EASTER BRUNCH

You are invited to attend brunch on Easter, served 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. The pastor, her husband, and many volunteers will prepare this brunch. The menu is sausage, gravy, biscuits, scrambled eggs, fruit, and muffins. Worship starts at 10:30, don't be late to brunch! Bring your neighbors.

EASTER WORSHIP

Celebrate the risen Christ at 10:30 Easter morning. The sanctuary will be adorned with Easter lilies. The banners will be hung. We will sing all the favorite resurrection hymns. The Easter story will be read from scripture. Invite your friends, family and neighbors.

Pastor Kay's Korner

I was reminded recently that everything we have is from God. It is just loaned to us for our use while we are on this great earth. We borrowed the sanctuary and baptismal pool from Community United Methodist Church for our baptisms earlier this month. I thought we should contribute something to this church to help pay for the electricity, wear and tear on the building, etc. I ask the minister what they usually charge for weddings in their sanctuary. She asked, "Why, do you want to know that?" And I said, because I'd like to give you that amount for the usage of the sanctuary. Her reply was that it wasn't their sanctuary, it was God's and therefore it was ours to use also. Community UMC is in the middle of negotiating, working out, the combining of two congregations. They have plans to renovate part of the church. They are not a financially wealthy church by any means and yet, they chose to open their doors to us, because they weren't their doors, they were God's doors. Isn't that beautiful! Perhaps we should think about that and how that relates to how we use our building as well as the personal things that we own...or that we have on loan.



The same relates to our recent acquisition of an organ. Our beautiful organ died and the repairman suggested we let it go. We didn't believe him and obtained a second opinion. The second technician agreed that we should let it go. So we did but we left it in its place of honor for a few months so we could say good-bye to it. In the meantime, we let it be known in the district and the conference that we were in the market for another organ...preferably an inexpensive but good organ. Suncreek United Methodist Church in Allen had a Hammond Organ that they no longer used. They heard that we were desiring a new organ and they offered it to us, free for the taking. After determining that it would work for us, Carlos Rerat, Paul Foreman, and George Hord drove to Allen, placed the organ on Carlos's truck and brought it to Wheatland. The organ needed some minor repairs and a good cleaning on the inside. That was accomplished and Ted has been playing the organ during our worship services. It is nice to hear organ music once again at Wheatland. Suncreek just wanted another congregation to enjoy the organ. After all, it was God's organ, not Suncreek's organ. Isn't God wonderful, and aren't God's people wonderful!



See you in worship on Sunday, in God's house with Ted playing God's organ and you sitting in God's pews.

In His Service,

Pastor Kay



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(CHRISTIAN HAPPY HOUR)
Food, Fun, and Fellowship

April 18th - 6 to 8 p.m.



Every 3rd Saturday Night of the month from 6-8 p.m. church members, friends, and guests meet in Fellowship Hall to play board games, dominoes, cards, etc. Everyone is asked to bring something to share for a light meal before we start our games. Please call the pastor if you need a ride.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering for UMCOR

On **Palm Sunday, April 5th**, we will have our final Lenten offering called, The One Great Hour of Sharing. This special offering supports UMCOR and allows them to make—and to keep—their promise of "every dollar you give to UMCOR goes to the program you designate." This annual offering funds the cost of doing business for UMCOR. They do not receive apportionment funds or any other world service funds.



PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

We always have many guests on Palm Sunday as the children come to hunt the Easter Eggs. To show our hospitality and get to know our guests better, we feed them. That will be April 5th. Please bring an extra dish to share as we want our guests to feel welcomed so they will stay for the luncheon after their children hunt eggs.



Mark Your Calendars

WILLS SEMINAR---Putting Your House In Order

Do you have a plan in place for your loved ones? Would you like to learn more about Wills, Guardianship, Durable Power of Attorney, or Estate Planning? If so, Dr. Darrell Loyless with Texas Methodist Foundation will be presenting this informative program on Saturday May 9, 2009 from 9:30-11:00 am. Breakfast "by George" will be served at 9:00 am.

A 33 page Workbook to guide you in making these important decisions will be available for \$10.00. Pre-registration will be needed in order to have these workbooks available, so look for signup sheets in a upcoming church bulletin or contact Pastor Kay.

Easter Egg Hunt – April 5th

Invite your children, grandchildren, and neighbors to worship and the Easter egg hunt. Plenty of eggs for everyone!



Wheatland has the very best Easter Egg Hunt!

Lenten Offerings to support UMCOR

This year at Wheatland UMC our offerings on **Wednesday nights** and culminating on **Palm Sunday, April 5th** will support The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR is the not-for-profit global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR is working in more than 80 countries worldwide, including the United States. Their mission, grounded in the teachings of Jesus, is to alleviate human suffering—whether caused by war, conflict or natural disaster, with open hearts and minds to all people.

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters that are interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. They partner with local partner organizations and survivors to rebuild their livelihoods, health and homes. In times of acute crisis they mobilize emergency supplies, fresh water, and temporary shelter to stricken areas, and then stay as long as it takes to implement long-term recovery. UMCOR workers are known all over the globe for their compassion, leadership, expertise and guidance in recovery efforts.

UMCOR works through programs that address hunger, poverty, sustainable agriculture, international and domestic emergencies, refugee and immigrant concerns, global health issues, and transitional development. United Methodist hearts and hands are part of every program implemented; school kit, seed, health kit, fresh water and tool distributed in the US and throughout the world; and every new house, well, clinic and school rebuilt after catastrophes of conflict or nature. Most importantly, their work connects us in a global network of generous donors and equally generous beneficiaries.

Funding Promise -100% Efficient
Every dollar you give to UMCOR goes to the program you designate. UMCOR is 100% efficient.



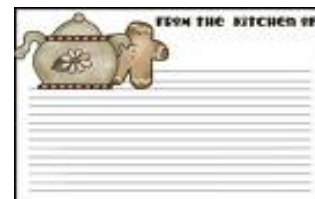
Come join us for the
WOMEN'S RETREAT

**CALLING ALL WOMEN AT
WHEATLAND CHURCH!**

Friday, April 17th and Saturday, April 18th the women of Wheatland will be having a nice relaxing get away at Mt. Lebanon in Cedar Hill. Friday evening starting about 6pm we'll have soup for dinner then a hayride to the top of the "mountains" of Cedar Hill, looking out over the cities. We'll have a big bonfire with singing and communion. We'll end the evening with games till everyone says, "Be quiet, and go to bed"! Saturday morning we'll have breakfast then a short study on "Praying the Scriptures" by Cathie Green. The lunch and game time again. There will be time to do some walking and meditating on your own in this beautiful scenery. The cost is \$25 if you want to spend the night or \$5 if you want to come for Friday and/or Saturday. It's so close you can run home to sleep if you'd like. You need to bring your own towel, soap and any other toiletries PLUS your bedding for a twin size bed...sleeping bag would be good. We **NEED** all the women to show up and fellowship with each other and get to know each other. Plus Cathie would like a little support for the study. For more information contact Pastor Kay or Cathie Green.

Submit Recipes for Wheatland Cookbook

Everyone knows that there are good cooks at Wheatland. In fact, everyone knows there are GREAT cooks at Wheatland. Here's your chance to share some of those great recipes with others. Submit recipes of your favorite dishes on the recipe form included in this newsletter and submit it to a member of the United Methodist Women (UMW) or place it in the "Recipe Collection" box in the fellowship hall. The UMW will be compiling all the recipes submitted into a cookbook for sale later in the year as a mission fundraising project. If you need more than the one form included with this newsletter, additional forms are available in the fellowship hall. Please submit your recipes by Sunday, May 17. Thank you for sharing.



SEDER MEAL
Wednesday, April 8th
6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

The Passover Seder is a traditional family meal celebrated all over the world by our brothers and sisters of Jewish faith. A Pesach Seder revolves around the telling of the story of our bondage in Egypt, and how God delivered us from slavery with a mighty hand. It is a time to relate the story to our children, and a time for us to connect to God.

Wednesday, April 8th, at 6:00 p.m., Wheatland will again remember the Old Testament story and participate in the Seder Meal. Reservations may be made through Jan Cavender after the worship service. Cost of the meal is \$5 to help defray the cost of the meal. In addition to the items used in the liturgy: pot roast will be served. You will not go home hungry, come prepared to eat. Reservation deadline is March 29th.

Please list all people attending, place cards will be made.

Number of people attending _____

Cost is \$5.00 per person.

I enclose _____ Check or _____ Cash in the amount of _____

Church Luncheon

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

Reminder: The following people have signed up to help at this month's lunch on **April 26th**:

Set-Up

Shaylee Durham
Genna Hart
Mai Smith
Peggy Beazley

Clean-Up

Jan Cavender
Cathy Gruebbel
Sara Gaston





The Youth Group says
THANKS SO MUCH!

The Youth Group wants to thank everyone that donated money for our bake sale. You gave \$173.00. Thank you so much for your support.

This next week the youth will help on church clean up day (**Saturday 3/28**) then we will stop cleaning and start making sandwiches to take to downtown Dallas to the homeless.

The Youth will meet again on **Sunday, April 19th** for a hamburger lunch, games and Bible Study. Be sure and be there.

The next **Sunday, April 26th** is Youth Sunday. We will relief Pastor Kay of her 'duties' as the youth lead the worship service with song and sermon. Be sure and be there...you don't want to miss it!

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, May 3rd**. And **May 9th** will be our Progressive "Fast Food" Dinner!

Be sure and keep us in your prayers.

If you get me copies of the recipes, I'll be happy to organize them and put together the Wheatland Cookbook for you if somebody else isn't already planning on doing it.

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

What if you had an accident on a Sunday morning or at one of the meetings at the church? Who would we call? Some of you have family members at the church and we would have their numbers, but many of you don't. What if you were unable to talk? Who would we call? There will be an insert in the bulletin for the next couple of Sundays for you to fill out with emergency numbers on it. These numbers will only be used in the case of an emergency. The pastor will have a copy at her home. Ted will have a copy on his PDF (whatever that is?), and we will store one in the office at the church. I do hope you will provide the numbers to the church; it is for your own benefit. Thank 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
			<p>1 Sunshine Fellowship 10:00 am</p> <p>Lenten Service 6:30 pm Soup/Sandwich 7:00 pm Wheatlandettes 7:30 pm Route 66 7:30 pm</p>	2	3	4 Quilting 9:00 am
<p>5 PALM SUNDAY Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am One Great Hour of Sharing Collection Easter Egg Hunt Lunch - Potluck</p>	6	7 Seder Meal Set Up	<p>8 Light Seekers 11:00 am</p> <p>Seder Meal 6:00 pm</p> <p>(A dinner with liturgy to remember our past from the Old Testament)</p>	9	<p>10 GOOD FRIDAY Tennebrae Service 7:00 pm</p> <p>(a service of darkness to remember the crucifixion)</p>	<p>11 UM Men - 9:00 am</p> <p>Pablo & Kathryn Estrada's Anniversary</p>
<p>12 EASTER Sunrise Service 6:45 am Easter Brunch 9-10:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Communion Sunday Michelle Durham & Neil Davis' Birthday</p>	13	14	<p>15 Light Seekers 11:00 am</p> <p>Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm</p>	16	<p>17 UMW Retreat at Mt. Lebanon 5:00 pm to 4:00 pm Saturday</p>	<p>18 UMW Retreat at Mt. Lebanon ends at 4:00 pm</p> <p>Game Night 6:00 pm</p>
<p>19 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am Missions 12:30 pm</p> <p>Geena Hart's Birthday</p>	20	<p>21 Joshua Brown & Vijay Barnabas' Birthday</p> <p>Neal & Judy Davis' Anniversary</p>	<p>22 Light Seekers 11:00 am</p> <p>Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm</p>	<p>23 E.J. Sharp's Birthday</p>	<p>24 Amigos Day</p> <p>Morgan Roark's Birthday</p>	<p>25 Amigos Day</p>
<p>26 Sunday School 9:30 am Youth Led Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Lunch 11:45 am Admin. Council 12:45 pm</p>	<p>27 Newsletter Article Deadline</p>	28	<p>29 Light Seekers 11:00 am</p> <p>Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm</p>	30		

Recipe for Wheatland 2009 Cookbook

Please submit your completed form to a member of the UMWomen's group

Check Category:

Appetizer or Snack

Beverage

Bread

Breakfast

Condiment

Dessert

Cake

Cookie

Pastry

Muffins

Pie

Other

Main dish

Beef

Chicken

Egg

Shrimp

Pasta

Fish

Casserole

Other

Side dish

Fruit

Vegetable

Other

Salad

Leafy

Jello

Potato

Pasta

Meat

Other

Soup

Household help

Name of Recipe _____

Diabetic Vegetarian

Amount

Ingredient

Oven temperature _____ Cooking time _____ Servings _____

Preparation

Submitted by: _____ **Phone:** _____