

Wheatland's Wit & Wisdom

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EYE WITNESS ACCOUNTS

Eye witnesses to the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus have been invited to Wheatland to speak on the Wednesdays during Lent starting with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. We aren't sure who will come to speak or which evenings they will come. And if too many respond, we may have to not sing on that Wednesday. The Ash Wednesday service will begin at 7:00 p.m., but the following Wednesday evening services will be at 6:30 and will be followed with a light supper of sandwich, soup, dessert and a drink...all for only \$3. You can't beat that in a McDonalds \$1 menu!

The following eye witnesses have been invited...

- The Power Brokers... Annas ; Caiaphas; Pilate; Herod Antipas
- In a Class by Themselves... Judas; Barabbas
- The Spice Bearers... Mary of Bethany; Mary Magdalene; Mary, the Mother of Jesus
- Disciples... John; Simon Peter; John Mark; Thomas; Cleopas; Lazarus; Thief on the Cross
- Bystanders... Wife of Pilate; Simon of Cyrene
- Roman Reaction... Centurion; Tomb Guard; The Flogger; the Gambler
- Sanhedrin Sympathizers... Joseph of Arimathea; Nicodemus

THE SIGN OF JONAH Lenten Sermon Series

Jonah...for lent? Sounds fishy, but it's a natural fit. When the Jews asked Jesus for a sign, he said, "I will give you only the sign of Jonah." After three days in the belly of the earth, Jesus rose with news of God's prodigal grace. This series of special services for Lent explores the meaning of "The Sign of Jonah" as we follow Jonah on his journey ... and Jesus on his way to the cross.

February 17 Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00 p.m. God is calling (Jonah 1:1-3)
February 21 Saved in the storm (Jonah 1:4-16)
February 28 Our providing God (Jonah 1:17)
March 7 Praying in the belly of the great big fish (Jonah 2:1-10)
March 14 The God of the second chance (Jonah 3:1-4)
March 21 About face (Jonah 3:5-10)

UPCOMING SERMONS

February 7...Two Loves
February 14... Love Your Neighbor, Service Above and Beyond

Pastor Kay's Korner

You are such a generous congregation! In just two Sundays you have given \$825 to be sent to help those in Haiti. I have problems, my internet connection is sooooo slow...is it the computer or is it the phone lines? The church has problems, two water leaks and a gas leak! But we have no problems compared to the problems the people in Haiti are having. When we look around the world, we can put our problems in perspective.

The lines at Oak Cliff Churches for Emergency Aid continue to be long with more and more families needing food. Even in this cold weather I see the homeless sleeping under the bridge where Woodall Rogers Freeway connects with I35. My grocery expense each week just keeps getting higher and higher and we aren't eating any better and we aren't eating any more. Just everything costs more. But I am lucky. I may need to cut back on some of the non-essential items, but I have a job, a roof over my head, and food on the table. I have a family that loves and cares for me. Life can't get much better than that.

**Oak Cliff Churches
for
Emergency Aid**

But there are people who are struggling. People who won't be feeding their face with chips and dip and tiny little sausages dripping with sweet and sour sauce while watching the Super Bowl game on television. On Souper Bowl Sunday you can help. You can bring a can of soup or cash to drop in the soup pots as you leave church on February 7th. Your donation will be given to OCCEA so that they can purchase food from the Texas Food Bank or help with someone's utilities or rent. OCCEA is a great organization and such an easy way for us to reach the needy in our neighborhood.

We will also be serving and receiving communion on February 7th. And as always you will be given the opportunity to donate to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund at the communion rail. During these difficult times that fund is being depleted. It's called the pastor's discretionary fund because you trust me to see that the people who need help get it. The apostle Paul said that we are to help other people and that we should start with helping our own. The pastor's discretionary fund is used for just that purpose. I thank you for the trust you show in me as you give generously to this account. And the people that you have helped thank you and God for such a generous church family.



You truly are a generous congregation...A wonderful church family! May God continue to bless you and His church in this New Year.

See you in Worship,

Pastor Kay

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

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 17th 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. This service starts at 7 p.m. and ends in silence.

On the subsequent Wednesdays in Lent at 6:00 p.m., the lay speakers will lead the short 30 minute service. After the service there will be a light supper, soup and sandwiches in fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. Wheatlandettes will meet at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and Route 66 will meet at the cottage. Plan to prepare for Easter by attending these worship services and then if possible stay for one of the Bible Studies.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COOK FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN DINNERS

A clip board will be passed around during worship on January 31st and February 7th asking for volunteers to sign up to bring either soup, sandwiches, or dessert for 25 people on one of the Wednesday nights of Lent. Please prayerfully consider signing up for this. Cost of the dinner is \$3 and the proceeds will go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

WHEATLAND UNITED METHODIST MEN

Methodist Men held their regular monthly meeting on Saturday 1/09/10 with good attendance and even better food prepared by the "Breakfast By George" team of George and Kay Hord.

Planning for the 3rd annual Sweetheart Banquet is underway and scheduled for Saturday February 20....more details to be announced.

WUMMen meets each second Saturday of the month at 9:00am. All men of the church and their guests are invited to attend.

Next meeting will be Saturday February 13 at 9:00am.....hope to see you there!!!

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 3rd at 10 a.m.



WHEATLANDETTES TO LEAD WORSHIP!

The Wheatlandettes Bible Study Group is studying the book...Longing to Belong. They just finished the chapter about worship. The exercise for this chapter is to lead worship. Therefore on February 14th the Wheatlandettes will lead the worship service. Because it is Valentine's Day, they have chosen the theme of "Love Your Neighbor, Service Above and Beyond". They will be selecting hymns and writing the call to worship and prayers. Support this group as they learn more about glorifying God through worship.



HEALTH KITS NEEDED

UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, La., and UMCOR West, Salt Lake City, Utah are accepting much-needed health kits for distribution to Haiti. Health kits provide basic necessities to those affected by natural disasters or human conflict. The kits also serve as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes. A health kit contains:

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (toothpaste purchased by Sager Brown)

The conference is calling for all churches to collect these bags in January and February to be sent to Haiti and to restock the shelves at UMCOR. Bring your health kits as you get them made so that we can deliver them asap. If you do not have gallon baggies, bring it in a plastic grocery bag...we can provide the gallon bags.

CHURCH CALENDAR

All the teams met individually last Sunday to plan the year and discuss projects. There was a lot of energy and enthusiasm in the air. After about 30 minutes, the team leaders all got together and had an Administrative Council meeting to close out 2009 and calendar for 2010. Events and programming were placed on the calendar and you can find that calendar at www.wheatlandumc.org. Just click on 2010 calendar and all the information for the year is there. The next team meeting will be 11th and I am sure more activities will be put on the calendar at that time. So check out the web site frequently to stay current with activities.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Last Sunday was a full Sunday. There were lots of people in worship and lots of people at fellowship lunch. And there was an abundance of food to eat...delicious food! February 28th will be our next fellowship luncheon and it is also "Bring a Friend Sunday". When you invite your friend, pick them up and bring them so they don't have to walk into the sanctuary and look for you. Some people feel awkward going to a new place and not knowing what to expect. It is much more comfortable to go in with a friend. And by all means, if you bring more people, bring more food! It will be exciting to really have a full church on the 28th! Praise God for friends who we love enough to invite them to church!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendar! The Wheatland UMC Women's Retreat will be April 23-24 at Mt. Lebanon Encampment. The fun starts as early as 4:00 p.m. on Friday evening and ends about 3:30 Saturday afternoon. Wheatland Women provide the food and beverages...you may want to bring your own snacks. Cost for overnight campers is \$26.00 and day campers \$6. The motel like cabin has been reserved. The wagon for the hay ride up the mountain has been reserved. Reservations are limited to 16 overnight campers so get your reservation in early! More details to follow.

USHER AND ACOLYTE TRAINING

All ushers and acolytes, current and want -a-bes, must be present for a short training session on February 28th after worship. Duties will be gone over very quickly while the preparations for Fellowship Luncheon are being made. Acolytes must be in the 3rd grade or older. Even if you have ushered or have been an acolyte for quite some time, please attend this meeting.

UMW "A Taste of Tradition"

The United Methodist Women will be making desserts from their new cookbook, "A Taste of Tradition," to share with everyone after the Hymn Sing Sunday night, January 31. Cookbooks will also be available for purchase for \$10. Sale of cookbooks is an ongoing fundraiser of the UMW to support missions.



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 20th - 5:00 p.m.

*Fellowship Hall
(spouses are invited too!)*

*Delicious Food
Special Entertainment*

Reservations required



Yes, count me in. I want to join you for dinner on the 20th.

I will need a ride - yes _____ no _____

_____ (name)

JUDE

Have you ever read the Book of Jude? Do you know where it is in the Bible? Who wrote it? Who is this Jude person? The Light Seekers Bible Study is going to study this little book in the Bible starting on February 10th. It is a short book, but this in-depth study will probably take 3 to 4 weeks. So, why don't you come for just this one short term study to see if you enjoy Bible Study? You don't have to sign up for future studies. You don't even have to study at home...the teacher does that for you. Light Seekers meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:30. All you need to bring is your Bible. John Snipes teaches this study which lasts only about an hour and then we adjourn for lunch which is provided by group members...not new guests. Hope to see you there.

2010 Begins with two WUMC Staff Changes

New Bookkeeper

Kathy Priester has resigned as bookkeeper at Wheatland. She works full time at UTA and part-time for the Dallas South District of the UMC, is attending night classes at UTA and this is Kenneth's last year in high school. She is a very busy member and continues to work diligently for the church in all areas. She just finished the Wheatland Church Cookbook and is now working on the new church directory. She hopes that giving up the position as bookkeeper will free more time up to spend with her son and to work on special projects for Wheatland.

Kathy Thomas (KT) has accepted the position of bookkeeper and has been working closely with Kathy Priester for the last month to ensure a smooth transition. KT is presently putting systems in place so that you can turn in reimbursement forms and get a check back as soon as possible. If you purchased an item for the church, then you should know what budget line item the purchase should be expensed to. Please put that on the form! These forms are available in the alcove by the stairs in the sanctuary (in the second mailbox opening marked "Check Request Form"). Please attach your receipts to the form with a staple and fill out the form. Return your completed form with the receipt to the same mailbox. If you can't find one, please see Pastor Kay.

New Choir Director

Patsy Brooks has resigned as choir director. She has enjoyed her tenure at Wheatland but would like to worship with her husband, who has recently retired, and be able to visit her son's church more often in Wylie. We wish her well and hope she will come back to visit often.

We welcome Gary Overman as our new choir director. Gary knows he has big shoes to fill and has already started working on some ideas for upcoming anthems for the choir to sing. We have a great choir and they are sure that under Gary's direction, they will continue to sing praises to God that everyone in the congregation will enjoy.

Who really is a friend? One who brings another to church to meet their best friend, Jesus!

As we met in our groups to plan for another year at Wheatland last Sunday, my team came up with the idea that we needed to invite others to church. There's an official Sunday that we're supposed to do this on already, but we thought anytime was a good time to invite someone to church. So we scheduled another Bring A Friend Sunday for February 28th.

With all the talk about love that we'll be hearing about as Valentine's Day approaches, think about those you love the most besides immediate family. We're such a welcoming church; don't we have enough love to go around for those who don't go to church on a regular basis? These are the friends we should aim to reach. These are the people who need to meet our best friend, Jesus.

If you've tried and failed, I understand. I'm there with you. I know how hard it is to do this sometimes and not feel like we're the one getting rejected. I've experienced this in my efforts to get people I know who don't go to church to come visit. Yet, I have hope. For all the ones who don't come, I believe that there will be some who will, so I keep at it. It's just about giving the invitation. Who knows what will grow from that?

February 28th isn't that far away but it gives us all time to think about who we'd like to invite to come share a pew with and after church, a meal. Wouldn't it be a great thing to have a Fellowship Sunday with so many visitors that we couldn't count them all on one hand? So, with this in mind, consider who you want to extend your hand to and invite them to church.

P.S. Think about those who you haven't seen at church in a while and call them up just to tell them you're thinking about them. Who wouldn't feel special after hearing they've been missed?

Your friend,

Laura Foreman



On Sunday February 7th, 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.

In 2009, over 13,000 groups participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring generating over \$10 million. All of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by the participant. None of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$60 million has gone to help people in need.

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 7th. 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. These funds will be given to Oak Cliff Churches for Emergency aid.

A Woman's Guide to **Money Management and Philanthropy**



A one-hour workshop

led by Linda Murdock
Texas Methodist Foundation

In this workshop, we will explore:

- ❖ ***Money management from a woman's perspective...how to manage it, save it, invest it, and give it away in accordance with her overall goals, values, and United Methodist principles.***
- ❖ ***What every woman should know about her own finances***
 - Answers every woman should have***
 - Estate planning basics you shouldn't be without***
- ❖ ***What motivates women to give***
 - Ways to give***
 - What to give***
 - How to give***
 - Plan for your charitable gifts***
 - Various life-income gifts***
 - Bequests***

February 20, 2010 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall, Wheatland United Methodist Church

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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 Luther Berry's Birthday	2	3 Sunshine Fellowship 10:00 Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm Fred Hart's Birthday	4	5	6 Quilting 9:00 am Mary Satterfield & Mai Smith's Birthday
7 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Property Mgmt. Team 11:45 am Souper Bowl Sunday Ted Gruebbel's Birthday	8 Araceli Estrada & Dylan Beazley's Birthday	9 Bill Ross & Sally Smith's Birthday	10 Light Seekers 10:30 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm	11 Amigos Days Leader's Meeting	12	13 UMM 9:00 am
14 Boy Scout Sunday Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am Valentines Day	15 Troy & Wilma Simpson's Anniversary	16	17 ASH WEDNESDAY Light Seekers 10:30 am Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm Dorothy Ridgeway's Birthday Al & Sara Gaston's Anniversarv	18 Breyenna Estrada's Birthday	19 Dick Merz & Johnnie Mae Snipes' Birthday	20 Women's Financial Seminar 10:00 am Sweetheart Banquet 5:00 pm
21 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am	22 Newsletter Deadline Linda Duke's Birthday	23	24 Light Seekers 10:30 am Lenten Service 6:30 pm Wheatlandettes 7:00 pm Route 66 7:00 pm	25	26 Wilma Simpson's Birthday K.D. & Michelle Durham's Anniversary	27 Joyce Merz & Sherry Akin's Birthday
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