

# The Russell Report

Russell Memorial Methodist Church

*A Family Rooted in Christ and Reaching Out in Love*

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Note  
from the  
pastor



Believe it or not, November is here. Therefore in the spirit of the season, I invite you to join me in giving thanks. In particular, I want to express my gratitude for our most recent worship experience. In case you missed it, it was “Kid’s Day at Church.”

Thank you to those who provided leadership and assistance during worship, and to others who offered their service. Your willingness to serve is a gift I treasure. Thank you to those who worked intently to make our fellowship meal enjoyable. Once again God spread a banquet for us through your hands. Thank you to those who brought children to worship, and to those who searched but came up empty. Like servants searching for wedding guests (Matthew 22:9), you responded to the challenge to fill the Master’s house. Thank you to all the others who were here, and for making our guests feel welcome. Our worship was a time for God’s children of all ages.

Lastly, to the children who were at the center of worship: thank you. I hope you will remember how much Jesus loves you, and how much he wants you in worship. Though at times you might wonder, we adults want you in worship also. Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to people like you (Matthew 19:14). I’m not exactly sure what he meant by that, though I suspect it has to do with the genuineness of your hearts, your eagerness to receive his love. In a way, you remind us older folk how we need to approach God. We need that reminder. Yes, we will gently work to help you grow up in the years to come. At the same time, I hope you will gently work at keeping us young, and not letting us lose that child-like spirit that Jesus loves so much. If that sounds like a deal to you, I’ll see you in worship again soon.

Pastor Dave

## Church Conference

Our annual charge conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 12 at 2:00. The gathering will be led by our circuit presiding elder, Rev. Michael Peschke. The gathering will be a “church conference,” which means that all professing members of RMMC are eligible to vote on business. **Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend as well.** There will be reports from administrative committees and election of leaders for 2024. Further, we will engage in a time of sharing goals, hopes and dreams for our shared ministry. We look forward to your presence and appreciate your investment in the life of our congregation.



Order Forms & money due by November 17th. All proceeds go towards the youth mission trip.



**Pie Pickup will be November 22, from 10-2 in the Deen Building**

RMMC Youth Thanksgiving Pie Order Form  
**\$15 Each**  
GET 'EM WHILE YOU CAN!!



**FLAVOR: PUMPKIN**

**# OF PIES:** \_\_\_\_\_



**FLAVOR: APPLE**

**# OF PIES:** \_\_\_\_\_



**FLAVOR: CHERRY**

**# OF PIES:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*E-mail:* \_\_\_\_\_





## Mission Trip Opportunity

We are planning a mission trip to UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, LA, July 15-19. This trip is a great way to give back. If you haven't been, GO!, you won't regret it. Please contact Shane McBride for more information (903-275-4462). You can also visit the website at [www.umcmision.org/umcor/](http://www.umcmision.org/umcor/).

## Men & Ladies of Honor

We are looking for Kingdom people who are willing to invest an hour a week to serve kids in our local schools. Men and Ladies of Honor is a powerful Christian leadership program designed to foster Christ-like character in young men and women. We are already prepared to kick off the program at the middle school, with a vision of expanding to the upper grades as well. If you would like to explore the possibility of serving as an Honor coach, please contact Lyn Haney (LHaney777@gmail.com, 214-577-8275). Take a look at the MLOH video under "suggested videos" on our church YouTube channel.

## Summer Camp 2024

NexGen Ministries of the Eastern Texas Conference is excited to lead summer camp June 10-14, 2024 at Lakeview Methodist Camp!

The theme is "Rise Up!" Like Lazarus, we are raised to new life by the power of God in Jesus. Like Paul and so many others, we are called to stand up for Him as witnesses.

We'll be presenting the Gospel to our students and inviting them to respond, calling and equipping them for deeper discipleship and holiness, and helping them discover God's purpose for their lives. And we'll be having a ton of fun doing it!

We are holding our camp at a place many of us love dearly--Lakeview, but our conference team is designing and directing this camp and it will be fully aligned with the theology and mission of the Global Methodist Church. It will be for students entering 3rd grade through graduated high school seniors.

ETX Camp 2024 is an awesome opportunity for us to come together to see God move in our students and in our churches as the Gospel of Jesus takes hold and bears fruit in the next generation.



## Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Our Youth Group is having a bake sale to help fund their mission trip next summer! We will be making and selling pumpkin, apple, and cherry pies. There are order forms located in the back of the church, on page 2 of this newsletter or you can contact Shane McBride at 903-275-4462. Pies are \$15 each. Order forms and money are due by November 17th. Pickup for the pies will be November 22, from 10-2. We are also accepting donations of cash and certain pie making items; contact the youth if you're interested in donating items and we can send you a list of what is necessary.

# Calendar of Events for November

## Dates to Remember for November



Thursday, November 9, 11:00 a.m. Methodist Women Meeting  
 Saturday, November 11, 10:00 a.m. Safety Team Meeting  
 Sunday, November 12, 2:00 p.m. Church/Charge Conference  
 Friday, November 17, Youth Pie Orders Due  
 Saturday, November 18, 9:00 a.m. Crafting with Christ  
 Sunday, November 19, 6:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at International Outreach Church  
 Tuesday, November 21, Deen Building Kitchen in Use  
 Wednesday, November 22, 10-2, Pie Pick Up  
 Thursday, November 23, Happy Thanksgiving, Church Office Closed

### Happy Birthday!

		Marilyn Roddy	11-23
		Valerie Pearson	11-23
Jack Robinette	11-2	Lynn Rowe	11-24
Fritz Gilbreth	11-2	Erin Galope	11-26
Arthur Galope, Jr.	11-7	Victor Pearson	11-26
Maggie McDonald	11-8	Kelly Begley	11-27
Stephani Curtis	11-8	Cecil White	11-30
Taylor Hulsey	11-8		
David Cartwright (not the pastor)	11-11		
Judy Powers	11-16		
Marvilyn White	11-20		
Kathy Kulwicki	11-21		
Jeff Aston	11-22		



### Right Now Media

Don't forget about the amazing offer of rightnow media offered through the church. Text RMUMC to 49775 for an invitation to set up your account, or contact the church office to request help.

### Our Presence and Our Gifts

	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29
Worship	107	87	102	102	104
Giving	\$7,544.00	\$9,627.00	\$5,817.00	\$4,528.00	\$1,812.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 pm Ladies Hand Bells  7:00 pm Choir Practice	2	3	4 10:00 a.m. Knitting Group
5  8 9:00 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship Service	6  6:00 pm Trustees	7	8  6:00 pm Ladies Hand Bells  7:00 pm Choir Practice	9  11:00 am Methodist Women Meeting	10	11  10:00 am Safety Team
12  9:00 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship Service  2:00 pm Charge/ Church Conference	13  5:00 pm Day School Board  6:00 pm Finance	14	15  6:00 pm Ladies Hand Bells  7:00 pm Choir Practice	16  9:00 am Games in the Deen Building	17  Youth pie orders due	18  9:00 am Crafting with Christ
19  9:00 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship Service  6:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service @ International Outreach Church	20	21	22  10-2 Pie pick up	23  Happy Thanksgiving Church office closed	24	25
26  9:00 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship Service	27	28	29  6:00 pm Ladies Hand Bells  7:00 pm Choir Practice	30		

Deen Building kitchen in use



### Santa's Post Office

During the month of December, the RMMC Youth will be doing a "Santa's Post Office". For this event, we will take a donation to deliver Christmas Cards to other members of the congregation. Members will pay the youth 50¢ to deliver the card to anybody in the congregation. Delivering cards to homebound members will be available. Be on the look out for more information coming soon.

### Campus Adopted!

Our congregation is "adopting" the Wills Point Junior High campus for the school year. We will be looking for ways to encourage and support the staff and students at the school. Opportunities will vary, and your participation is welcome. Please email Pastor Dave (pastor.rmmc@gmail.com) if you would like to help pour out some of God's loving kindness upon our junior high.

### Sound Booth Upgrade

We are in the process of giving our audio and video equipment a complete upgrade. The project will be quite comprehensive, enhancing the worship experience for people in the sanctuary and those watching remotely. The bid for the largest part of the work comes to around \$34,000. Some additional components will need to be purchased as well. If you would be so moved, we would encourage you give directly to the project. Donations should be marked "sound booth fund".

### Connect

Connect with us through our church app. Scan the QR code to access our home page where you can leave contact info, access videos, and find general information about the church. You can bookmark the page to your



Home Screen and use it as a web app on your device.

## COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



We have a small church library started in the Choir Room of the church building. We have a limited selection of books at this time, but are looking to grow our catalog. If you are interested in checking out a book, please come in and take a look!

## Remember in Prayer:

Family of Kristen (Thompson)  
Jackson  
Family of Katy Liebreich  
Family of Dickie Lane  
Family of David Hammonds  
Family of Inez Wade  
Family of Andy Anderson  
Family of Travis Deen  
Arthur Galope, Jr  
Alice Kolb  
Beth Rudolph  
Betty (Cochran) Howe  
Betty Manning  
Billie Cade  
Bobbi Smith  
Bruce Eyers  
Bruce Lacy  
Carol McDermott  
Charles & Wynona James  
Cheryl Bradley

College Students  
Craig Griffith  
Crestwood Nursing &  
Assisted Living  
Darian Richardson  
Darlene Kelley  
Denny McCormick  
Donna Neely  
Eric Johns  
Fausto Sanchez  
Jack & Margaret Fleming  
Frances Bryant  
Gail McBride  
Glenn Aday  
Grace  
Harrison Mayone  
Helen Liston  
Isaac Bullard  
Revival at Asbury  
Jared McDonald  
Jeff D'Amico  
Jill

Jim & Sandra Smith  
Marie Shastid  
Marigrace & Mike Lang  
Mark Brown  
Marty & Barb Mitchell  
Mary Bullard  
Patsy Aulich  
Randy Scott  
RMMC Staff  
Robin & Lorelai  
Ron Turner  
Scrub  
Shari Smith  
Students, Teachers & Admin.  
Sunday School & Church  
Zelnick Family



## Memorials

In memory of  
Inez Wade  
Given by  
Fritz Gilbreth,  
Vera Lofland,  
and Janet Hill.



## Welcome!

Please help us welcome our newest members, Rick and Amy Heaton. Rick and Amy joined Russell Memorial on Sunday, October 8. We are so happy to have them. Be sure to introduce yourselves and help them feel at home!



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Rev. David Cartwright, Pastor  
John Ross, Minister of Music  
Vanna Duda, Pianist  
Jackie Cockerham, Financial Administrator

Nancy McDonald, Office Administrator  
Fritz Gilbreth, Organist  
Theresa Turner, Ladies Hand Bells Director  
Shane McBride, Youth Director

Join us Sunday Morning!

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday

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