

The Russell Report

Russell Memorial United Methodist Church

A Family Rooted in Christ and Reaching Out in Love



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Bucks for Books

We are having a rummage sale on Saturday, April 8th. PLEASE bring your items for us to sell!! You can bring them to church on Sunday, or drop them by the office

during the week. The proceeds from this sale will go toward purchasing a book for every student at the local schools. Bring your items to sell, then come on Saturday and find treasures you can not live without!



Catch the Wave

When I was a child my family would often take our summer vacations at the beach. Those times bring certain images to my mind. For instance, I can remember as a young boy the apprehensive feeling of playing in the ocean. Cautiously I would make my way into the surf, the water level slowly rising on my body as I went further. Eventually I would get caught by a wave and pummeled in the sand. It was never a pleasant experience for me. My instinct was always to return to shore where it was safe, but Mom and Dad would encourage me to stay in the water. As

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Maundy Thursday, April 13th, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16th, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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There have been MANY requests for the recipe for Hot Chicken Salad from the UMW luncheon, so, here it is!

Hot Chicken Salad

4 cups chicken, cut into pieces (Boil chicken in celery and a clove of garlic, don't use too much water, cool chicken in stock)

1.5 cups celery, cut fine

2 pimentos, chopped

4 hard boiled eggs, chopped

1 Tbsp onion juice or 1/4 onion, finely minced

2 Tbsp lemon juice

1.5 cups Mayonnaise, Hellman's

2/3 cup almonds, blanched and slivered

Salt to taste

Mix all ingredients together, put in not too shallow baking dish. Let stand several hours (even overnight). Crush 2 cups potato chips and 1.5 cups sharp cheddar cheese. Mix together and sprinkle on top just before baking. Bake 25 minutes at 350 degrees.

This recipe was doubled for the luncheon at the Methodist Church.

Hope you enjoy this-
Johnnie B. Malouf



Volunteers Needed

Our prayer shawl ministry is looking for folks to knit or crochet prayer shawls. They provide the instructions and supplies needed to make these beautiful shawls. Please contact Sara Bullard (903-560-1131) or Adele Monning (903-873-3121) if you want to help this amazing ministry of the church.

The Army is Coming!

An army of United Methodist youth will descend upon Wills Point July 9-15 this year. RMUMC will be hosting this group as they come to serve our community. One of the ways we will support them is to provide places where they can shower each day after their work. If you would be willing to have about 5 of those youth and an adult leader to come to your home each day for showers, please contact Pastor Dave or the church office. This will work better for those who live in or close to town, as the group will be returning to the Deen Building for their evening meals. Thank you in advance for your kind support .



RMUMC

Thank you all so much for purchasing clipboards for some of our classrooms! We truly appreciate you doing that for our teachers and students.

Thanks Again!

Woods Intermediate

To Liz Ellis and Ladies of the Church:

The sandwiches, chips, cakes, plates, and tea were a great help and enjoyed by all. Thank you for remembering Beth, John, & our family.

Keeta Lybrand

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers and cards.

I am anxious to return, but everything is in slow motion.

A BIG thank you to Linda LyBrand for stepping in and directing in my place, and thank you choir members for supporting her.

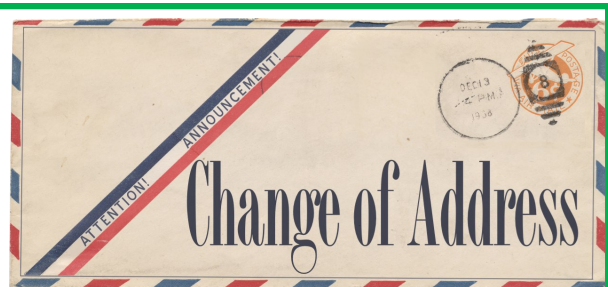
I hope to see you soon.

Love,

Bob & his secretary, Fritz



K6 Kids Choir & K6 Kids meet on Wed. evenings, 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm. Dinner is provided. It's always a great time!



Please note the following changes of address for Ms. Phyllis Mayo and Ms. Lillian Cormier:

Phyllis Mayo
4847 W. Lawther Dr.
Blanton, #401
Dallas, TX 75214

Prestige Estate
Lillian Cormier
6928 Paluxy Dr. Apt. 205
Tyler, TX 75703
903-534-3770



Join us Wednesday nights from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm. Dinner is provided, as well as a great time of fellowship and fun! Don't miss out! We will host a lock in for 5th-12th grade, March 10th, from 7pm until 6:30am. It's going to be awesome, plan on joining us!!

Calendar of Events for April



Dates to Remember!

Saturday, April 1, 10:00 a.m. Cake at Crestwood
 Monday, April 3, 6:00 p.m. Trustees
 Saturday, April 8, 9:00 a.m. UMW Brunch, Bucks for Books Rummage Sale
 Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday
 Monday, April 10, 5:00 p.m. Day School, 6:00 p.m. Finance
 Thursday, April 13, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
 Friday, April 14, Day School Closed, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
 Sunday, April 16, Easter Sunday
 Saturday, April 22, 11:00 a.m. Neighbor to Neighbor
 Sunday, April 23, 9:45 a.m. Brunch

Community Outreach Program

Neighbor to Neighbor Lunch
 11 am-1pm
 Fourth Saturday of each month
 Deen Building - George Hall
 OPEN TO ANYONE
 WHO CHOOSES TO COME



Please contact the church for details
 (903-873-2569).

Happy Birthday!

	Barb Lathem	4-20
Linda Greenwald	Jana Teel	4-22
Katie Robinette	Peggy Denson	4-22
Sarah Cartwright	Michael Keller	4-24
Maxine Clopton	Angie Smith	4-24
Cole Roberts	Abby Wilcoxson	4-25
Thomas Butts	Cyndi Fields	4-25
Lois Butts	Daniel Turner	4-30
Scott Miracle		
Andrea Brown		
Zac Moore		
Daniel David		
Dave Lutzinger		
Suzy Birdwell		
Jim Ruckart		



February Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Sara Bullard (Chair), Bernadette Kolb, Charlotte Youngblood, Kay Crosby
Ushers: Robert Greenwald (Head), Barbara Lamb, Dave Lutzinger, Dee Lutzinger



Our Presence and Our Gifts

	<u>March 5</u>	<u>March 12</u>	<u>March 19</u>	<u>March 26</u>
the early service	67	25	55	66
Sunday School	96	78	82	83
Traditional Worship	92	107	98	100
	\$9,527.00	\$5,019.00	\$3,344.30	\$3,406.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion Offering will go to the Youth Summer Camp Fund.						1 10:00am Cake at Crestwood
2 8:30 am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	3 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group 6:00pm Trustees 6:00pm Scouts	4	5 5:30pm Youth & K6 Kids 6:00pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:30pm Adult Choir	6	7 7:00pm Youth Lock In	8 9:00 a.m. UMW meeting 9:00 a.m. Bucks for Books Rummage Sale
9 8:30 am Early Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	10 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group 5:00pm Day School 6:00pm Finance	11	12 5:30pm Youth & K6 Kids 6:00pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:30pm Adult Choir	13 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	14 Day School Closed 7:00pm Good Friday Service	15 9:00am Crafting with Christ
16 8:30 am Early Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Crestwood	17 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group	18 10:00am Grief Support Group	19 5:30pm Youth & K6 Kids 6:00pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:30pm Adult Choir	20 10:00am Spa Day at Crestwood	21 5:00pm Church Sponsored Day School Carnival	22 Neighbor to Neighbor Lunch 11 am—1pm
23 8:30 am Early Service 9:45 am Brunch 11:00 am Worship <hr/> 30 8:30 am Early Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	24 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group	25 6:30pm Chamber of Commerce Banquet	26 5:30pm Youth & K6 Kids 7:30pm Adult Choir	27	28	29

(cont. from pg. 1) you can expect, it would happen again and again as I had little hope of standing against the power of the waves.

Another memory is of my father. One of his favorite things to do in the ocean would be best described as body surfing. He would go into the ocean until he reached the point where the waves were reaching their peak swell. At the right moment he would thrust his body just in front of a wave. If he caught it just right he could ride the wave all the way to shore. The look of exhilaration on his face afterward told me that it had been a fantastic ride! He tried often to help me learn how to ride the wave, but I never seemed to be as good at it as he was. I seemed to be more adept at getting knocked down by waves.

In a way, my memories of the beach remind me of our life as the Church. Sometimes we resemble those who are determined to stand against the waves, often getting knocked right off our feet. At other times we favor the wave riders, looking for the force in motion and positioning ourselves to be caught up in its power. If we believe that God is active in the world (and I believe that He is) we should be less like the wave resisters and more like the wave riders. We have to decide whether we want to join God's movement or try to resist it.

I have heard it said that the Church should stop praying for God to bless what we are doing and start praying that God would help us do the things that He is blessing. There is certainly wisdom in that counsel. My suspicion, though, is that we tend to pray the former rather than the latter. Remember, we serve a God who is known to do new things, to move in directions completely unexpected. Easter and the subsequent birth of the Church is one of the greatest examples of this. When the Church was getting its start, the non-believing Jews strongly opposed the first apostles. At that time a Pharisee named Gamaliel offered some wise words in regard to the early Christian movement: "If this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" (Acts 5:38b-39). Gamaliel understood that if those early Christ followers had caught a wave of God, nothing would stop them.

The apostle Paul said, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). This is the heart of a wave rider, one who is totally committed to follow wherever the Spirit leads. May that same commitment be found in us, that we would be free to catch the wave of God's Spirit moving among us.

Pastor Dave

Linda Glover Hat and White Glove Tea

The UMW annual Tea will be held May 6th in the Deen Building of Russell Memorial UMC. Tickets will go on sale the first week in April for \$15 per person and will increase to \$20 on May 1st. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by a style show presented by "Adele's". Proceeds from the Tea will go toward the United Methodist Women mission projects.

Remember in Prayer:

Alice Kolb
Allen Thompson
Andie Kay Joyner
Annette & Gerald Clemmons
Billy & Dorothy Bruster
Dr. Bob & Fritz Gilbreth
Chris Conn
Chrystal (Vann) Adams
Chuck & Nelda Currie
Crestwood Nursing &
Assisted Living
Darrell Pierce
Dave & Dee Lutzinger
David Cartwright & Family
Dennis & Beth Basham
Denny McCormick
Dianna Perry
Don Wortman
Donna Gonzales

Galope Family
Grief Support Group
Methodist Church (RMUMC)
Homeland Security
James & Brenda Brown &
Family
Jean Allred
Jennifer Barnett McCann
Jim Ruckart
Jim Smith
Joe & Ginger Hess
John Buffington
Larry Wampler
Liz Ellis
Katie & Maverick
Mason Gonzales
Melinda Thomason
Mickey Chapple
Missionaries in Iraq
Norma Hundley

Our Armed Forces, America,
Our World
Mark Brown
Ramelle Sewell
Richard & Sherry Moore
Sarah & Tim Patterson
Sherri Rowe
Students, Teachers, &
Administrators
Tristan Parsons
Terry Smith
Ted Deen, Sr.
Theresa Turner
Windy Howard



Memorials/Honorariums

In memory of
Suzanne Stanley
Given by
Ladies Hand Bell Choir



REMEMBER!!! Mark your calendar now for June 18th-22nd (this is a change!! VBS will be Sunday-Thursday!!) for this year's Vacation Bible School extravaganza. Be sure to check out next month's newsletter for more ways to help and to donate items to be used for the fun!!

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Rev. David Cartwright, Pastor
Nancy McDonald, Office Administrator
Theresa Turner, Ladies Hand Bells Director
Kristy Adams, Pianist
Amy Goodson, K5 Choir Director

Dr. Bob Gilbreth, Music Director
Fritz Gilbreth, Organist
Kelli Huff, K5 Kids Coordinator
Jackie Cockerham, Financial Administrator
Jerry Don Huff, Youth Director

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Join us Sunday Morning!

Contemporary Worship @ 8:30

Sunday School @ 9:45

Traditional Worship @ 11:00

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

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