

The Russell Report

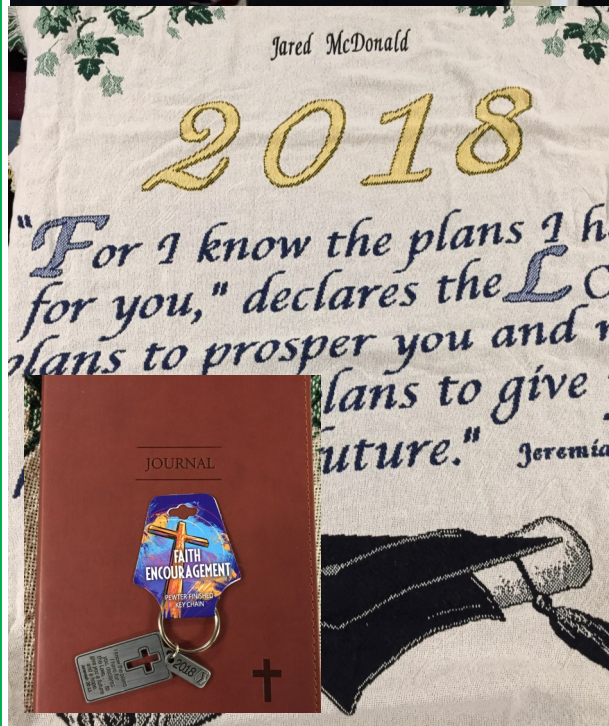
Russell Memorial United Methodist Church
A Family Rooted in Christ and Reaching Out in Love



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Honoring Our Graduates



On Sunday, April 29th, we honored our graduating seniors. Jared McDonald, son of Philip & Nancy McDonald, will graduate from Wills Point High School. Jared plans to attend TVCC in the fall and study Fire Science. Ashlee Warner, daughter of Mike & Amber Warner, will graduate from Poteet High School in Mesquite. Ashlee plans to attend Paul Quinn College and major in business management. Grant Malone, son of Brad and Holly Malone, will graduate from Wills Point High School. Grant has been volunteering with the Wills Point Fire Department and plans to pursue a career in the Fire Service. The graduates were presented with gifts from our church family, including an embroidered throw & key chain with the Bible verse Jeremiah 29:11, and a journal. We are so proud of them all!

The UMW project for this year will be School Kits for UMCOR. (The Kit list is shown below.) The UMW is planning to provide 12 bags and will meet on June 9th to assemble the bags. So anytime you are out shopping, please select a few items (or everything) from the list below and join us.

School Kit

Value: \$11.00 per kit

School Kit Materials

- 1 **14x16 inch cloth bag** ○ Homemade or purchased bags are both acceptable ○ Heavy-duty fabric only, such as denim, corduroy, drapery fabric, etc. ○ No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols ○ Closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps, or Velcro sewn in middle of opening, if used.
- 3 **pads of paper** ○ Spiral- or top-bound pads 100-150 sheets of loose leaf can be substituted for one pad ○ Combination of spiral, top bound, side bound, or 1 subject notebook are acceptable No composition books ○ No 3 or 5 subject notebook
- 1 **24-count box of crayons**
 - Only 24-count boxes
- 1 **pair blunt scissors** ○ Rounded tip only ○ No plastic scissors
- 1 **2-inch or larger size eraser** ○ No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols, please ○ Cartoon characters are acceptable
- 6 **unsharpened pencils** ○ No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols, please ○ Cartoon characters are acceptable
- 1 **hand-held pencil sharpener** ○ Must be at least one-inch long ○ Remove from packaging
- 1 **30-centimeter ruler** ○ Hard or flexible
 - Cartoon characters are acceptable ○ No advertisements

Community-wide 5K



Sat • May 19 • 8:30 am

ALL AGES WELCOME

Proceeds benefit WPISD

Registration: \$20 (Adult) & FREE (2-14yrs)

There is still time to sign up for the Supply Run. We need volunteers, walkers, runners...there is a place for everyone! Our church has been asked to help with the registration tables and the water stops. Go to our website (www.rmumc.net), click on news (right hand top), click on Tiger Supply Run, click on the link to sign up to register. Remember, this supports our school districts Back to School Fair.

REGISTER @ TigerSupplyRun.com



Hero Central - VBS 2018 - [June 10-14](#)

Do you have a favorite Bible superhero? Paul, Jonah, Ruth? The host of heroes in the Bible is large and the heroes seemingly at odds with the heroism at times. Take for example, Abraham. Yes, he was blind in many ways and even hid behind Sarah at times; however, God had made him a promise that he would be the father of an entire nation, and Abraham believed Him. At the time, of course, Isaac was his only offspring. Yet, in Genesis 22, God instructs Abraham to sacrifice Isaac as a test for Abraham to show his devotion

to God, and Abraham passed with flying colors! He did not know what God's plans were, but he had absolutely no doubt that God would fulfill his promise and therefore drew the knife to kill Isaac. His faith in God's power and promises makes him a hero from God's perspective. Want to add your own vote for a Superhero? Look for your voting slips in your Sunday School classrooms and drop them in the hero buckets when you are done filling out the forms.

We hope you are spreading the word as this year's VBS promises to be an exciting week of fun and learning for the kids. Please pass info along to family, friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome. VBS will wrap up with a family fun night. We will announce the penny race winner and end with ice cream Sundays. Come for fun and fellowship if you can.

Thank you all for the donations so far. We are still looking for a few items. Please see the list below.

Items we need:

- Empty paper towel tubes
- Decorative duct tape rolls
- Washi tape
- Puff fabric paints
- Pony beads
- Bottle caps, various colors
- Pennies, pennies, pennies...

Thank you so much for your support!

Leslie and Dana, VBS team helpers



Join us Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for our Men's Bible Study of Max Lucado's *Glory Days*. It's not too late to start!

Calendar of Events for May



Dates to Remember!

Saturday, May 5th, 11:00 a.m. UMW Tea
 Saturday, May 12th, 9:00 a.m. UMW Brunch Meeting
 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Mary Helen Castleberry
 Sunday, May 13th, Mother's Day
 Saturday, May 19th, 8:30 a.m. Tiger Supply Run
 Saturday, May 26th, 11:00 a.m. Neighbor to Neighbor
 May 27—May 30, Texas Annual Conference

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!

Dr. Bob Gilbreth	5-2	Jim Hawkins	5-18
Carolyn Hawkins	5-2	Dean Hesse	5-18
Gail Groover	5-2	Gary Keller	5-18
Leslie Nychka	5-2	Beverly Roddy	5-19
Betty Pratt	5-9	Debbie Faulkenbury	
Margaret Flemming	5-10		5/21
Martha Hesse	5-13	Betty Manning	5-22
Becky Hardy	5-14	Betty McCormick	5-22
Ken Aulich	5-14	Bob Bobbitt	5-26
Scott Teel	5-15	Ed AuBuchon	5-26
Jack Flemming	5-16	Kelly Teel	5-27
		Kathleen Bobbitt	5-29

May Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Linda Malone (Chair), Phillis Humphrey, Lucy Hill,
 Betty Briggs, Charlotte Conn
Ushers: Danny Brown (Head), Karl Lybrand, Keeta Lybrand,
 James Brown



Our Presence and Our Gifts

	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
the early service	60	40	50	48	Brunch
Sunday School	89	91	81	73	Brunch
Traditional Worship	187	118	92	84	156
	\$10,159.96	\$5,836.50	\$5,297.00	\$2,801.00	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:30pm K6/Youth 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	3	4	5 11:00 am UMW Tea
6 8:30 am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Men's Bible Study	7 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group 6:00pm Trustees	8	9 5:30pm K6/Youth	10	11	12 9:00am UMW Brunch 11:00am Memorial Service, MH Castleberry 6:30 pm Scouts in Deen Building
13 Mother's Day 8:30 am Early Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	14 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group 5:00pm Day School 6:00pm Finance	15	16 5:30pm K6/Youth	17	18	19 8:30am Tiger Supply Run 5K
20 8:30 am Early Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Church Council 2:00 pm Crestwood 6:00pm Men's Bible Study	21 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group 5:30pm Auction Meeting	22	23 5:30pm K6/Youth	24 10:00am Spa Day at Crestwood	25	26 Neighbor to Neighbor Lunch 11 am—1pm 2:00pm Deen Building in use
27 8:30 am Early Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00pm Men's Bible Study	28 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group	29	30 5:30pm K6/Youth	31		
Annual Conference				Communion offering this month will go toward Neighbor to Neighbor.		



Heaven's Harvest Raffle Item

Plans are well underway for this year's Heaven's Harvest Auction. We are kicking things off with an awesome raffle item. We have a Kubota RTV500-H with a plastic canopy (like the one pictured). We are selling only 200 tickets for \$100 a piece. Tickets will be available very soon, so be on the look out and don't miss your chance at this awesome opportunity.



To the members of the RMUMC family,
I would like to thank each & everyone for your thoughts and prayers during my recent hospitalization & rehab time. I appreciate all of your many cards, telephone calls and visits. I hope to get back to church very soon.
God's Blessings,
Maxine Page

Church Family,
Thank you for the prayer shawl. The love that is wrapped in the work of it and the colors give warmth and the feeling that the Lord is with me. I will be back at church soon.
God has been good and continues to watch over my recovery. Your prayers are a blessing.
Arthur Galope, Sr.

Dear Prayer Shawl Ladies,

Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. I know there was a lot of work and prayers that went into making it. I could feel the warmth, love and Prayers when it was around me.

Lawson and I are living back in Wills Point. We have health issues but I plan to come to Church when I am stronger. Thank you for the prayers for us. Russell Memorial has always had a special place in our hearts.

Continue to remember us in your prayers.
LaNell and Lawson White

Remember in Prayer:

Wortham Family
Collins Family
Castleberry Family
Hall Family
Townsend Family
Alice Kolb
Allen Thompson
Amy Alonzo
Angie Smith
Annette & Gerald Clemmons
Arthur Galope, Sr.
Denny McCormick
Bobby & Lajuan Mayfield
Chris Conn
Chuck & Nelda Currie
Crestwood Nursing &
Assisted Living
Daisy Bates & Family

Darlane Fuller
Dave & Dee Lutzinger
Donna Whitehead
Gene Kilgo
Methodist Church (RMUMC)
Homeland Security
Huff Family
Hurricane, VZ tornado victims
James Brown Family
Jerry Bodin
Jimmy Wilson
Joanne Watson
John Buffington
Jane Webber
LaNell White
Lauren Null
Liz Ellis
Marvin Carlisle
Maxine Page
Missionaries in Iraq

Our Armed Forces, Troops in
Korea
Marigrace Lang
Mark Brown
Randy Owen
Sherry Walker
Students, Teachers, &
Administrators
Valerie Pearson
Virginia Cockerham



IN  LOVING
MEMORY

Memorials

In memory of
Mary Helen Castleberry
Given by
Sammy & Donna Gunter, Lou Ann Simms,
Melinda Tripp, & Jennifer Johnson.

In memory of Mary Helen Castleberry
A gold leaf
Given by
Sara Bullard & RMUMC Choir.

In memory of
Dalton Huff
A gold leaf
Given by
The Youth and Children of RMUMC.

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Rev. David Cartwright, Pastor
Nancy McDonald, Office Administrator
Theresa Turner, Ladies Hand Bells Director
Kristy Adams, Pianist
Erin Galope, Youth Bell Director
Amy Goodson, Contemporary Prayz Band Leader

Dr. Bob Gilbreth, Music Director
Fritz Gilbreth, Organist
Kelli Huff, K6 Kids Coordinator
Jackie Cockerham, Financial Administrator
Jerry Don Huff, Youth Director

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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