

# The Russell Report

Russell Memorial Methodist Church

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



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Our Lord Jesus has been doing much in Myanmar! The enemy has also been active doing what he does to kill, steal and destroy. Praise the Lord that through the GENEROUS gifts you sent, we were able to send a very significant sum of resources to our partner ministry in Myanmar. As a result, they were able to help many more internally displaced people (IDP) who have literally fled to the jungles to escape the attacks from their own army. As you can see from the photo, a church planted by our partners in Myanmar was one of four or five destroyed by bombs or fire. In addition, around 45 of the believers we help had their houses destroyed.

But in the midst of such suffering, our partners are able to provide food and shelter to those who have fled to the forest, as well as continue to school the children! They tell us that many people are also putting their faith in Jesus and coming to know the hope and the future that they have in Him. This must be especially Good News to these struggling people!

Thank you very much for your faithful prayers and support. You are literally helping to get the Good News to the Golden Land of Myanmar. Please let us know how we can pray for you.

God bless you.

David & Debi Carroll, Gospel for Myanmar





### **Women Give Award**

Every year on Methodist Women's Sunday, the women of the church select an individual to be honored for their contributions and outstanding service to RMMC. This year, at our Women's Sunday Service, our recipient was not able to be present. Therefore, we decided to have that person come to our monthly meeting and give our recognition and a plaque to honor our own Mike Williams.

Mike has been Russell Memorial's wonderful maintenance man for over 35 yrs. At the same time he was the full time Maintenance Supervisor for the WPI SD, Mike was taking care of our campus buildings, and doing special jobs above and beyond his job requirements for our church. He has helped the church members on many occasions throughout the years. With our many requests for help in various ways, he is always generous with his time and expertise.

So, we want to acknowledge our appreciation for his skills, kindness and dedication to the Glory of God, and for the congregation of Russell Memorial Methodist Church. Thank you Mike!!



# Senior Sunday

Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Celebration Potluck Lunch to Follow Service

Bring a Dish or Dessert

Our 2024 graduates include:

Johanna Cartwright, AJ Galope, Frances Groover,  
Frank Groover, Sophie Nychka, Andrew Hammons,  
Trinity Hulse, Gaybrie Malone, and Robert Odom

## **Civic Awards Banquet**

The Wills Point Chamber of Commerce held their annual Civic Awards Banquet on Monday, April 22nd at Wills Point High School. Russell Memorial was well represented at the ceremony. We would like to congratulate Jennifer Ross and Doris High as their shop, Sweethearts, was awarded Business of the Year! What a great accomplishment, congratulations ladies! We would also like to congratulate Sherry Moore for her nomination as Citizen of the Year, as well as Debby Frye with Meals on Wheels for the nomination of Nonprofit of the Year. Our own Pastor, David Cartwright, was recognized as Grand Marshall of the Christmas Parade. The Rotary Club handed out awards that night as well. Jeff Aston was awarded Rotarian of the Year! Thank you all for your outstanding work in our community and the great example you set for all of us!

Grand Marshall David Cartwright and Rotarian of the Year, Jeff Aston.



Pictured above: the Nonprofit of the Year nominees, Meals on Wheels.



Citizen of the Year nominee, Sherry Moore and her granddaughter, Riverlynn.



Business of the Year winners, Doris High and Jennifer Ross with Sweethearts.

# Calendar of Events for May

## Dates to Remember for May



Sunday, May 5, 11:15 a.m. Admin/Church Council Meeting  
 Saturday, May 11, 11:00 a.m. White Gloves and Hats Tea  
 Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day  
 Thursday, May 16th, 9:00 a.m. Games in the Deen Building  
 Saturday, May 18, Deen Building in Use  
 Sunday, May 19, SENIOR SUNDAY with Potluck to follow worship

### Happy Birthday!

Carolyn Hawkins	5-2	Dean Hesse	5-18
Leslie Nychka	5-2	Gary Keller	5-18
Gayle McBride	5-2	Janet Nantze	5-18
Jack Fleming	5-10	Debbie Faulkenbury	5-21
Martha Hesse	5-13	Betty McCormick	5-22
Becky Hardy	5-14	Betty Manning	5-22
Ken Aulich	5-14	Bob Bobbitt	5-26
Scott Teel	5-15	Ed AuBuchon	5-26
Margaret Fleming	5-16	Kelly Teel	5-27
Jim Hawkins	5-18	Kathleen Bobbitt	5-29
		Jordan Teel	5-31

### 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

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Worship	104	96	106	65
Giving	\$10,654.00	\$5,313.00	\$6,420.00	\$2,263.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30 pm Youth Group  6:00 pm Ladies Hand Bells  7:00 pm Choir Practice	2	3	4
5  9:00 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship Service  11:15 am Admin Council Meeting	6	7	8  5:30 pm Youth Group  6:00 pm Ladies Hand Bells  7:00 pm Choir Practice	9	10	11  10:00 am Safety Team  11:00 am Linda Glover Tea
12  9:00 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship Service	13  5:00 pm Day School Board  6:00 pm Finance Meeting	14	15  5:30 pm Youth Group  7:00 pm Choir Practice	16  9:00 am Games in the Deen Building	17	18  9:00 am Crafting with Christ  Deen Building in Use
19 Senior Sunday  9:00 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship Service  11:00 am Potluck	20	21	22  5:30 pm Youth Group  7:00 pm Choir Practice	23	24	25
26  9:00 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship Service  11:15 am SPRC Meeting	27	28	29  5:30 pm Youth Group  7:00 pm Choir Practice	30	31	

### **Calling all VBS lovers! We need you!**

After a few years of absence, we are back and ready to bring good news to our neighbors. Would you like to help?

**When:** June 24 – 27, 9:00 – 12:00. The dates are confirmed, the timing might shift a bit but will be during the morning hours.

**Ages:** PreK and up for the official VBS, but we are also working with our Day Care to provide experiences for the younger kids.

**Theme:** to be determined

**Areas to help:** we need leaders and helpers for the week; coordinators, publicists, and decorators beforehand; and help with clean up after the event.

If you can help with any or all of these, please send a text to Leslie Nychka: 903-288-3866, or call the church office (903-873-2569) to put your name on our volunteer list.

### **Coat/Shoe Shopping**

When you are out and about shopping, keep a look out for clearance sales on coats and shoes. The Angel Tree is stocking up on these items for next Christmas. We will take any sizes and styles! Thank you for your help. Bring your items to the church and we will store them.

### **Mission Trip Opportunity**

Our mission trip to UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, LA is 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/). There are spaces available for any in the congregation that would like to go.



#### **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.



#### **New Bible Study Coming Soon**

Be on the look out for information on an upcoming Bible Study set to start in June. It will take place during the day, at the church. More info will be available as soon as possible.



#### **Snack Donations Needed**

We continue to collect supplies to stock our teacher's lounge at the junior high. Things like crackers and snack bars are great items. The staff have been very appreciative of the kindness we have shown them. Anything provided can be brought to the church office, and we will deliver to the school.

## Remember in Prayer:

Family of Katy Smith  
Family of Scrub  
Family of Fran Maloney  
Family of Richard Moore  
Family of Peggy Slack  
Family of Kay Stutts  
Family of Dorcie Youngblood  
Read Family  
Family of Dianna Perry  
Alice Kolb  
Arthur Galope, Jr.  
Beth Randolph  
Betty Howe  
Betty Manning  
Billie Cade  
Bruce & Margie Evers  
Bruce Lacy  
Charles & Wynona James  
Cheryl Bradley  
College Students

Craig Griffith  
Crestwood Nursing &  
Assisted Living  
Darian Richardson  
Denny McCormick  
Donna Neely  
Elizabeth Cockerham  
Elizabeth Greenwald  
Eric Johns  
Frances, Frank, Marguerite &  
Robby Groover  
Fausto Sanchez  
Felisha Scott  
The Fleming's  
Frances Bryant  
Gail & Shane McBride  
Harrison Mayone  
Herschel LyBrand  
Isaac Bullard  
Jeff D'Amico  
Jennifer (Barnett) McCann  
Joan Peck

Kyle Anderson  
Linda Greenwald  
Marigrace & Mike Lang  
Mark Brown  
Marilyn Miller  
Mary Bullard  
Patsy Aulich  
Randy Scott  
RMMC Staff  
Robin & Lorelai  
Sandy Doty  
Sarah (Hemter) Gerick  
Students, Teachers,  
Administrators & Staff  
Sunday School & Church  
Tom Prock  
Tommy & Kathy Lane  
Tyler Lang



### The Army Returns!

Russell Memorial will be hosting a group of youth and adult leaders for a week beginning Sunday, June 16. The ministry many of you know as U.M. Army is transitioning to United in Mission, a Methodist-based ministry that coordinates mission ministries for high school seniors. The group coming to Wills Point will be from the Tyler area. They will be staying at the Deen Building for the week. There are two things we can do to help prepare for their arrival. First, please pass along any ideas for potential work projects. They should be things that can be accomplished in a day or two with basic skills. Second, we need families who will host a few of our guests for showers each evening. If you are willing to offer that grace to our guests, please contact the office so we can make arrangements.

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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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