

The Russell Report

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



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Fun at
Lakeview
2017



Loving All the Children

“Say it with me: We love all the children.” That wasn’t hard, was it? I am confident that most of you can say these words without hesitation. At our annual conference in May, Bishop Scott Jones invited the gathered body to repeat those words during his episcopal address. Bishop Jones led into the topic by saying, “I want all of the congregations in our conference to be widely known and widely respected for loving all the children.” It is hard to imagine a congregation not wanting to be known

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Cottage Meetings

Cottage meetings are continuing in August. This is a time for church members and friends to come together socially and get to know each other better, and, to learn more about our church. The hosts for each meeting will provide a light snack while we visit. Pastor Dave will then lead the group in conversation. Please call the hosts for the meeting you would like to attend. These are the opportunities for August so far:

Bob & Fritz Gilbreth, 10:00 a.m., August 1, 9038-873-3679

Mary & Gary Keller, 6:30 p.m., August 3, 214-546-8786

Margie & Jeff Aston, 6:30 p.m., August 17, 214-244-9604

We may have a few more meetings coming up, we will let you know as soon as we have the details.



Thank You

Dear RMUMC,

Thanks for hosting us all at UM Army this week. We have been extremely happy with the facility and feel that we have been supported very well.

The welcome dinner Sunday night really set the tone for an awesome week. Thanks Again!

Love, UM Army



Come join in the fun at the Youth Pool Party!
5th through 12th grade
Tuesday, August 1st
From 4:00-8:00 p.m.
At the Huff's House

Parents are invited to attend as well.
It's going to be lots of fun!!



We are hosting a Youth Lock In on Friday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to invite your friends, it's always a good time! 7th-12th grade (Parents can sign up for chaperoning shifts with Jerry Don or in the church office)

UMCOR Health Kit

The United Methodist Women conduct a hands-on project each year to benefit UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), and this year will be collecting items to make health kits. Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes. Once all items are collected, they will be sent to the Sager Brown Depot (location of the youth mission trip).

- 1 Hand Towel (15 x 25" to 17x27") Kitchen, cleaning, microfiber NOT acceptable
- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Toothbrush (adult size only) MUST be in original packaging
- 6 Adhesive bandages (3/4-1" in size) Common household band aids
- 1 Bath-size soap (3 oz. and larger sizes only) NO Ivory or Jergens due to moisture content MUST be in original packaging
- 1 Comb (sturdy and longer than 6") NO pocket or picks, Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6" of teeth
- 1 Metal Nail File or Nail Clippers, NO emery boards
- 1 Plastic Bag (One gallon size, sealable bag only)
- 1 dollar bill to purchase toothpaste

You may make donations of the items listed above and leave them in the church office and/or you may make monetary donations (please make check payable to UMW) which will be used to purchase these items. Each kit costs approximately \$12, and our goal is to provide 25 kits. All items and/or monetary donations must be made by August 27th. If you have any questions, please call Lois Butts (903-560-0795). Thank you!



Calendar of Events for August



Dates to Remember!

Tuesday, August 1, 10:00 a.m. Cottage Meeting @ Gilbreth's
 4-8 p.m. Youth Swim Party @ Huff's
 Thursday, August 3, 6:30 p.m. Cottage Meeting @ Keller's
 Saturday, August 5, 10:00 a.m. Cake @ Crestwood
 Saturday, August 12, Back to School Fair
 Thursday, August 17, 6:30 p.m., Cottage Meeting @ Aston's
 Friday, August 18, 7:00 p.m. Youth Lock In
 Saturday, August 26, 11:00 a.m., Neighbor to Neighbor

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!

		Marguerote Groover	
Damon Davis	8-1	Sarah Garay	8-9
Linda Dickerson	8-1	Ron Turner	8-11
Donna Rowland	8-1	Angelina Fields	8-13
Jeannie Hataway	8-1	Brenda Cherry	8-16
Jo Galope	8-3	Brenda Brown	8-17
Helen Tapp	8-3	Bennie McBride	8-17
Kelli Huff	8-4	Larry Turner	8-18
Bryson Brown	8-5	Sandy Bryant	8-20
Aiden Nychka	8-6	Helen Lawrence	8-23
Lucy Hill	8-6	Pat Mitchell	8-23
Cathy Lamb	8-6	Sara Bullard	8-24
Rob Groover	8-7	Linda LyBrand	8-28
Cotton Miles	8-7	Gerald Clemmons	8-28
Mike Roddy	8-7	Richard Moore	8-30
Robin Berry	8-9	James Caldwell	8-31
Frank Groover	8-9		

August Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Barbara Lamb (Chair), Bonnie George, Nancy McDonald, Billie Cade, Rene Cartwright
Ushers: Danny Brown (Head), James Briggs, Ed AuBuchon, James Brown



Our Presence and Our Gifts

	<u>July 2</u>	<u>July 9</u>	<u>July 16</u>	<u>July 23</u>	<u>July 30</u>
the early service	51	75	65	47	Combined
Sunday School	93	83	83	80	Service
Traditional Worship	89	64	77	81	140
	\$6,005.02	\$6,688.00	\$4,197.00	\$4,496.00	\$4,713.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00am Cottage Meeting @ Gilbreth's 4-8pm Youth Swim Party @ the Huff's	2 6:00 p.m. Small Group	3 6:30pm Cottage Meeting @ Keller's	4	5 10:00am Cake at Crestwood
6 8:30 am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	7 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group 6:00pm Trustees	8	9 6:00 p.m. Small Group	10	11	12 Back to School Fair
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Mission Trip to Louisiana</div>						
13 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 10:00am Grief Support Group	16 6:00 p.m. Small Group	17 6:30pm Cottage Meeting @ Aston's	18 7:00pm Youth Lock In	19 9:00 am Crafting with Christ
20 8:30 am Early Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Crestwood	21 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group	22 10:00am Grief Support Group	23 6:00 p.m. Small Group	24 10:00am Spa Day at Crestwood	25	26 Neighbor to Neighbor Lunch 11 am—1pm
27 8:30 am Early Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	28 10:00am Ladies Prayer Group WPISD School Starts	29	30 6:00 p.m. Small Group	31		

(cont. from pg. 1) for that. I believe that RMUMC is a body that loves the children, and I believe we can love them more.

I am confident that Jesus desired good for children in a holistic way. For us, part of loving the children will include support for their education. We can further strengthen the relationships we have with our local school administrators and teachers, seeking ways for us to compliment and support their work. Many children in our society are vulnerable because of various factors in their lives. This often results in poor performance in school. Those who love the children will find ways to offset those vulnerabilities so that the work of our schools is enhanced.

We need to continue working on ways to build bridges between our congregation and the families served by our day school. One thing we have learned so far is that this is more difficult than expected. Even so, we must continue “leaning into it.” I commented during the message on Sunday that, even though a local congregation does serve the public, we are not a public service. We exist to help children and their parents become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. In the words of Bishop Jones, “Children’s ministry is often the doorway that allows us to do that.”

Bishop Jones shared that in his experience many churches have said, “We don’t have any children.” His response: “Look around you!” There are children in the community, many of whom are not connected with a church, and all of whom could benefit from what we have to offer. In the words of a familiar hymn, we should ask God to “open our eyes, that I may see” the children who are right on our doorstep. They may be children whose families we do not know. Perhaps they just moved into our community. They may look different, and they may not know anything about the Christian faith. Still, they are beloved in God’s sight. God sees them, and so should we.

Lastly, we must increasingly offer them ourselves. Greater children’s ministry requires greater numbers of people working in children’s ministry. We may have programs, but the most important thing that we can offer to children is not a program. It is ourselves. It is a loving, caring community of disciples who are willing to invest in them sacrificially. Remember, love is an action word. According to the example of Christ, let’s strive to be a people who absolutely love *all* the children.

Pastor Dave



Back to School Fair

There is still time to help. Our church is responsible for supplying 450 packs of WIDE ruled notebook paper. And, of course, money is ALWAYS needed to buy other supplies. Please bring your paper and/or money donations to church on Sundays, or to the church office (8:30 am—2:30 pm Mon.-Thurs.), BEFORE August 10th. Thank you!

Remember in Prayer:

Briley Family
Shepherd Family
Alexis Leonard
Alice Kolb
Allen Thompson
Andy & Sherry Anderson
Angie Smith
Annette & Gerald Clemmons
Benny & Kay Mitchell
Beth & Dennis Basham
Betty & Denny McCormick
Bobby & LuJuan Mayfield
Carolyn Choate
Chris Conn
Chuck & Nelda Currie
Crestwood Nursing &
Assisted Living
Daisy Bates & Family
Dave & Dee Lutzinger

David Cartwright & Family
Don Wortman
Grief Support Group
Methodist Church (RMUMC)
Homeland Security
Jacob Eyers
James & Brenda Brown &
Family
Jerry Bodin
Jim Burden
Joe & Ginger Hess
John Buffington
Judy Culpepper
Liz Ellis
Mark Welsh
Marty Mitchell
Mickey Chapple
Missionaries in Iraq
Norma Hundley
Our Armed Forces, America,

Our World
Mark Brown
Rev. Michael Dobbs
Ramelle Sewell
Richard Anderson
Richard & Sherry Moore
Roy Deen
Sandy Bryant
Sarah & Tim Patterson
Sarah Bullard
Sherri Rowe
Students, Teachers, &
Administrators
Tristan Parsons
Ted Deen, Sr.
Theresa Turner
Wanda Williams
Windy Howard

Memorials/Honorariums

In memory of
Adele Monning

Given by
Helen Lawrence, Robert & Linda
Greenwald, Jerry & Markie Lawrence,
and Alan & Randy Engstrom.

In memory of
Billy Bruster

Given by
Robert & Linda Greenwald, Jim &
Betty Briggs, and Sara Bullard.

In memory of
Jim Ruckart

Given by
Sanctuary Choir.

In memory of
Jim Sandifer

Given by
Robert & Linda Greenwald.



Rummage sale

coming in September benefiting Angel Tree.

Save your Rummage!

Contact Mary Keller 214/546-8786

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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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