



WESLEY FAMILY NEWS

JULY 2006 ISSUE

Congratulations to Dorothy Eng...



On May 12, 2006, President George W. Bush presented the President's Volunteer Service Award to our own Dotty Eng. The President's Volunteer Service Award was presented in the East Room of the White House during a ceremony marking Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Dotty is a volunteer with Gold Star Wives of America, which is comprised of women whose spouses died while on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or from a service-

related disability. She is on the national board and is a member of the Potomac Chapter. Since her husband passed away, she has raised her three children on her own. Dotty volunteers at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington D.C., providing outreach and care to the residents, including Gulf War veterans who relocated to the facility following Hurricane Katrina. For two years Dotty has also assembled USO care packages for military troops deployed overseas.

Thanks from the Board of Trustees for the Prayer Garden upgrade.

Completing the Prayer Garden pergola has been a labor of love, for many Wesley friends and members. As many Wesley members know, the primary responsibility of the Trustee Board is to take care of the church's legal affairs, including buildings and grounds, which consumes most of our time. Contributions by some of the Trustee members has been significant, but half or more of the work has come from all segments of the Wesley Church family. The total cost thus far has been less than \$900, not counting plants. There has been over \$200 from private donations for pergola materials, and the plants and bird bath were also donated.

The project's driving force has been George Talbot. When it seemed like time to take a break, he urged us on, and was *always* here when significant work was being done, and often the only one, or one of two at work. Bill Convery was often his right hand man, and usually made time when no one else was available.

It began the week before Spring work day when George and I picked up the initial purchase of lumber. The main post holes were drilled with a free rental auger from AAA Rentals, courtesy of the Skidmore's. Most of the upper arbor went up on Spring work day Apr 29th, and was completed in various increments each week until the rock was put in on June 10th.

At the risk of leaving out a name, I am compelled to express my deep appreciation to each person that support the project. Besides myself and those already mentioned above, others participated includes the following: Most of the funding has come the grounds endowment fund, provided by a generous Wesley family. Drilling of the holes on April 22 included Lance Tracy, Don Harris, Steve Skidmore, and Matthew Grigsby. Installation of the main posts added another hosts of workers, including Jim Sohn, Earl Magill, A.J. Tracy, Dave McFarland, Joe Powers, and especially Paul MacDonald (Troop 993 Scout Master) without whose support the upper could not have been completed that Saturday. Don Pomerening spread dirt removed for creating a gravel walk area. For several weeks, Leslie Tucker has been digging, planting, replanting, and tending the many new plants. Please take a moment to thanks these and the many other dedicated souls for their contributions.

Looking to the near future, we would like to put some small wooden benches to make the garden more people friendly, and possibly a small fountain. As we find the appropriate items, they will be made available for memorials. Two more rose bushes will provide a total of 4 climbers, which we expect to cover the pergola within 3 years. Any donations for the these improvements to our prayer garden, in addition to regular giving, would be greatly appreciated.

The prayer garden is open for business. Please come and enjoy. Feel free to water and weed as needed.

Tom Grigsby
Chairman, Board of Trustees



As you pass through the front entrance doors to the Sanctuary, please take note as to how lovely they look now that they have been refinished. A big thanks to George and Doug Talbot for cleaning, sanding, priming, and repainting the doors.



ADMIT ONE

**Spirit Wind 2006
The Official Youth Choir
Of The Northwest Texas
United Methodist Conference**

in Concert

**at Wesley UMC
in Church Sanctuary
July 10th, 7 p.m.
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.**

**Ice Cream Social
After Performance**

Consider inviting a family or person who might be looking for a church home. Invite someone who is new on your street or in your office or maybe someone in a group you or a family member belong to (soccer, volleyball, baseball team etc).

On or about June 29th or 30th you will receive an invitation letter. There will be 8 tickets included for you, your family and guests. An invitation and tickets will also be sent to: Scout Troop 993, Wesley Pre-School, and the "new neighbor list" from local realtors. There is no charge – FREE- but tickets will be necessary and we want a full house for this great group.

True to its name, Spirit Wind refreshes and rejuvenates audiences as young people from Texas sing inspirational music from across the ages and throughout the world as offerings and testaments of living faith.



**A Gift to Intern, Clair Travis
from Wesley UMC Congregation**

Earlier this year we of the Staff Parish Relations came to you with an idea of buying a robe or an alb for Clair. She is not to wear a stole until she becomes an ordained elder, which is still four years away for her but she is allowed to wear a robe. We asked Clair to identify the style, size, and color of robe. Along with her parents, she has made a decision and placed the order for a lovely robe. She chose a black robe with some nice details including some red piping, different material on yoke and cuffs and buttons on cuffs. There is one real pocket and one "pass-through" to reach to her own pocket or put a wireless mike on her waist, etc. Robe delivery is expected this month. We plan to make a formal presentation at a Wesley service to Clair sometime when her parents can be in attendance to share in this excitement. This is a \$400 gift from the Wesley Congregation and if you would like to be a part of this gift, please make check payable to Wesley UMC and earmark it "Clair's Robe". We would like to begin now to collect these donations.

A Note:

"Wesley UMC has been a very special part of Clair's seminary experience, and we are so grateful to your church for making her a part of you."

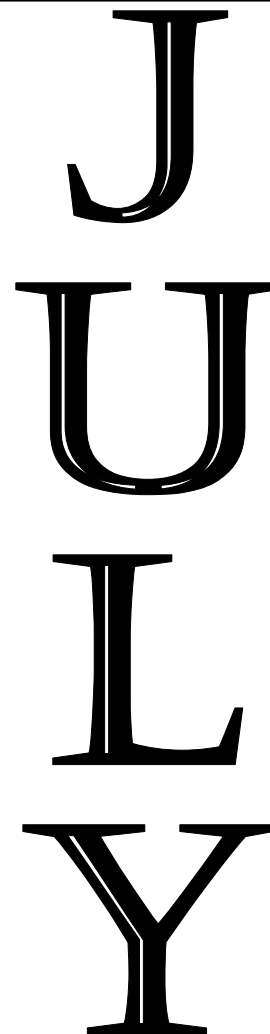
Anne S. Travis, Clair's mother

Birthdays, Anniversaries, In-Service



- 1 Jane Barnes
- 2 Katie Pryor
- 5 Audrey Morris
- 5 Don Harris
- 6 Lou DeVaughn
- 8 Kellianne Tomlinson
- 10 Philip Price
- 11 Steve Skidmore
- 15 Earl Magill
Ben Robinson
- 16 Kris Murphy
- 17 Kevin Rowland
Kiki Miguel
- 24 Michael Shultz
- 27 Judy Ferreira
- 29 Katie Inlow
- 30 Nancy Clingenpeel

- 6 Karl & Kay Tomlinson
- 7 Eric & Tamera Ferreira
Gene & Nora Rudd
- 9 Kerry & Pam Pealer
- 11 Tom & Christine Swartz
- 17 Robert & Linda
Shellhouse
- 20 Ray & Jean Martines
Jim & Mary Rowland



IN OUR PRAYERS

Mt. Vernon Nursing Home

- Sue Hunt

The Gables

- Jean Martines
- Mary Lou Mearns

Recuperating at Home

- John Calloway
- Ray Martines
- George West
- Olive Powell

IN-SERVICE FOR JULY 2006

DATE	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	NURSERY	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	COUNTERS
July 2	Devin Loftis	Lance Tracey	9:30 a.m. 9:55 a.m.	Tom Grigsby	Watson Pryor & Steve Skidmore
July 9	CJ Tracey	Meghan Crowell	9:30 a.m. 9:55 a.m.	Dale & Harry Swartz	Mike & Donna Adams & Bill Convery
July 16	Jonathan Convery	Tom Grigsby	9:30 a.m. 9:55 a.m.	Lila Bonnell	Kerry & Pam Pealer & Linda Baublitz
July 23	Hannah Nees	Nancy Anderson	9:30 a.m. 9:55 a.m.	Di & Lance Tracey	Bill Convery & Jim Sohn
July 30	Matthew Grigsby	Kym Clark	9:30 a.m. 9:55 a.m.	Bonnie O'Lenic	Lou DeVaughn & Jeff Nees

ITEMS OF INTEREST and DATES TO REMEMBER...



Funeral Services for William M. Riddick III will be July 7th at the Old Chapel, Fort Myer at 11 a.m. (please arrive no later than 10:30 a.m.)

Volunteers Needed

Rising Hope is in need of volunteers for their food pantry during the month of July. If you can help, please give them a call.

A Thank You...

United Community Missions would like to thank you for the 56 pounds of food donated this past month. Thank you!

Another Thank You...

A big thank you to all who donated a kit or kits for Annual Conference. Wesley sent 30 Kits to Annual Conference this year. Thank you!

A Note From Trinity Circle - We will not meet this month.

See you Monday, August 28th. Same time, same place...

REMEMBER YOUR PLEDGE THIS SUMMER



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There are no youth activities this month. Enjoy your summer and safe travels for you all! And... Get excited about the Mission Trip!!

Clair Travis Youth Director



The deadline for the Sunday Bulletin is Wednesday noon. Please submit all items in writing. Thank you.

Wesley Family News Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles/items of interest for the Wesley Family News is **1 p.m., the 15th of each month.** Any items received after that time will be considered for the following month's newsletter. **Please submit all items in writing.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Member Care Ministry

Most recently this group met on June 4th. A decision was made to use the lovely angel plaques handcrafted and made by Ray Martines to recognize members moving away. The backside of the angel will have a label containing a short scripture verse and the person's name as well as small picture of Wesley and the date given. They will be presented in worship service during the joys and concern time. Beginning June 4th, the first angel was presented to Duane and Kathy Anderson and family. On June 11th, two angels were presented, one to Tom and Marti Hammitte and another to Joe and Charlotte Powers. We are going to miss these folks and wish them God Speed.

Our ministry is putting together a system to connect with folks who have been away a few Sundays. We will send a postcard saying, "We've missed you". Through the same system, a similar list will generate name of visitor and they will be turned over to Evangelism each Sunday. The plan is that a member of the Evangelism team will then make a visit to them. A letter from the pastor will then be appropriate. Pastor Tony and Alice have agreed to send these out on Mondays.

A focus on our congregation members in the military has resulted in our preparing a care package. A care package was filled during the Mission Fair at Wesley on June 11th. The 20+items package was then turned over to Kym Clark to mail. On a broader field, we have partners within the Member Care Ministry who periodically help stuff care packages at Fort Belvoir for USO. Participation is open. If you want to see action, you must be there and experience it. If interested, call Dottie Eng or Lila Bonnell.

We try to maintain contact with our members who are shut-in with a card, a call or a visit. All are encouraged to be a part of this. Extra cards are available at our meetings. A sample is available to those unsure of what to say when making a telephone call. Most recently we sent a card to our friends, Leticia and Ernest Cagagun who moved back to the Philippines in late April.

Earlier in the year we re-instated the Phone Tree. This is used primarily for emergency situations. Gayle Besemer who is working with the pastor is our contact point.

Whether you're currently on the Member Care Ministry or would like to engage in this part of Wesley, we welcome your input. Next meeting will be on **JULY 9th** following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Member Care Mission Statement:

***Maintain contact and reach out in compassionate love and care
To the individuals and families of the Wesley UMC congregation.***

Most recently, the sign in attendance sheet has become a tool for the Member Care Ministry to reach out to contact our members. Please help by doing your part to see that people have had the opportunity to sign the attendance in your pew each Sunday. We invite you to join us in reaching out to another person.

WESLEY UMC SUMMER MISSION TRIP, AUGUST 12-19

Hurricane Katrina was one of the costliest and deadliest hurricanes in the history of the United States. It is possible that Hurricane Katrina, which came ashore along the Gulf Coast on August 29, 2005, was the largest hurricane of its strength to approach the United States in recorded history. Its sheer size caused devastation over 100 miles from the center and well inland.

This summer, from August 12-19, Wesley UMC will be sponsoring a trip to Pascagoula, Mississippi, to work with UMCOR in Hurricane Katrina recovery. In coordination with other Mount Vernon area organizations, the approximately 15-20 Wesley youth and adults will be helping to rebuild the homes of the most marginalized in the area. Specific projects that we will be working on include (but are not limited to): roofing, dry walling, and carpentry.

The Mission of the Mississippi United Methodist Katrina Response is “to be a living expression of God’s love by alleviating the suffering of those impacted by Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast and throughout the state of Mississippi.” Furthermore, the Mississippi Annual Conference of the UMC acknowledges that, “There is quite a lot of work to do in Mississippi, and there will be for years to come. Persons are displaced all over the state and the task of getting them back into homes is monumental.” (www.mississippi-umc.org)

We have set as a goal to raise \$5000 for this trip. This will cover the cost of the rental fee for multiple 12-passenger vans that will transport us, the gas to keep those vans moving, and other related travel expenses. As a church committed to mission, we ask that you – the members of Wesley UMC – consider donating towards this church mission trip.

We will be selling Stock in this Mission Trip throughout May and June. You may buy shares in any amount – all that you can give would be much appreciated! These shares will be on sale before and after each Sunday morning worship service (just look for the people in the construction hats!), or by contacting Clair Travis at clairtravis@yahoo.com. Following the Mission Trip, there will be a shareholders dinner meeting in which all donors will learn about their investment through a slideshow and testimonies about the trip.

You may also donate to the trip by filling out the pledge card below and placing it in the church offering or mailing it to the church:

Wesley United Methodist Church
Attn: Clair Travis
8412 Richmond Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22309

Please support this church mission goal and the Wesley UMC Summer 2006 Mission Team!

I pledge at least \$_____ to the Wesley UMC Summer 2006 Church Mission Trip. I understand that this pledge must be paid in full by ***Sunday, June 25, 2006.***

Name (please print) _____

Phone Number _____

Make checks payable to Wesley UMC with “***Mission Trip***” in the memo line.



Saturday, August 5, 2006

The Wesley United Methodist Church annual peach festival is a family friendly fun event with peach sundaes & desserts, a moonbounce, dunk tank, kids' games, crafts, dancers, singers, martial arts demos, and many local community events, and.....of course Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Snow Cones, and Popcorn. **BEST YET - IT IS ALL FREE.**

[Take a look at our webpages from the past two Peach Fests!](#)

Wesley contributes to Uganda, the Katrina disaster, Heifer Project, Rising Hope Mission Church, UCM and world mission outreach. The Peach Festival is an up close and personal community outreach that we have taken on for the past five years. Some have suggested the church does not benefit from this project in terms of new membership, growth and so forth. Their feelings are understandable. The project requires us all to work together to make it happen. Everybody needs to get on board of this Church wide effort. Working together in itself can be good positive fellowship.

The church represents Divine Charity and during the Peach Festival we extend this charity to the local community, in an up close and personal way. We feed them, we provide games for the children, we entertain them, we serve them most delicious desserts, and we open our doors and welcome them.

Thomas Merton writes in No Man is an Island that we have Divine Charity only to the extent we give of the Divine charity we have. If the Peach Festival does not provide church growth in terms of increased numbers to our membership, might it not provide growth in our individual and collective Divine Charity? Ultimately, is that not the kind of growth we strive to achieve?

Work Area Coordinators and Assistance Needed:

1. Communications - Jim Sohn & Mary Pryor: Responsible for internal and external communications (newspaper, posters, flyers, etc.). We are looking for persons to make signs and flyers and assist in posting and distribution
2. Quartermaster - Lou DeVaughn: Responsible for all procurements with the exception of the peaches and ice cream for the desserts. Also, the cooking grills are to be procured by food services. Lou needs a couple of people to assist him with the procurement pick-ups and re-supply during the event.
3. Food Preparation and Service Coordinator – Watson Pryor: Responsible for food preparation, staffing qualified cooks, arranging breaks and supervising food supplies/resupply and flow to insure that supply meets demand. Needs about 10 people in support of cooking and food services.

4. Peach Dessert Coordinator – Nora Rudd: Responsibility for all phases of peach dessert preparation. Need the support of men and women for peach peeling, dessert preparation and operating the dessert serving line on a shift basis.
5. Games Co-Coordinator – Donna Adams & You: Responsible for establishing game activities, obtaining materials, prizes and equipment. Also insures timely set-up & staffing schedule for supervision and operation of all game activities and plan for the safety of children. Coordinates with Troop 993, pre-school director, youth director and entertainment coordinator.
6. Entertainment Area Coordinator & Peach Festival Consultant – Nancy Nixon: Coordinates music, special presentations and performances. Determines and draws layout plans and distributes to all area coordinators. Insures performance schedules are published and provides schedules to program area coordinators. Basically ALL actions related to organized entertainment. Need workers to install and operate the sound system and configure the Master of Ceremony area.
7. Physical Infrastructure Set-up and Tear-down coordinator – Sue Davis, Troop 993 Scout Liaison: Responsible for supervising and employment of troop 993 scouts for set-up and tear-down of the physical infrastructure including physical support structures, chairs, tables, trash containers, etc. Two adults are needed to work with Sue and the scout troop on the afternoon of 4 August and during the peach fest on 5 August.
8. Church and Community Connection coordinator – Pastor Tony: Coordinates with the Counsel of Ministries (COM), Youth Director and other church sub-groups, as well as pertinent links to the Mount Zephyr and Mount Vernon Community area.
9. Community Liaison Coordinator – Connie Lorentzen: Coordinates schedules with those community elements choosing to participate in Wesley's 6th Annual Peach Festival. Coordinates with Pastor in identification of community elements linked to Wesley Church.
10. Commercial Sector Coordinators – Charles Anderson & Mary Pryor: Coordinates with business sponsors in the local area, and offers the commercial sector the opportunity to participate in the Wesley Peach Festival.
11. Schedule of Events and Published Program Coordinator – Gayle Besemer: Prepares program and schedule of events. Coordinates program inputs with other area coordinators to insure information and commercial ads are included in the program and for timely distribution of the program.
12. Master of Ceremony (MC) for the Peach Festival – Lance Tracy: Responsible for introductions, announcing events, music, providing information as the day unfolds, and closing remarks including the farewell song by our own Wesley Quartet.

Let's support our community and church with an outstanding Peach Festival outreach effort and at the same time, have fun.

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