

The Russell Report

Russell Memorial United Methodist Church

A Family Rooted in Christ and Reaching Out in Love



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Ecclesiastes 3:1

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

Change is hard. At least that is what I have heard. In my own experience change can be disruptive and unwelcome. It can mess up your plans and make things quite inconvenient. It can make you think in new ways and adopt unfamiliar habits, and you KNOW how much we love that! However, I have learned that sometimes change is the unexpected doorway to new blessings and opportunities from God. We may not know this on the front side of change, perhaps not even for a long time. Some people are inclined to embrace change, while others steadfastly resist it. One thing is certain: change is unavoidable.

Our congregation has been in a season of change, not the least of which is our recent disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. Many of you have been anticipating news on our next step forward. We now have that news. The church administrative council is recommending that Russell Memorial apply to become a member congregation of the Global Methodist Church. You need to know this was not a simple, default decision. Several options were considered. Factors of church governance, doctrine and social principles were weighed. The people on your church council did their research to consider what option best represents a faithful continuation of our heritage and reflection of our present congregation. The church council is recommending the GMC as the best way forward.

I invite you to be informed on this recommendation. An essential component of joining the Global Methodist Church is the affirmation of their doctrines and social principles. This shouldn't be surprising; it only makes sense of any person joining any church to affirm the beliefs of that body. The important pieces of this can all be found either on our own church web site or on the Global Methodist web site (www.globalmethodist.org). The Global Methodist Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline can be found on our church web site under the Discernment Resources tab. It can also be found on the GMC web site. The first two sections of that document, covering the doctrines and the social witness, are the parts we are asked to affirm.

We will be gathering in George Hall on Sunday, November 6 after worship for a pot luck dinner. (Feed them and they will come, right?) During the meal there will be a time of Q&A, followed by a vote to affirm the resolution to join the Global Methodist Church. All professing members present will vote "yes" or "no" on the resolution. I do hope you will plan to come and be part of the conversation, and ultimately participate in making this decision to move

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forward. As always, guests are warmly welcome to join us at the table. Are there uncertainties in moving forward? Of course. Bumps in the road? Most certainly. Rare are the times when change doesn't bring uncertainty and challenges.

Perhaps that is one reason we tend to resist it. Yet even as we face the unknown ahead, we surely can take comfort in knowing that God is already in our tomorrow. There are times when God disrupts our inertia and begins doing a new thing among us. We are reminded by the writer of Ecclesiastes that there is a time for all things—the pleasant and the heart-breaking. This may be one of those times when both come together.

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 13:13 that “these three remain: faith, hope, and love.” Let us hold fast to these in the months to come.

Pastor Dave

Pot Luck & Church Conference

There will be a pot luck lunch after worship on Sunday, November 6, accompanied by a church conference meeting for the purpose of voting on a resolution to join the Global Methodist Church. During the meal we will have Q&A on the recommendation, followed by a vote to approve the following resolution:

"The administrative council moves that Russell Memorial Methodist Church become a member congregation of the Global Methodist Church, affirms and endorses the doctrinal standards, Social Witness, and church governance of the Global Methodist Church as set forth in its Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline, and agrees to be accountable to such Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline."

Professing members of the congregation are eligible to vote; guests are encouraged to attend. We hope you will make it a priority to be a part of making this decision. If you can bring a yummy dish to share, please do so. If you can't, come anyway!

Upcoming Studies:

The Christmas Experience - 6-week video series by Kyle Idleman

Meets Thursday 11/3 through Thursday 12/15 (EXCLUDING Thanksgiving week), 6:30 pm at the Deen Building. Soup or other light supper will be served. Please let Carol Miracle (214-202-4173) know if you will be attending so that we can prepare the right amount of food. Books can be purchased through RightNow Media, if wanted (book not required).

CS Lewis - Mere Christianity book study will start sometime in January 2023, TBD. We will be utilizing materials from The CS Lewis Institute.

If interested, get the book now and start reading. More details will be provided later this year.



State Fair

The youth group traveled to the Great State Fair of Texas on Wednesday, October 12. Pastor Dave drove the group, consisting of Jana Davis, AJ Galope, Joseph Hammons, Andrew Hammons, Johanna Cartwright, Francis Groover and Maggie McDonald. A great time was had by all.



Calendar of Events for November

Dates to Remember for November



Wednesday, November 2, 2:30pm Youth Group, 6:00pm Bells, 7:15pm Choir
 Sunday, November 6, 11:15am Church Potluck, Q&A and vote
 Monday, November 7, 6:00pm Trustees
 Wednesday, November 9, 2:30pm Youth Group, 6:00pm Bells, 7:15pm Choir
 Saturday, November 12, 9:00am UWF meeting, 10:00am Safety Team
 Sunday, November 13, 8:30am Breakfast before Sunday School
 5:00pm Charge Conference (Zoom meeting)
 6:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service @ New Release
 Monday, November 14, 5:00pm Day School, 6:00pm Finance
 Wednesday, November 16, 6:00pm Youth Skating, 6:00pm Bells, 7:15pm Choir
 Saturday, November 19, 9:00am Crafting with Christ
 Tuesday, November 22-Thursday, November 24, Church Office Closed
 Thursday, November 24, Happy Thanksgiving
 Wednesday, November 30, 2:30pm Youth Group, 6:00pm Bells, 7:15pm Choir

Happy Birthday!

		Judy Powers	11-16
		Kathy Kulwicki	11-21
		Jeff Aston	11-22
Jack Robinette	11-2	Marilyn Roddy	11-23
Fritz Gilbreth	11-2	Valerie Pearson	11-23
Arthur Galope, Jr.	11-7	Lynn Rowe	11-24
Maggie McDonald	11-8	Erin Galope	11-26
Stephani Curtis	11-8	Victor Pearson	11-26
Taylor Hulsey	11-8	Kelly Begley	11-27
David Cartwright (not the pastor)	11-11		

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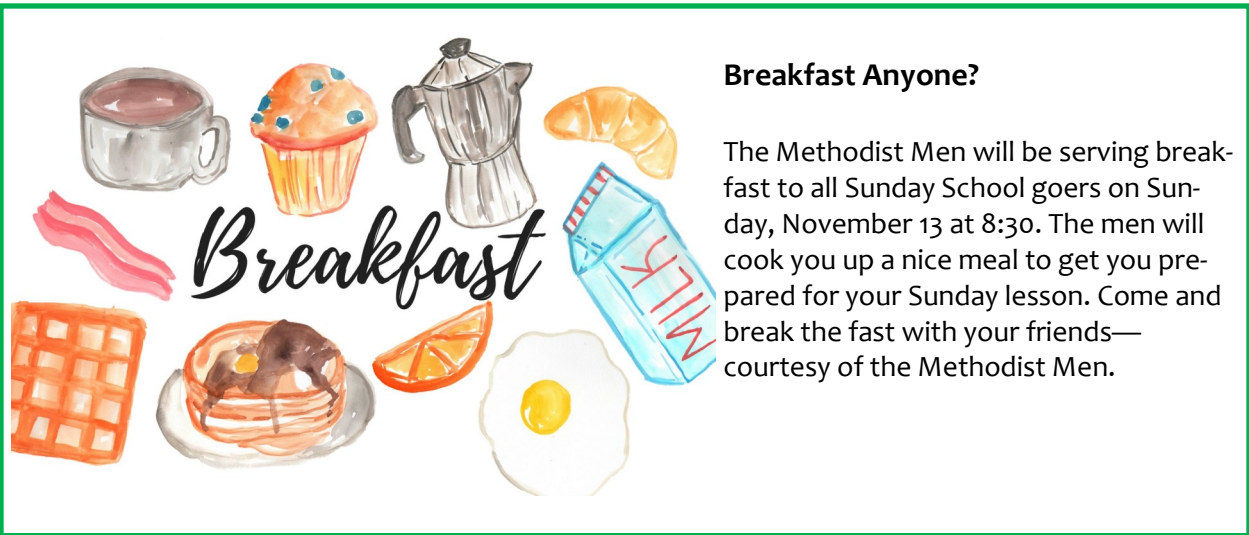


Don't forget about the amazing offer of rightnow media offered through the church. Text RMUMC to 49775 for an invitation to set up your account, or contact the church office to request help.

Our Presence and Our Gifts

	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30
Worship	75	61	66	84	71
Giving	\$6,480.00	\$4,982.00	\$5,984.00	\$5,681.00	\$2,718.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 2:30pm Youth 6:00pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:15pm Choir Practice	3	4	5
6 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am GMC Q&A, church wide potluck and vote	7 6:00 pm Trustees	8 6:00 pm Nominations Committee Meeting	9 6:00pm Youth skating in Grand Saline w/ Edgewood 6:00pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:15pm Choir Practice	10	11	12 9:00 am UWF Meeting, Deen Building 10:00 am Safety Team
13 UWF Sunday 8:30 am Breakfast before Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 5:00pm Charge Conference via Zoom 6:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service	14 5:00pm Day School 6:00pm Finance Meeting	15	16 2:30pm Youth 6:00pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:15pm Choir Practice	17	18	19 9:00 am Crafting with Christ (in George Hall)
20 Youth Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	21	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
		Church Office Closed				
27 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	28	29	30 2:30pm Youth 6:00pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:15pm Choir Practice			



Breakfast Anyone?

The Methodist Men will be serving breakfast to all Sunday School goers on Sunday, November 13 at 8:30. The men will cook you up a nice meal to get you prepared for your Sunday lesson. Come and break the fast with your friends—courtesy of the Methodist Men.

Thank you

Thank you for making us feel so loved Sunday night (at the vote). It was wonderful to see all of you, and we appreciated all the smiles, waves and well-wishes. We miss you all so much and look forward to the day when we can come back in person and worship with all of you.

Thank you for the cards and calls of well wishes. May God bless each of you and keep you in his care.

Love,
Mike & Billie Cade

Dear Church Friends,
We cannot thank you enough for your generosity in donating a wide variety of items to the Bread for the Hungry's Highway 80 sale. We did not make very much money, but we did have some traffic and got our name out. We thank you for helping us.
On behalf of Bread for the Hungry,
Mary Keller

It's never too early to plan for summer camp... and Yes, we will still be able to join in Lakeview activities. You won't want to miss out!

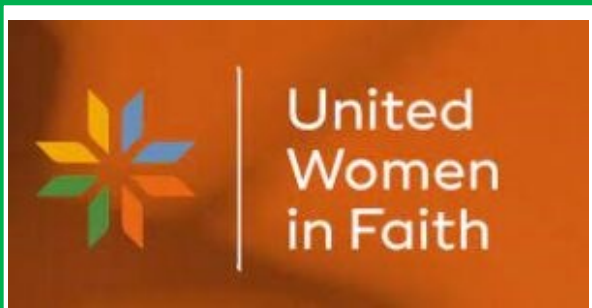


Remember in Prayer:

Family of Barbara Grimes Petty
Family of Prater Monning
Family of Patricia West
Family of Paco Dominguez
Family of Jim Freeman
Patricia Howard's Family
Family of Hunter Haney
Family of Terry McDermott
Art Galope, Jr
Alice Kolb
Andy Anderson
Angie Smith
Betty Manning
Billie Cade
Bobbi Smith
Chad Ash
Charles & Wynona James
Cheryl Bradley
Cheryl Shaw
College Students

Crestwood Nursing & Assisted Living
David Cartwright (not Pastor Dave)
David Shaw
Dianna Perry
Eric Johns
Evan Mayone
FG Hardy
Harrison Mayone
Helen Liston
Isaac Bullard
Jared McDonald
Jeff D'Amico
Jim & Sandra Smith
Joe Madden
John Buffington
Judith Hollister
Judy Powers
Katie McDonald
Kay & Benny Mitchell
Karl & Keeta Lybrand

Kyle Wilson
Laura Bates
Linda Greenwald
Lucy Hill
Lyn Haney
Marigrace & Mike Lang
Margie Eysers
Mark Brown
Marty Mitchell
Mary Bullard
Maxine Page
Mike Tolin
Myles Davis
Nelda Pirtle
Richard Anderson
Richard Briley
RMUMC Staff
Robert Butts
Students, Teachers, & Admin
Sunday School & Church
Travis Deen
Virginia Cockerham



United Women in Faith Sunday at Russell Memorial will be Sunday, November 13. Our guest speaker for the day will be Sheri Sims. We look forward to welcoming Sheri and celebrating the ministry of our women in the church.

Community

An illustration showing the profiles of four people of different ethnicities (two women and two men) with their hands clasped in prayer. The background is a soft, glowing yellow light.

Thanksgiving Service

The community Thanksgiving service will be held at New Release Baptist Church at 6:00, Sunday November 13. An offering will be taken that is used to fund a scholarship for a high school senior through the ministerial association.

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Rev. David Cartwright, Pastor
John Ross, Minister of Music
Theresa Turner, Ladies Hand Bells Director
Jackie Cockerham, Financial Administrator

Nancy McDonald, Office Administrator
Fritz Gilbreth, Organist
Kelli Huff, K6 Kids Coordinator

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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