

# Wheatland's Wit & Wisdom

## Chair Brigade Marches at Annual Independence Day Parade

JUNE, 2010

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Mark your calendars to march in the Wheatland Chair Brigade at the Independence Day Parade in Duncanville. Parade starts at 9:00 am on Saturday, July 3. Staging for the parade begins at 7:00 am on Freeman Street.

No experience necessary. If you can walk, you can march in the Chair Brigade. Old-fashioned web-laced light-weight aluminum chairs is all that's needed (we have plenty to share if you don't have one). Our costume is the red Wheatland t-shirt. New t-shirts will be available to order in June. This is a great opportunity to invite people to Wheatland and expose the community to our fun-loving congregation. The people attending the parade look forward to seeing the Chair Brigade march each year, so don't miss this opportunity to join in the fun.

Practice will start soon. Please see Jan Cavender, Kathy Priester, or Pastor Kay for more information. We need more people to participate. **This is not just a girl's thing, men are invited to participate too.**

The chant is a 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 beat. It is like the Marine Corps chant :

Have you heard what people say  
Bout that church down Dallas way  
Wheatland, Wheatland, Wheatland church,  
Country church in the city

We've got,  
a seat,  
we've got a seat,  
we've got a seat for YOU!



Guess what else those people say  
'bout that church down Wheatland way  
Wheatland, Wheatland, Wheatland church,  
friendliest church in the city.

We've got,  
a seat,  
we've got a seat,  
we've got a seat for YOU!



Get yourself up off that curb  
come to church, come hear the word  
Wheatland, Wheatland, Wheatland church,  
Country church in the city.



I recently ordered a book from a TV preacher that I have really enjoyed listening to. They had advertised this book so rather than go to the store, I ordered it.

I regret doing so. Now I get a letter from them EVERY week asking for money for their mission projects. I know their mission projects are good and therefore, I feel guilty that I don't send money. And then today I received a request for money and it has a return stamped envelope in it! I hate that, wasting a perfectly good stamp by not



sending them money. But I have my own religious organization to support. I am sure they will wear me down and I will eventually send them a small check. I think I will at that time request I be taken off their mailing list. I wouldn't mind a quarterly request, but weekly, that is a bit much.



I've heard people complain about the church always being in the business of asking for money. And we are in the business of talking about money. I make no apologies for it. The church is in the business of talking about love. ..both God's love for us and our love for God and others. The church is in the business of being sure that we pass on Jesus' teaching to our members...and Jesus talked about money just about more than he talked about anything else. That's because he was concerned that we would love money and love the things that money can buy more than we would love God. I've heard that if we look at our check book, or our bank statement (now that so many of us use debit cards), or look at our credit card statements, we will know where our priorities are. You might want to take a moment to think about where your money is going.



Another thing to check is your calendar to see what you spend your time on. Are you just busy, busy, busy and don't have time to attend church and Bible Study or Sunday School? Are you just too busy to call someone that you know isn't able to get out much? God should be #1 on that calendar. And God's people should be there too. We are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbor as our self. Does your calendar reflect that? I need to check my calendar too.

There are many ways to serve and to give. Wheatlandettes are having an umbrella and flip-flop collection for the homeless this month. The property management team is seeking people that can help with keeping our buildings and grounds looking beautiful and in good shape so they will last another 160 years. There is always room for more in Sunday School and our small groups. We are looking for another Sunday School teacher and I am sure our present Sunday School teachers would like to take a break, perhaps you could volunteer to just teach for a couple of Sundays while they take that break. UMW and UMM are seeking ways to make their meetings more interesting and viable...check them out.

Summer is supposed to be a little less busy than the winter months. Summer is the time for vacations. Don't take a vacation from church. Make a commitment to be in worship every Sunday regardless of where you may be. I will.

See you in worship.



*Pastor Kay*

## **Wheatland United Methodist Women**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month you will find members of the Wheatland United Methodist Women joining together in a supportive fellowship of Christian women. We are a group of women that are helpful and encouraging to each other in times of joy and in times of difficulty.

We start our meeting with conversation and the serving of lunch; a Methodist tradition. We enjoy talking about the recent events in our families, the weddings, the new babies, and many of the joys we receive from God. It is so festive that many times we have a difficult time starting the meeting, but this is the joy of womanhood and one of the awesome gifts that God has given to us.

To start the meeting, we recite the United Methodist Women's Purpose. We recognize that the purpose of our group is to be of service to God in the missions of UMW. We pledge to participate, support, and help expand the concepts of mission work. We then have a devotion and interesting program given by a member of the group or special guest speaker.

We believe all talents big and small are important in our group. Some women like to provide us with delicious food, others like to present programs, or present devotions. That's what makes us a good group.

### **Just a few of the projects we participate in are:**

- Christmas party for the women of Wheatland church
- Tea Party for the women of Wheatland Church
- Spring Retreat for all the women in the church
- Financial support of OCCEA, Blanton Gardens, Methodist Hospital Auxiliary, Bethlehem Center and Wesley Rankin
- Financial support sent to overseas and local missions through UMW national organization

We are a fun group who are dedicated to serving God through the local church and through financial gifts and education about the mission field.

So, come and join this group with a heart, a mind and a spirit for missions. Our next meeting will be June 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

## Annual Conference

Donna West, Joyce Merz, Laura Foreman and Pastor Kay will be going to annual conference June 6<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>. Annual conference is held annually and every 4 years it is in Wichita Falls, this is that 4<sup>th</sup> year and we will be in Wichita Falls. We will leave right after church on the 6<sup>th</sup>. This is where the work of the church happens. The biggest item on the agenda this year is the report from the Strategic Planning Team. They are proposing that the conference be divided into only 4 districts and that the cabinet be reorganized. This is an exciting time to be in the North Texas Conference. Please pray that God will guide and direct your leaders at this conference.



## Picnic on the Grounds

Join in an afternoon of fun Saturday, June 26 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. We have invited the congregation of the Mennonite Church to join with the Wheatland congregation for some fun games of kickball, horseshoes, and volleyball. There will be plenty of refreshments and shade for everyone. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served at 5:30 p.m. under the shade trees by the ball field. Bring your lawn chairs and potluck side dishes to go with the burgers and dogs. Get ready to play, laugh, and enjoy the grounds.



## Calling All Women to Share

The United Methodist Women will be having their mid-year planning meeting on Saturday, June 19 beginning with lunch served at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to help plan activities for the second half of 2010. If you have an idea, passion, craft, or mission, please share it with the other women of the church. There is no better way to get to know each other than a small group.

## DOVES – ENTER THE CREATIVE DOVE CONTEST



The Holy Spirit is represented by a dove. When Jesus was baptized, a dove descended from the heavens..."As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'this is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.'" (Matthew 3:16-17). Luke, Mark and John have similar accounts of the baptism.

Each Sunday during the Fruit of the Spirit sermon series, there will be a dove in your bulletin. These little doves with the names of the attributes of the Fruit of the Holy Spirit and an appropriate Scripture verse, are little reminders that the Holy Spirit is active in our lives and that we need to open our hearts to accept all that God wants to give us. Keep them to spark a moment of gratitude and praise. Used as bookmarks or on a mirror or refrigerator door, these doves will remind you of what God has already done in your life.

Or you may want to enter our dove contest...make a poster, a mobile, a tree...do something creative with the 9 doves that you will receive. We will vote on these creations on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> during Fellowship Lunch.

## New Members





The 2010 Graduating Class  
of  
The School of Science and Engineering Magnet  
At Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center  
Announces the graduation of  
Kenneth Joseph Priester

Graduation ceremony to be held on Tuesday,  
June first at The Majestic Theatre  
Dallas, Texas



*Kenneth has been accepted to the Honors Program  
of Cockrell School of Engineering College  
at the University of Texas in Austin  
and plans to major in Computer Engineering*

*A Graduation and Send-off Party for family and friends will be announced in July*

## Umbrellas and flip flops

Does that make you think of the beach?

When the Wheatlandettes delivered over 100 blankets to the Bridge at Christmas, they asked a question. Knowing that the needy get more attention at Christmas than at any other time of the year, they asked the question...what could we do for the homeless in the summer time?



The Bridge volunteer said that the homeless need umbrellas to protect them from the sun in the summer and they also need flip flops. Many of them do not have shoes to wear and go barefoot in the summer but they are not allowed in the shelters if they are barefoot, thus flip-flops are the perfect answer!



Therefore the Wheatlandettes are sponsoring an umbrella and flip-flop collection. For the first two Sundays in June, there will be a collection box located at the entrance to the church. Please put new or gently used umbrellas and flip-flops in the collection box. The deadline for these will be June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Let's remember the less fortunate in the summer as well as during the Christmas season!



Wheatland United  
Methodist Church

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Methodist Church – the  
country church in the city  
– strives to be a  
welcoming congregation  
worshipping God  
together; increasing in  
faith and discipleship  
through prayer, Bible  
study and fellowship;  
caring for one another;  
and reaching out to the  
community and the  
world.*

We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.wheatlandumc.org](http://www.wheatlandumc.org)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Sunshine Fellowship 10:00 Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm Bernice Maberry's Birthday	3	4 Ellen Berry's Birthday	5 Quilting 9:00 am  Marcus Wilson's Birthday
6 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am PMT 11:45 am	7	8 Edwin & Adlonious Wilson's Anniversary	9 Light Seekers 10:30 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm	10 Edwin Wilson's Birthday	11	12  UMM 9:00 am
13 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am Carlos & Mary Rerat's Anniversary	14	15	16 Light Seekers 10:30 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm  Laura Fannin's Birthday	17 Kay Hord's Birthday	18 Ted & Cathy Gruebbel & John & Johnnie Mae Snipes' Anniversary	19 UMW 12:30 pm
20 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Choir 11:45 am	21 Paul & Laura Foreman's Anniversary	22	23 Light Seekers 10:30 am Wheatlandettes 6:45 pm Route 66 7:00 pm	24	25	26
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