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*A newsletter designed
to be experienced in 7
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Resurrection Week, 4/11/2022



A Few Quick Words from Greg

For years now, most of us have noticed a stark difference between the “front porch culture” and the “automatic garage door culture.” You know how it goes. Very few homes are built with large and inviting front porches. Many houses have automatic garage doors where it opens, the car goes in, door closes, and you never meet many neighbors, even after having lived there for years. Front porch cultures are when people spent time on those porches in prayer, reflection, reading, socializing and overall interacting with neighbors who walked by. Our Wesley wants to be known for being a “front porch” kind of a group. With that said, thanks to two major gifts, back in January we were able to remodel our front porch to be more inviting and conducive to group gatherings. Small groups have met out there, students have studied (or napped), and it was a great section of activity during Resurrection Week dinner (see inside for a blurb on that).



We need community; especially college students. My prayer is that our newly-updated front porch (with music playing throughout the day) will convey to all passers-by that community matters to us, and anyone is welcome to give it a try!

In Christ's Service,

Greg

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Veggie Garden Gets a Great Start for 2022

This was the first year we were able to plant all 12 veggie garden beds at the beginning! In 2020, we established the first 5; in 2021, UM ARMY helped us build 7 more. This year, 2022, the Smith-Hutson Scholars and Food Pantry Crew joined forces with us on a beautiful March Sunday afternoon to clear the beds and replant! We can't wait until June gets here. That will be when the first veggies are ready for harvesting. Remember: the vast majority of the veggies are donated to the SHSU Food Pantry next door to respond to food insecurity.



Enhancing Bridges with Other Campus Ministries

In a post-Christian culture college campus, building bridges with other campus ministries is more important than ever before. This semester, for 2 Weds nights back to back, we joined meals and worship with the Kats for Christ again. Plus, we did a trivia night with them. Plus a kickball game. At the start of the semester, we also hosted a ministry fair to help transfer students connect with the Christian org of their choice.



Resurrection Week 2022 (4/11-4/13/22)

Our largest and maybe even climatic event of the Spring 2022 semester was hosting/directing Resurrection Week (the week leading up to Easter). This was our first "Rez Week" since 2019, due to the pandemic. This Rez Week was back with great strength! Over 110 people joined in from 12 different campus ministries including Ratio Christi, the Baptist Student Ministry, the Episcopal Student Center, Kats for Christ. Other ministries, like Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Ignite got to experience it for the first time. The weather was cooperative-ish, Double Dave's delivered 40 pizzas, we enjoyed fellowship together on the Wesley front lawn, and then experienced worship together in Old Main Pit. The BSM provided the praise team, and each campus ministry that wanted to read Scripture during worship had the opportunity. To add to that, for the first time ever, we spearheaded a spring food drive for the SHSU Food Pantry. Each campus ministry that had a building was a food collection location. Together, we donated hundreds of non-perishable food items during Rez Week. The love of Christ was powerful for Rez Week 2022!



Supporting Local Scouts at Josey Lodge's 1st Chili Cook-Off



Since 1934, the Scouts of Huntsville have been blessed by the Josey Scout Lodge. The Lodge needs repairs. So, they held their first ever chili cookoff to help raise funds. Our Wesley Campus Ministry was proud to be there in support. Our students made scrumptious chili that was well-enjoyed by guests of the grounds, as well as fellow Wesley students for days to come!



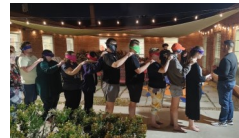
Serving in the Spring

We definitely stepped up our service to the community this semester! We made nearly 40 Valentines cards for residents of a local retirement home. We donated a meal to Hospitality House, a free hotel ministry to people visiting loved ones in a local prison. We made a donated a dinner for FUMC Huntsville's Wednesday Night Live. We also had a blast serving at their big Eggstravaganza the week before Easter.



6th Annual Peter's Walk

An Ash Wednesday Wesley tradition we kept alive is called Peter's Walk: where students are blindfolded, taken to different sections, a leader reads about Peter's perspective at different Bible scenes, and the blindfolds are removed when we hear about the disciples who walked to Emmaus and saw Jesus. Our goal was to help college students see Jesus more clearly especially during the season of Lent. Peter's Walk is also when our leaders wash the feet of the Wesley crew, indicating that we are servant leaders, as Jesus was, is, and always will be. Thanks again to Ryan Zamboni who brought us Peter's Walk in 2017!



Wesley Shines at 3rd Annual Pineapple 5K

In March of 2019, a driver of a large pickup truck was texting on his cell phone when he smashed into a vehicle at a stop light in central Texas. The accident killed four teenage girls, including Peyton Irwin. Her parents used their pain to form the annual Pineapple 5K (Peyton's favorite fruit) here in Huntsville. Your Wesley Campus Ministry was one of many proud sponsors, and we sent a sizeable team this year! Over 400 participated, and many others helped orchestrate it!



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Generosity Corner

If you use PayPal, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or Venmo, you can use your phone to scan the QR codes to donate electronically to support the ministry of the Wesley! Our students also use these apps to help support our Weds night offering, since many do not carry cash on a regular basis!



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Special Thanks to our Weds dinner donors for 2021-2022:

Upper Room Class, 1st UMC Huntsville (9/15)
Inquirers Class, 1st UMC Huntsville (9/22)
Men's Ministry, 1st UMC Huntsville (9/29)
St. Paul's UMC Huntsville (10/6 & 3/2)
Paul Horton UMC (10/13)
Friends Class, 1st UMC Huntsville (10/20)
Farris Chapel UMC (10/27 & 2/2 & 3/30)
Onalaska UMC (11/3)
Bays Chapel UMC (12/1)
Willis UMC (1/19)
Carolina Creek Christian Camp (11/10)
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Bowen (11/17 & 3/23)
JOY Class, 1st UMC Huntsville (2/23)
Madisonville UMC Youth Group (4/20)
Challengers Class, (4/27)

