



# THE COCHRAN CHRONICLE OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

Has this ever happened to you? You've gone to Communion, prayed the prayer after receiving, heard the invitation, and are getting ready for the final hymn. You are definitely ready for the service to be over: the Cowboys game starts in 30 minutes or you have lunch reservations, and the sermon was boring, prayer time ran long (Mrs. Cadwalader's guinea pig just does not seem to be getting over its cold!), and you are desperate to leave. The preacher announces the hymn, and BOOM! Six long verses, with a refrain to sing before (mercifully!) you can go. Do we have to sing all the verses?

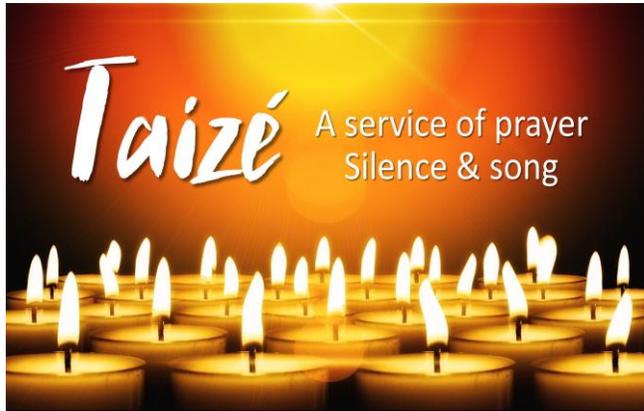
It's a question I get a lot, especially if the service borders on running into overtime or nobody happens to like the hymn I picked as much as I do. And honestly, in reality, we don't have to sing all the verses; sometimes I ask Kay to just play three out of the five, or something like that. But I'll admit that I don't like cutting out verses. And doing that is something on which John Wesley definitely frowned.

The next time the sermon gets boring, and you need something to do to keep yourself awake, check out page vii in the hymnal. There you will find a little entry called "Directions for Singing," which John Wesley included in his 1761 hymnal. And there, in items II and II, we find the answer to the question, Do we have to sing all the verses? The short answer is, Yes. Because, first, Wesley wanted Methodists to sing the hymns "exactly as they are printed." Not because he was mean or obsessive (well, there's an argument to be made that he could be both) but because each hymn's author had a meaning that he or she wanted to convey by using certain words. Change the words (even by not singing them), and you change the meaning of the hymns. Second, quite simply, Methodists were supposed to "Sing all [the verses]. ... Let not a slight degree of weakness (gotta see the Cowboys) or weariness (but the service has taken too long already!) hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing."

The beauty of hymns is that they express in music what we sometimes cannot say any other way. They are songs quite unlike any others we sing or listen to in our daily lives. As Methodists, hymns are important ways we learn and communicate our theology. They are a rich and meaningful part of our tradition. I hate to cut them short. So let's sing them, as Wesley suggested, "lustily and with a good courage," "modestly," "in time," and above all "spiritually." Even if it means singing all the verses!

Peace,

Jeff



## Taize Worship Comes to Cochran Chapel November 11, 6:30 PM

Cochran Chapel UMC is privileged to be hosting worship in the manner of Taizé on Sunday, November 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

### What is Taizé?

Taizé is many things, but two are prominent. On the one hand, Taizé is a small village in France that is home to a monastic community begun in the midst of World War II by a young man named Roger Schütz, who believed that God was calling him to shelter refugees and offer hospitality to any who were in need. On the other hand, Taizé is also the way of life and a style of worship that emerged out of this intentional Christian community that centers around brotherhood, simplicity, and hospitality. This ecumenical Christian community annually hosts over 100,000 (mostly) young people who make pilgrimages there for prayer, Bible study, worship, and communal work.

By design, Taizé worship is quiet and meditative, consisting mostly in simple songs, a few readings from the scriptures, and plenty of time for reflection and prayer.

Notably absent are things like sermons and the sacraments. As one writer describes it, "There is no preaching, no teaching, no talk of sin or repentance or forgiveness. There is just this elegantly simple service: short chants, often in Latin, repeated over and over in the dark [relieved by candlelight]. Plus some short Scripture readings or psalms. And silence, at least 8 or 10 minutes, sometimes more. In 45 minutes, it's over." It is a time simply to rest in God, reflecting on what has been sung and said, immersing oneself in the Spirit of God.

This service of Taizé worship will be led by a group of ministers and musicians who have offered the experience in churches throughout the Dallas area for the past several years. If you are yearning for a different type of worship experience, please come on November 11 at 6:30 p.m.



## CCUMC 5th Annual Missions Market



Who? YOU! (Cochran Chapel UMC members & friends)

What? Missions Market (formerly Alternative Gift Market)

When? Sunday, November 11, 2018 9:15-10:00 + 11:30-12:15

Where? Fellowship Hall

Why? to learn about, celebrate, and support the missions that define CCUMC.

Cochran Kitchen

North Dallas Shared Ministries

Project Transformation

Sudie L. Williams Talented and Gifted Academy

It's a come-and-go affair, where we can gather with friends, gnosh on goodies, and find out about these missions, what they offer our community, the role Cochran Chapel UMC plays in them, and how we can support the missions that make our church a special place in our community.

Added incentives: Cheryl will sell her home-made jams and jellies benefiting Cochran Kitchen, and the Open Door Class Bakers will deliver their pre-ordered buttermilk pies benefiting all four missions.

We're Methodists; we'll want food. Please be thinking about the special dish you'll bring to share with friends at this year's Missions Market. Dishes needed for both morning and after church sessions. The Mission Team hopes to see you at this year's Missions Market on November 11, 2018!

# CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church

Presents

## Let The Whole World Sing!



Sunday, December 16, 2018, 10:15 AM

*Come celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through the gift of song with the*

*CCUMC Chancel Choir and Orchestra*

*Special Guests to Include:*

*Lancaster High School Chanson Varsity Mixed Choir*

*Barron Coleman, Operatic Tenor, Dallas Opera*

*Anthony Dixon, Operatic Baritone, Dallas Opera*

*Please join us for a catered, old fashioned, Southern cooked meal immediately to follow the cantata!*

*\$10 per person, RSVP by calling the Church office, make checks payable to Cochran Chapel UMC.*

*with Cantata Lunch in the memo line*



**Bishop Michael McKee**

Invites all laity

of the Metro District

to a gathering related to

**General Conference 2019**

10 a.m. to noon

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Shipp Chapel, Lovers Lane UMC

9200 Inwood Rd., Dallas, Texas 75220

Note: this is an informational meeting designed to give participants an update on the issues.

While there will be adequate time for a question-and-answer session, this is not a time for debate.

In the way of Ephesians 4:3, we ask that you join us in "making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

## All Saints Day

November 1 is All Saints Day, observed on Sunday, November 4, and is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of Cochran Chapel. This year we remember with gratitude and thanksgiving the following who bore witness to the faith among us and now worship in the Church triumphant.

Lois Eddins

Mary Sue Hoover

Aurora Capuli

Phil Rolen

Howard Cox

Russell Egleston

Margaret Lake

Walter Duncan

Larry Braidfoot

*We bless your holy name, O God, for all servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their faithfulness to your honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

# INSIDE THE CHURCH

## Cochran Kitchen Update

In October, Cochran Kitchen:

- Served 49 guests 105 plates of food
- Distributed 40 Bags of Grace (non-perishable food items) to guests
- Provided showers for 6 guests
- Gave 21 guests bus passes
- Offered dozens of bags of hygiene products and items of clothing.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

### Our Next Cochran Kitchen is November 28

3:00 to 4:00 PM – “dress” tables, place condiments

4:00 to 5:00 PM – set up stations (shower, clothing, drinks, greeting); wash fruit, wrap flatware with napkins

5:00 to 5:30 PM – Greet, talk with and listen to guests

5:30 to 7:00 PM (or until food runs out) – serve meals, listen to/talk with guests

6:30 PM until Meaders has been cleaned up

For more information, please contact the church office at 214-352-4889 or email [office@cochranchapel.org](mailto:office@cochranchapel.org)

## North Dallas Shared Ministries

November Need: Canned Pineapple, Peaches and/or Mixed Fruit.



Please leave your donations under the North Dallas Shared Ministries sign in our atrium or, if you prefer not to shop, checks can be made out to CCUMC, noted for NDSM or donations can be made online.

Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

# FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE – NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 1 – **North Dallas Early Learning PTA**, 9:00 – 12:00 Noon, Meaders Hall and Education Building

Sunday, November 11 – **Mission Market**, 9:15 – 10:00 AM and 11:30 – 12:15 PM, Fellowship Hall

Tuesdays, November 6, 13, 20, 27 – **Brown Bag lunch** 12:30 PM, **KnitWits** 1:00 – 3:00 PM – all are welcome (members and non-members, knitters and non-knitters, men and women), Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays, November 7, 14, 28 – **Bible Study led by Pastor Jeff** 10:00 AM, Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays, November 7, 14, 21, 28 - **Chancel Choir rehearsals**

Thursday, November 8 – **Open Doors Class Making Pies**, 7:00 AM, Meaders Hall

Saturday, November 10 – **Sacred Harp Seminar**, 9:00 AM -3:00 PM, Meaders Hall

Tuesday, November 13 - **Finance Committee** – 6:00 PM; **Board of Trustees** – 6:45 PM, Conference Room

Tuesday, November 13 – **Bretton Woods HOA Meeting**, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 18 – **Charge Conference – Lake Highlands UMC**, 5:00 PM

Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 – **Happy Thanksgiving!** Church office will be closed

Wednesday, November 28 - **Cochran Kitchen** –Doors opens 4:00 PM, Meaders Hall



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



### November Birthdays

2 -- Karen Watts  
3 -- Joe Beakley  
7 -- Tazia Phelan  
13 -- Elizabeth Gilliam  
16 - Jeff Hall

16 -- Anne Pope  
20 -- Dirk Anders  
23 -- Richard Kirby  
30 -- Gigi Cain

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES and BIBLE STUDIES**

Nursery: 9:00 AM; RM 100 for children 3 years of age and younger.

Children's Sunday School: 9:00 AM: Class meets on 1st floor of Education Building for children ages 4 years of age and older.

Open Door: 9:00 AM in RM 201: Led by Neil Bickley. All adults are welcome.

Seekers: 9:00 AM in RM 201: Led by Pastor Jeff. The class will embark on a journey of intentional faith formation in partnership with the youth of the congregation. Over the next several months, we will work to learn more about each other, form relationships, ask questions and explore what it means to follow Jesus as His disciples. All adults are welcome.

Pastor's Bible Study: Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Pastor Jeff. We are studying the Old Testament by following the Disciple Bible Study Fast Track series.

## *~Hi-Notes from Cory~*

I would like to express my gratitude to the following people for their willingness to make the Christmas Cantata a success. I have enjoyed working with you all and am proud of all that we have accomplished together. My heart is overjoyed in knowing that we have praised God through the gift of music, service, and most importantly, the love that Christ has given each of us. The Christmas Cantata here at Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church is always a highlight of my year as I know it is for many of the choristers that participate, so again thank you for all that you have done and continue to allow yourselves to be vessels that Christ God may use.

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Hall, Pastor CCUMC  
Sandra Hangar, Secretary CCUMC  
Dawn and Dirk Anders  
The CCUMC Chancel Choir and their families  
Orchestral Musicians  
Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church  
Garry Williams, Director of Fine Arts LISD  
Stacy Lotten, Asst. Director of Fine Arts LISD  
The LHS Choral Department and their families  
Eleanor Webb, Head Principal LHS  
Elijah Granger, Superintendent of Schools, LISD  
Mr. and Mrs Hirsch, Audio Recording Inc.  
Brenda Gipson, Caterer  
All Friends and Families of Cory Roberson