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# The Wesley Bearkat

The Official Newsletter of the SHSU Wesley Foundation

SPRING 2016 Edition

A newsletter designed to be experienced in 7 minutes, for people on the go!



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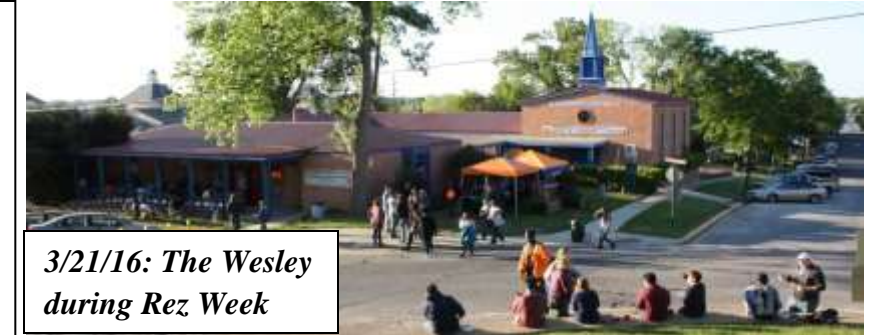
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3/21/16: The Wesley  
during Rez Week

## A Few Quick Words from Greg

I am proud of the staff we have built up here at our Wesley. We have come a long way since July of 2012 when the staff of the Wesley consisted of me, myself, and I. I am one of six full time campus ministers of the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. While I was at our annual gathering of campus ministers, something struck me: I have the second smallest staff out of those six campus ministries. Yet, what we achieve on a monthly basis is truly amazing: improving the building, our business systems, our recruiting, our programs and ministries, student morale, everything!

One huge accomplishment this semester is the expansion of our small groups. We used to have just two; now we have five, plus a Zumba class. This is thanks to many more students stepping up to leading, and the tireless efforts of our new Connections Intern, Ms. Katelyn Anderson. Small groups are vital to any church, especially a church of college students!

In Christ's Service,  
**Greg**



## Budget and Finances Corner

2016 Annual budget: \$165,969.40

Amount received (Jan 1-Feb 29): \$29,419.60

Amount spent (Jan 1-Feb 29): \$28,256.06

Contributions Received from Individuals:  
(Jan 1-Feb 29): \$1,160.00

Contributions Received From Organizations,  
Churches and Companies (Jan 1-Feb 29): \$410.38

Contributions Received from Special Events  
(Jan 1-Feb 29): \$1,100.00

Future Vehicle Investment Fund:  
\$7,555.40 (As of Dec 31, 2015)

## Dates/Events on the Horizon:

April 2: "All Paws In" SHSU-Wide Community  
Service Project

April 6-20: Election Period for selecting leaders for  
Student Council 2016-2017

April 13: The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sammy Awards; we have  
been nominated again for "Outstanding Religious  
Organization of SHSU"

April 17: Potato Lunch Fundraiser at  
First UMC of Huntsville

April 23: Annual Wesley Work Day

April 24: Annual End of Year Dinner and Program

April 29: Last Day of SHSU Classes

May 2 & 3- Puppy Therapy V stress-relief during  
Finals Week

May 6 & 7 - Spring Graduation, S.H.S.U.

May 22-28- College U.M.A.R.M.Y. Mission Trip to  
Nacogdoches, TX

**Next Wesley Bearkat Newsletter:  
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## Christmas 2015

Christmas seems like a long time ago. Yet, our Wesley Christmas story is always worth telling. With only one week of class remaining after students return from Thanksgiving, our Wesley is one of very few buildings actually decorated for Christmas. We enjoyed a candlelight service, had a blast at our Christmas party, and we served: caroling at nursing homes, collecting funds to buy presents for the elderly and helping give toys away to kids in poverty. This is how the Wesley puts the Christ in Christmas!



## Food Supply Drive

### January 2016

This January, the offering from Weds night worship purchased food items to feed the hungry in Huntsville. We brought our sizeable donation to Good Shepherd Mission Home. This was part of the National Souper Bowl Of Caring. Fun factoid: For every dollar that a student contributes in Wednesday worship, the Wesley will match dollar for dollar (up to \$100) for that mission project.



## Valentine's Day Visit to Carriage

### Inn Retirement Center,

### 2/13/2016

Having visited two other nursing homes for caroling, we visited a third for Valentine's Day. On the week before, the students prepared Valentine's Day cards for the residents. We also delivered roses to them as well. Each time we do a service project such as this, the students come back with great stories and things they learned from the residents.



## All Campus Retreat at Sky Ranch

### 2/19/16 - 2/21/16

We had a great experience together at the 2016 All Campus Retreat! 26 of us from SHSU joined with 125 other college students and adult sponsors for workshops, worship, fun activities, good food, a baptism, lots of bonding, and story sharing! The SHSU Wesley sent the second-largest group this year, behind Texas A&M.



## Wesley Kats help at Community Easter Festival

### 3/19/2016



This March, local United Methodist churches combined forces to host an Easter festival for Huntsville children. Our crew helped with safety at the moonwalks, as well as prepped the church grounds for multiple Easter egg hunts. It is another reason to be proud of your SHSU Wesley Foundation: joining in ministry efforts with other churches, and supporting the UMC Connection!

## Potato Fundraiser & Food Specialty Auction,

### 2/28/2016



We have several fundraising events lined up for 2016! We kicked it off well with a Bearkat food specialty auction at Wesley Memorial UMC, and a potato lunch fundraiser at Farris Chapel UMC. Together, those events raised \$1,100. We have another potato fundraiser planned for First UMC Huntsville in April, and one planned for Richards/Bays Chapel in June. The Student Council is considering more for the fall semester.

## Resurrection Week Worship

### 3/21/2016



We were very grateful and inspired to see many SHSU Campus Ministries join together for pizza and worship for Resurrection Week (Holy Week; the week leading up to Easter)! Over 110 students from 12 different campus ministries turned out to participate. We ate pizza on the Wesley front lawn, worshipped at Old Main Pit, and enjoyed dessert at Austin Hall (provided by the Dean of Students' Office). This was another great Kingdom day!

## Passion Conference 2016

### 1/2/2016 - 1/4/2016



After New Year's Day, 12 ladies from the Wesley (plus Greg) traveled to downtown Houston to join 15,000 other college students at Passion Conference at the Toyota Center. Worship musicians included David Crowder and Chris Tomlin. The speakers provided powerful messages that will be hard to forget! We are grateful to St Luke's UMC Houston for providing a place to stay and shower for our time there! We look forward to Passion returning to Texas in 2018!