

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

9:00am Contemporary Worship
(Praise Center)*

10:30am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)*

* these services are live streamed
and can be viewed on our
Facebook Page and our
YouTube Channel.

YouTube Channel

[https://www.youtube.com/
WesleyUMCBeaumont](https://www.youtube.com/WesleyUMCBeaumont)

Facebook Page

[https://www.facebook.com/
WesleyUMCBmt](https://www.facebook.com/WesleyUMCBmt)

Use the link below to view
past sermons

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
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OUR FAITHFULNESS

Attendance May 2, 2021

Sunday School

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| 9:00am Children | 19 |
| 9:00am Adults | 46 |
| 10:30am Children | 20 |
| 10:30am Adults | 24 |

Sunday Worship

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| 8:00 Worship | 39 |
| 9:00am Worship | 90 |
| 10:30am Worship | 107 |

Live Stream

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| 9:00am Worship | 30 |
| 10:30am Worship | 19 |

Wednesday

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| ONE Students | 48 |
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Financial News: May 02, 2021

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| 2021 Church Income Budget | \$1,377,000 |
| Needed for One Week | \$26,481 |
| Received thru 05/02/21 for Church Budget | \$24,793 |
| Needed Income YTD | \$476,654 |
| Received Income YTD | \$400,407 |
| Difference | -\$76,247 |

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

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| Soc. Of St. Stephen | \$637 |
| Utila Mission Trip | \$900 |
| One Student Ministry | \$200 |

ALUMINUM CANS

You can bring your aluminum cans for recycling and put them in the container near the Folsom entrance. Money is used for Methodist Men's group projects and local missions.

WAYS TO GIVE
at Wesley



ONLINE
at
wesleyumc.com



BY MAIL
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Beaumont, TX 77713

WHY SHOULD I GIVE TO THE CHURCH God Loves a Cheerful Giver

These are just a few reasons to give to your local church and it is important to understand that giving should not be done as a means of trying to get something from God, but from a place of thankfulness and love towards Him.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Giving serves multiple purposes and in turn, does bless you. Of course, as was talked about earlier on, God does not command us to tithe 10% to our local church, but it is a Godly practice, based on former practices that were very similar in Bible times. It is good, however, to know where your church's finances are going.

FROM THE PASTOR



SENIOR PASTOR
REV. RICK IVEY

If your home was burning down, who would you rather have show up to save it? 1 trained professional fireman or 40 trained volunteer firemen? For me, I would rather have the 40. This June we are going to equip as many people as we can to become servant leaders.

We all lead someone.

We lead ourselves, our families, in the workplace or as a volunteer.

We all lead. And if you lead, you know how difficult it can be.

In June, we are going to help as many people as we can become servant leaders. To become a servant leader you need to join us in worship or listen to the sermons online June 6-July 27, and participate in 1 study group.

5 sermons + 1 Servant Leader study = Servant Leader

We will have several different servant leader studies available each week. You will need to pick 1 and then either join us in worship for the sermons or watch them online.

In Christ,

Rick Ivey
Senior Pastor

**Checkout the next page for more information
on the studies that will be offered
in June and how to sign-up.**



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STUDY OPTIONS

All studies will be 5 weeks, June 6-July 4

Sundays @ 9:15am
Beginning Sunday, June 6

Living our United Methodist Beliefs

This class will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and history that The United Methodist Church brings to the universal church.

Location: Room 103, New Adult Sunday School Class

Taught by: Kay Timaeus

Accountable Discipleship

This class will explore concepts of the household of God, Scripture as divine revelation, and a Wesleyan understanding of grace.

Location: Parlor, Discovery SS

Sundays @ 10:30am
Beginning Sunday, June 6

Living our United Methodist Beliefs

This class will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and history that The United Methodist Church brings to the universal church.

Location: Room 105, The Way young adult Sunday School

Taught by: Ami Cecil

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

Learn what your spiritual gifts are and how to use them to glorify the Kingdom of God.

Location: Youth Room, Youth Sunday School

Taught by: Makeila Ivey

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
Beginning Wednesday, June 9

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

Learn what your spiritual gifts are and how to use them to glorify the Kingdom of God.

Location: Room 104

Leader: Steve Lucas

Embracing Personal Prayer

Grow in your personal prayer life and discover why prayer is so important to our faith.

Location: Room 106

Leader: Don Sample

Transforming Evangelism

Learn how to share your faith by welcoming people into community and relationships that lead them to Christ.

Location: Choir Room

Leader: Beth Smith

Visit our website to sign-up for a study option

www.wesleyumc.com

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 9

Mother's Day

8:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:00am Contemporary Worship* (Praise Center)
 Sunday School
 10:30am Traditional Worship*
 Sunday School
 6:00pm ONE Students: Sunday Night Live (Youth Center)

* this service is online and in person.

In person please remember to wear a mask
 and practice social distancing

Monday, May 10

9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Day School

Tuesday, May 11

9:00am Community Garden Work Day
 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Day School

Wednesday, May 12

9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Day School
 5:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 6:00pm ONE Students: Midweek Worship (Youth Center)

Thursday, May 13

9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Day School
 12:00pm Ladies Bible Study (Parlor)

MONTHLY EVENTS

Methodist Men's Breakfast
 1st Monday of the month

Bunco
 1st Thursday of the month

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 9

Leeann Enderle
 Greyson Kash
 Karyl Stewart

May 10

James Parsley

May 11

Lance Fox
 Sylvia Luquette
 Madison Thorn
 Deb Walles

May 12

Bryan Blevins Jr.
 Gale Daigle
 Antonia Fancher
 Hannah Gerace
 Jean Jakino
 Shirley Ketterer
 Robert Ligon
 J.P. Ray
 Sarah Swan

May 13

Heather Aumiller
 Emma Chambers
 Jack Chambers
 Terry Daigle
 Sam Fazio
 Brenda Perryman

May 14

Keith Lambert
 Chase Trahan
 Emma Tully
 Michael Wiggins

May 15



Sunday May 30

8:30am (Worship)

9:30am (Sunday School & Worship)

10:30am (Mission Projects)

On May 30 we will have our annual Day of Caring. It will be a day of service to our community and to the world as we volunteer locally and with Rise Against Hunger. Immediately following the 9am worship service in the Praise Center, we will begin packaging over 14,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger. Simultaneously, we will send several workers over to Boys Haven to volunteer and do some manual labor outside (painting and repairs). Boys Haven is nearby Wesley on the other side of Major Dr. and we have partnered with them before for other ministries. We will have a group working in the Rose Garden. Finally, we will also have a small group to help package meals for Love Lunch Sack as a local ministry to people who are homeless.

If you would like to participate in the Rise Against Hunger event, please sign up by following this link: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/wesleyumc2021>

If you would like to help at Boys Haven, please sign-up by emailing Matt Cecil: mcecil@wesleyumc.com
We will have lunch provided as well for all groups.

Grace and Peace,

Matt Cecil



May will kick off Sunday Summer Fun for Wesley Kids! We plan to play games and have lots of fun while we learn more about Jesus this summer. Bring a friend and an extra pair of play clothes, as we may get sprayed with silly string, shaving cream or water balloons.

Sundays

9:00am & 10:30am



Are you the parent or guardian of a graduating high school senior who is a part of or participates in our church? We want to honor them! Please help us by filling out this online form.

<https://forms.gle/tfuLak8vWzVTkpVNA>

Senior Sunday will be May, 16 and we will honor these graduates at our 9am and 10:30am services. Mark your calendars!





Vacation Bible School July 26-30, 2021

We will only have 100 spots available.
Be on the lookout for online registration as
spots will fill-up quickly.

We will not be able to accept walk-ins
during Vacation Bible School.



WE NEED YOU!

Join the VBS Leadership Team!

We need volunteers to fill
the following positions:

Volunteer Coordinator

Preschool Director

Elementary Director

Decorating Director

Craft Director Elementary

Game Leader Preschool

Game Leader Elementary

Storytelling Lead Preschool

Storytelling Lead Elementary

Music Lead Preschool

Conductor (group leaders) Elementary

Conductor (group leaders) Preschool

Volunteer Snack Room Lead

Visit our website to volunteer!

www.wesleyumc.com

Contact Christine Haynes or Amanda
Rice for more information.



Photo: Courtesy of Nutrition & Services for Seniors staff

Teaming Up to Feed the Housebound

Above: Toni Clark, MG volunteer and garden coordinator, along with Elaine Shellenberger, retired CEO Nutrition & Services for Seniors.

Left: Fresh produce is very much appreciated by the homebound elderly.

In 2015, board members at Nutrition & Services for Seniors in Beaumont were kicking around the idea of starting a garden in order to offer fresh fruits and vegetables to their Meals on Wheels clients. About the same time, similar discussions were taking place across town at Wesley United Methodist Church. What has evolved from these discussions

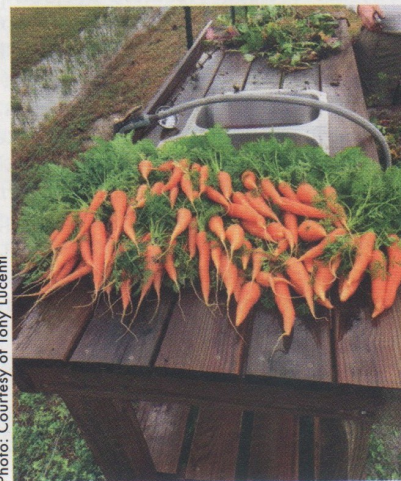


Photo: Courtesy of Tony Lucanti

are two gardens that have come together to help feed the homebound community of Jefferson County. Two members of Jefferson County Master Gardeners head up these gardens, and they both have the same first name.

Toni Clark was already involved with Nutrition & Services for Seniors when she was asked to oversee the garden located on the property. It was an easy decision. "We had our first planting in October

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Freelance Writer

2015,” Clark noted. “We only grow what the clients will want. We know what appeals to their palate. We started with 14 beds and have grown to 21 beds. We focus on high-yield crops like tomatoes, green beans, summer peas and okra.”

After the vegetables are picked, they are packaged and distributed to Meals on Wheels route drivers. The drivers will then offer a package to a client, who can either accept or decline. The client can then eat it raw or cook it. None of the produce is cooked by Meals on Wheels. “We put enough for two servings in each package. We have distributed around 14,000 packages to date,” Clark added.

Tony Lucenti oversees the Seeds for Needs garden at Wesley United Methodist Church. “Once we established the garden, we tried giving the produce to several organizations, but they didn’t know what to do with it. I had helped set up the garden at Nutrition & Services for Seniors, so we decided (as a committee here at Wesley) to combine our garden with theirs. More people benefit that way. None of it is wasted.”

Both gardens are wholly organic and use donated additives and fertilizers from Micro-Life. “They support us tremendously. We have to stay organic because of who the food is going to. Some of these people are ill, so it is important to offer good nutrition.”

Both gardens have raised beds that have drip irrigation and started with beds at one cinderblock high. Two problems soon became apparent. “One block was just not high enough to hold the right amount of soil. We also realized quickly that it wasn’t good enough for our backs!”

In winter, these combined gardens produce broccoli, carrots, turnips, cauliflower, beets, mustard greens and onions. The summer gardens are planted with tomatoes, corn, bell peppers, melons, cucumbers, Swiss chard, eggplant, blueberries, strawberries and blackberries. Both gardens encourage pollinators by leaving broccoli and cauliflower in the ground after they have bolted. Trellises will soon be planted with other bee- and butterfly-friendly native plants.

“Our blueberries and blackberries are phenomenal,” Lucenti said. “It’s unbelievable that we get so many berries from only three bushes. People are amazed at how green our gardens are. We tell them we are constantly adding organic materials, humates, compost. This soil is very rich.”

Money and supplies for both gardens are all donated. Lucenti is always on the lookout for grants. He also says the Church garden will be getting beehives soon and he hopes they can sell the honey to raise funds.

Jefferson County Master Gardeners has

gained several new members from the community volunteers who work the gardens. “I try to teach them when they come out,” says Lucenti. “Several were interested enough to go through the course and learn even more. The Master Gardener program allows me to get the education I need that benefits me and anyone else I can help.”

The Church garden also hosts a Boy Scout merit badge in the spring. “I have

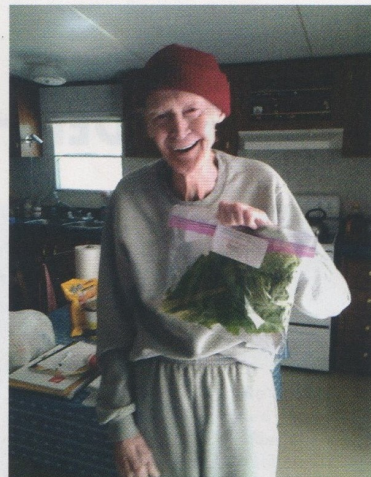


Photo: Courtesy of Nutrition & Services for Seniors staff



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from 10–15 kids out here. It takes 2–3 months to finish all the steps necessary to earn the badge,” Lucenti noted. “It’s very rewarding.”

Janci Kimball, executive director at Nutrition & Services for Seniors, sums it up: “This is a very successful partnership with the Master Gardeners. Our clients are so happy to get fresh food. One driver told us a story of a woman who was so excited to get fresh tomatoes that she started eating one before she even got it inside the house. This is truly a community effort and it makes our community stronger.” **TG**



Photo: Courtesy of Tony Lucenti

Top: A happy recipient of produce delivered by Meals on Wheels.

Toni Clark and Tony Lucenti are Jefferson County Master Gardeners who combine their talents to raise fresh produce for the elderly of Beaumont at Nutrition & Services for Seniors (center) and Wesley United Methodist Church’s Seeds for Needs Garden (bottom).

"We Care" –May 2021

Please call the church office with updates 409-892-7733

Prayers and Concerns for Family and Friends:

JoJo, Nancy, Rick, Glynn, David & Kay, Tara, Morgie, our Country.....David Ahysen
The Rhymes & Head Family as they continue to mourn the passing of Mr. Ralph Ted Rhymes, Sr. April 17
& ExxonMobil Lockout ends very soon.....Kalita S. Head
Britney, Nick, Alex, my brother Larry.....Layne Butcher
Ed Nunez – bad pain in neck & shoulder.....Kathie Walker
Bobby BradleyMike Touns

Please pray for:

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| Nancy Ahysen | Lynda Follmer | G.A. Matthews | Frank Richardson |
| Art Belle-Isle | Jan Herring | Scott McDonald | David Smith |
| Haylee Bolton | Kim Joosten | Zim Morris | Don Trahan |
| Karen Butler | Connie Kinney | Jalle Porter | Phillip Trew |
| Susan Fernie | Carole Marsh | Larry Porter | Liz Wiggins |

How to share your prayer request with the church

1. In-person

"We Care" slips will be available at in-person worship
on the first Sunday of each month.

2. On-line

Fill out the "We Care" form on our website

www.wesleyumc.com

3. In The Mail

Fill out the "We Care" slip and return it to the church
"We Care"

C/O Wesley UMC

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WE CARE PRAYER/PRAISE REQUEST & UPDATE FORM

Prayer/Praise for

Your Name

Relationship to you

CONFIDENTIAL? YES NO

**Please place in the offering plate or
return to the church office
Our We Care list will be printed in
the Circuit Rider**

Join us for

Greece: In The Footsteps of Paul the Apostle

With optional 3-Night Pilgrimage
to Rome Pre Tour Extension

April 27-May 7, 2022

Visit our website to view a
complete information guide

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For more information contact
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(409) 892-7733 or (512) 853-0091

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

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| May 16 | High School Senior Graduation Sunday |
| May 23 | Pentecost Sunday |
| May 30 | Day of Caring |

JUNE

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| June 17-19 | Garage Sale |
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JULY

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| July 13-19 | ONE Student Ministries Mission Trip to Utila |
| July 20-28 | Adult Mission Trip to Utila |
| July 26-30 | Vacation Bible School |

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