

April 28, 2022

# 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/  
UCgzhJJfVFM3OhyujuKdBhg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgzhJJfVFM3OhyujuKdBhg)

## Worship WITH US @ Wesley

**May 1**

### Communion Sunday

8:00am Traditional Worship— Rev. Rick Ivey  
9:00am Contemporary Worship —Jonathan Martin  
10:30am Traditional Worship —Rev. Matt Cecil

**May 8**

### Mother's Day

8:00am Traditional Worship— Jonathan Martin  
9:00am Contemporary Worship —Rev. Matt Cecil  
10:30am Traditional Worship —Rev. Rick Ivey

**May 15**

### 110th Anniversary Celebration

10:00am Combined Worship (Sanctuary)  
Guest Preacher, Bishop Scott Jones  
11:00am Brunch (Praise Center)  
RSVP at wesleyumc.com

**May 22**

### High School Senior Recognition Sunday

**May 29**

### Day of Caring

8:00am Traditional Worship  
9:00am Contemporary Worship  
10:30am Mission Projects

**June 5**

### Celebrate Pastor Matt's Ordination

10:00am Dining Hall  
11:30am Parlor



# OUR FAITHFULNESS

## Attendance: April 24, 2022

### Sunday School

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| 9:00am Children  | 14 |
| 9:00am Adults    | 45 |
| 10:30am Children | 13 |
| 10:30am Adults   | 23 |

### Sunday Worship

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| 8:00 Worship    | 36  |
| 9:00am Worship  | 136 |
| 10:30am Worship | 89  |

### Live Stream

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| 9:00am Worship  | 17 |
| 10:30am Worship | 13 |

### Wednesday

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| ONE Students | 41 |
|--------------|----|

## Financial News: April 24, 2022

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|--|------------------|
| 2022 Church Income Budget                | \$1,386,000      |
| Needed for One Week                      | \$26,654         |
| Received thru 04/24/22 for Church Budget | \$11,922         |
| Needed Income YTD                        | \$453,115        |
| Received Income YTD                      | \$590,367        |
| Difference                               | <b>\$137,252</b> |

## Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Helping Hands                   | \$100 |
| Building Fund- Capital Campaign | \$160 |
| One Student Ministry            | \$200 |
| Utila Mission Trip              | \$651 |
| Crawfish Tickets                | \$747 |

## 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



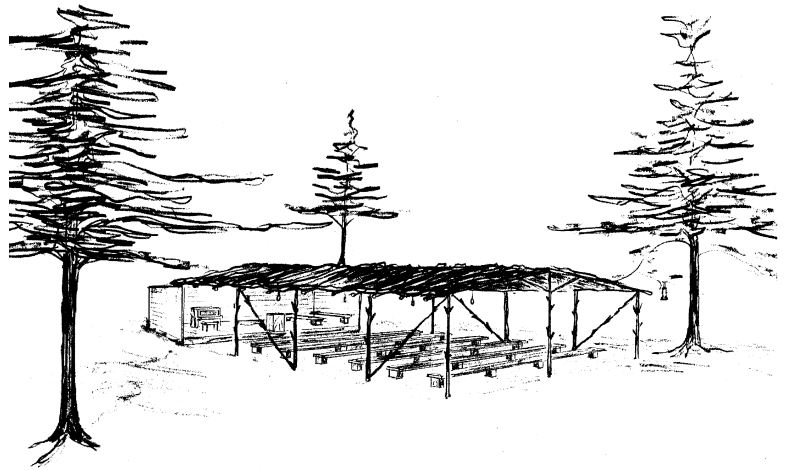
### BY MAIL

Wesley UMC  
3810 N Major Dr  
Beaumont, TX 77713



### ONLINE

at  
[givewesley.com](https://www.givewesley.com)



In 1912 Dr. Johnson, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Beaumont realized the need for a church in the newly settled North End of Beaumont. He called a meeting of the neighbors and 5 people responded. They went in person to all of the neighbor's homes to invite them to the church. A brush arbor was built on the corner of Live Oak and Cable. The total cost of the structure was \$52.

On May 15 we will celebrate the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of North End Methodist Church, now what we call Wesley. We will have 1 service at 10am on that day with Bishop Scott Jones preaching. After the service, there will be a brunch in the gym. Please go to our website <https://www.wesleyumc.com/anniversarysvp/>, or call the church office to RSVP for the brunch and let us know what brunch food you will bring to share.



**SENIOR PASTOR  
REV. RICK**

**“Don’t let it escape your notice, dear friends,  
that with the Lord a single day is like a thousand  
years and a thousand years are like a single day.**

**The Lord isn’t slow to keep his promise,  
as some think of slowness, but he is patient  
toward you, not wanting anyone to perish  
but all to change their hearts and lives.”**

**2 Peter 3:8-9**

We love the freedom to do as we like, to make our own choices. We claim the idea of freedom as essential to adulthood and American citizenship. We like the sound of the poem *Invictus* when it says, “I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul.”

In order to convince ourselves, or others, that we are our own “captain” or that we are the only one who decides the direction of our lives we will do about anything, won’t we? We will even go so far as to intentionally make the same mistakes, poor decisions, and bad choices sometimes just to prove we are in control of the situation. Even when we are worn out, dog-tired, and weary, we get up each morning and try, try again. Because it feels like freedom.

One of the many reasons I am impressed with God, is that we get both the gift of freedom and the gift of failure from God. Like you, I am of course impressed by the fact God loves us enough to give us freedom, but sometimes it is hard to see failure as a gift. However, freedom and failure come in the same gift box, don’t they? We love and celebrate our freedom of course, but hate being a people who fail, or at the very least, could fail. In fact, no matter how little we have paid attention to God’s instruction, wisdom, and guidance we still end up blaming God when we reap the consequences of disobedience and failure comes knocking on our door.

Another reason I am impressed and give God praise is that God is patient. God must be so very patient. How else would you explain God’s ability to love us so much to give us the gift of freedom and yet not give up on us when we blame God for also letting us fail? Patient with us, even when we think the consequences of our poor and disobedient choices are unjust or unfair.

2 Peter reminds us that the use of our freedom for selfish and disobedient purposes not only brings consequences into our life today—but will also be why many perish. But God is patient and has given us this time as a gift. How will you use it?

In Christ,

*Rick Ivey*  
Senior Pastor

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 1

8:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
 9:00am Contemporary Worship\* (Praise Center)  
 Sunday School  
 10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
 Sunday School  
 3:00pm-5:00pm Retirement Reception for Robin Lucas (Parlor)  
 6:00pm ONE Students: Sunday Night Live (Youth Center)  
 \* this service is online and in person.

### Monday, May 2

6:00am Methodist Men's Breakfast (Dining Hall)  
 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Day School

### Tuesday, May 3

9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Day School  
 9:00am Community Garden Work Day  
 1:00pm Knitting Group (Parlor)  
 6:00pm Methodist Information Meeting (Parlor)

### Wednesday, May 4

9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Day School  
 6:00pm ONE Students: Midweek Worship (Youth Center)  
 6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (choir Room)

### Thursday, May 5

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

## MONTHLY EVENTS

Methodist Men's Breakfast  
 1st Monday of the month

Bunco  
 1st Thursday of the month

Wesley Bookworms  
 3rd Tuesday of the month

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### May 1

Hayden Cooley  
 Maddie Sexton

### May 2

Cameron Bailey

### May 3

Meredith Love

### May 4

MaryKay Branwell  
 Cash Floyd  
 Maxine Russell  
 Sandra Smith

### May 5

Jaclyn Bacchiocchi  
 Gage Korry  
 Dick Marsh Jr.  
 Clif Williams

### May 6

Lynde Freeze  
 Zacary Hansen  
 Makeila Ivey  
 Kenedy Padgett

### May 7

Bailey Cowart  
 Jenna Engstrom  
 Tony Lucenti  
 Rob Seinsheimer

# GARAGE

SALE

June 16, 17, & 18, 2022

It's garage sale time again, so start collecting those gently used things you no longer need and wish to donate to us!

There are some items, however, that we don't accept, and those include things that don't work; things in poor condition; electronics, including old TVs or VCRs; paper or magazines; mattresses; clear glass bud or florist vases; undergarments or personal care items; and weights. We do sell books, but don't handle encyclopedias or Reader's Digest Condensed volumes.

Sale dates are June 16, 17 and 18, and we would welcome your help with this mission. It's a great opportunity to meet church members you might not know, and we always have good fellowship! More details will be provided in the Circuit Rider and in services and Sunday school classes.

It's all for a good cause -- we help a number of organizations throughout the community with the money we raise!

## WE ARE **NOT** ACCEPTING:

Electronics  
Paper or Magazines  
Mattresses  
Old Televisions or VCRs  
Clear Glass Vases  
Undergarments  
Weights



**Sunday May 29**

8:00am (Worship)

9:00am (Sunday School & Worship)

10:30am (Mission Projects)

## We have 3 projects this year.

- **Rise Against Hunger:** We will package over 14,000 meals to ship internationally as we work to end world hunger.
- **Sleep In Heavenly Peace:** We will deliver beds that have already been built to homes in our community.
- **Love Lunchsack:** A small crew will package bags for people who are homeless in our community.

If somebody wants to work with Rise Against Hunger, please sign up at: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/wesleyumc2022>

If somebody wants to work with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, please sign up by emailing Pastor Matt at [mcecil@wesleyumc.com](mailto:mcecil@wesleyumc.com).





# CONFIRMATION WESLEY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

What a wonderful Easter it has been! This past Sunday, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, we welcomed new members to our church via our 2022 Confirmation Class. Each of these students attended multiple weeks of confirmation classes learning through scripture, Methodist beliefs, and beliefs for the greater future of Christians. We are thankful to our confirmands and their families who supported them in this next important step of their Christian faith journey.



Izzie Theriot

Hank Pedigo

Weston Rice

Jonah Fortenberry

Sullivan Wiemers

Camdyn McFarland



Ty Landry

Rylee McFarland

Collin Ayers

Sophia Davis

Khloe Jones

JOIN US FOR A

## Retirement Reception

honoring

Wesley Day School Teacher  
Robin Lucas

"20 years of Preschool Dedication"

05.01.22 | SUNDAY | 3-5 PM

WESLEY UMC  
3810 N. MAJOR DRIVE  
SANCTUARY PARLOR

**HAVE  
YOU  
RESERVED  
YOUR SPOT?**

### 110 Anniversary Celebration

May 15

10:00am Worship

11:00am Brunch

Reserve your spot today  
at [wesleyumc.com](http://wesleyumc.com)

## Handbell CONCERT

The Golden Triangle Handbell  
Ensemble will be performing on  
May 8, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

The concert will be located at  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,  
1350 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Beaumont.  
Please enter the church on the  
Gladys side entrance.

**WE'RE**

**HIRING**

**JOIN OUR TEAM**

We are looking for caring people  
to work in our nursery  
Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings  
and during Vacation Bible School in July.  
If you are looking for a little extra  
money and enjoy working with  
small children we have the job for you.

For more information or to apply,  
contact the church office.



## GENERATIONS

On April 3, 2022, we announced our plan to update and improve our church facility. Along with the maintenance needs that currently exist, we also want to add new signs, add landscaping, and improve the look of the facility. We also hope to grow our ministries to the next generation and one day start a second campus or help start a new faith community. If you would like to help with this financially, please complete one of the "Generations" estimated giving cards and return it to the church office. Your "Generations" gift will be above and beyond your normal giving and is for the next 3 years. Please contact the church office for further information or to have an estimated giving card sent to you.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Rick*

Visit our website  
[wesleyumc.com](https://wesleyumc.com)  
to submit your  
digital pledge card.

## 2022 CLASS OF

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/HFKqncHWZ9LYo7md7>

Senior Sunday will be held on May 22, 2022.

Any questions, call or text Jonathan  
at 409-782-1586

## Celebrate with us

Pastor Matt has been voted and approved as a candidate for ordination at the Texas Annual Conference in May! Please make plans to join us for a celebration on **Sunday, June 5, 2022**, in the dining hall following the 9:00 service and in the parlor following the 10:30 service. Matt will be there to accept gifts, hugs, congratulations, and atta boys. We will provide kolaches, donuts, and coffee. See you there!





## **A word about the United Methodist Denomination.**

We will have a discussion on May 3, in the parlor at 6:00pm about the United Methodist Denomination. Currently, there are media outlets and plenty of voices that are talking about the future of the denomination as if they know exactly what will happen next. Many of the statements being made are either misinformed or speculative in nature. Like many, I had hoped that we would gain clarity on the future this year when General Conference, the deciding body of our denomination, was supposed to meet. However, due to covid, they have elected to postpone until 2024. This has caused some churches in the denomination to disaffiliate from the UMC and later this year new offshoots of Methodism will emerge as separate denominations.

I want church members to have the opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts about this topic. We are not gathering to vote or make any decisions about the direction of the church. This is a chance for you to ask questions and for us to share information with each other.

Even if you are not coming to the meeting, please pray for the church. We are not sure what choices will be made available for our church yet. However, I encourage you to focus on continuing to be a great church in mission to the Beaumont area, love each other as Christ loved the church, and remember God will certainly lead us through all of this. Our mission does not stop or become less important during this time so let's focus on it until the time comes when we know more about what our options may be.

As your pastor, you might want to know my thoughts on the matter. Once again, I do not know what options we might be given or what upcoming votes may occur. But it will always be my goal to direct our church and our denomination toward a path that helps us be fruitful in our ministry and mission for Jesus Christ. There is no doubt that the issue and concern about homosexuality will be the issue everyone gives for why the denomination may divide. But it and other endless debates that plague and divide our denomination are symptomatic of a lack of faithfulness to Jesus and his mission in the world. Our focus should be upon following Jesus, sharing Jesus, and being about his work. This focus that will result in unity and clarity even in times when we are divided over difficult issues. We, of course, must be willing to be counter-cultural when our faith demands it. Compromising our faith and the mission of the church in the name of tolerance or indifference is misguided to say the least. There will always be political issues that we differ on, there will always be sinful broken people within the church if we are doing our job correctly, and there will always be the temptation to blame others for the decline of the denomination. However, I think if there is to be a future in which the United Methodist Church grows, it will be a result of its members holding on to sound doctrine, following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and being disciplined in their effort to grow the Kingdom of God. So please keep praying for our church, please stay faithful to the mission in this time of uncertainty, and please rejoice that Jesus is still Lord!

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Church-Wide  
Meeting**  
May 3  
6:00pm  
Parlor

# CRAWFISH BOIL

