

# 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/  
UCgzhJJfVFM3OhyujuKkdBhg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgzhJJfVFM3OhyujuKkdBhg)

## Discernment UPDATE

On September 11, 2022 the Administrative Council of Wesley United Methodist Church approved the following resolution:

“After completing a period of prayerful discernment of more than 40 days, including a call to the membership for prayer and fasting, town hall meetings, publishing links to articles and videos about reasons for disaffiliation and about reasons to remain with the United Methodist Church, and after a survey open to the church membership, The Administrative Council of Wesley United Methodist Church, Beaumont resolves to request the District Superintendent to convene a church conference for the purpose of discussion and vote on whether Wesley United Methodist Church, Beaumont will disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. The Administrative Council resolves further to request the District Superintendent to extend the vote to all members of the Wesley UMC, Beaumont who are present at such meeting.”

**The vote to determine if Wesley United Methodist Church will disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church is currently scheduled for October 9, 12pm in the sanctuary.**

### Please keep in mind the following:

- You must be a member of Wesley UMC and present at the Charge Conference in order to vote.
- In order to disaffiliate from the UMC, 2/3 of members present at Charge Conference must approve the resolution to do so.
- Voting will be done by ballot.
- We will have our membership roll available in worship each week prior to the vote if you would like to make sure you are currently a member. You may also contact the office of Wesley UMC to check the status of your membership.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 25

8:00am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00am	Contemporary Worship *
	Sunday School
	<b>Love Lunchsack (kitchen)</b>
10:30am	Traditional Worship*
	Sunday School (Sanctuary)
6:00pm	ONE Students: Sunday Night Live (Youth Center)

\*these worship services can be viewed online

### Monday, September 26

9:00am-1:45pm	Wesley Day School
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### Tuesday, September 27

9:00am	Community Garden Work Day
9:00am-1:45pm	Wesley Day School
1:00pm	Hooks & Needles (Parlor)

### Wednesday, September 28

9:00am-1:45pm	Wesley Day School
5:30pm	Dinner
6:00pm	Global Church Information Meeting (Sanctuary)
	Wednesday Night Adult Groups will resume on October 12
6:15pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (choir Room)

### Thursday, September 29

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

### Friday, September 30

8:30am	Wesley Serves at Some Other Place
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### Saturday, October 1

8:30am-12:30pm	Sleep In Heavenly Peace Build Day
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Called Charge Conference

Sunday, October 9

12:00pm

Sanctuary

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### September 25

George Bryant III

### September 26

Dana Timaeus

### September 27

Jo Bienvenu

### September 28

Marilyn Foster

### September 29

Richie Devillier

### September 30

Chris Betar

### October 1

Sofia Alfaro



**SENIOR PASTOR**  
**REV. RICK IVEY**

**“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord.”**

**Isaiah 1:18**

Wesley has an important vote coming up on October 9th at 12pm in the sanctuary. Please watch one of our town hall meetings and come to both the upcoming Wednesday night meetings to hear about the future of the United Methodist Church and the Global Methodist Church.

The U.M.C. will be changing in the upcoming years. It is difficult to predict when the changes will directly impact this congregation, but changes are coming. It may be 2, 4, or 10 years from now but the U.M.C. will continue to become more progressive in its theology, politics, and practice. If a more progressive church is what you have always hoped for, then you should vote for Wesley to remain in the U.M.C. and give it your full support.

If you want to see Wesley be more traditional in its theology, politics, and practice, and do not like the direction of the U.M.C., vote for Wesley to disaffiliate (leave) from the United Methodist Church and support the effort to do so. It may be tempting to wait and see what will happen in 2024 at the U.M.C. General Conference, but I believe now is the best time for Wesley to leave if it is going to leave. Wesley can currently disaffiliate and retain all property and assets for no further cost than what was promised the Texas Annual Conference for the remainder of the year. This opportunity may not be available again.

Disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church on October 9th will start the process of Wesley joining a “Wesleyan Evangelical” denomination such as the Global Methodist Church, Free Methodist Church, or one of the other options that the congregation chooses.

I encourage you to decide what you believe God wants for Wesley through prayer, scripture study, and conversation with other Christians. Be sure you are committed to supporting whatever direction you vote. Please only vote for what you are willing to support with your future prayers, presence in worship, financial gifts, service, and witness. Please don’t vote for a future you have no intention of supporting. Remember church members must be present on October 9th at 12pm in the sanctuary to vote. The agenda that day is to distribute ballots, pray, vote, and determine if 2/3 majority vote needed to disaffiliate has been reached. There will be no discussion before voting as opportunities to discuss have been provided during the time of discernment. May God richly bless you all, encourage you all, and give you peace with your vote.

In Christ,

*Rick Ivey*  
Senior Pastor

## INFORMATION MEETINGS

Our vote concerning disaffiliation from the United Methodist denomination is October 9 at 12pm in the sanctuary.

You are invited to join us on 2 upcoming Wednesday evenings to learn more about the future of the United Methodist Church as well as one of the options should the church decide to disaffiliate. You do not have to be a member of the church to attend, and you are encouraged to come to both of these presentations.

### September 28

The future of the Global Methodist Church with Rev. Jim Bass 6pm in the sanctuary.

### October 5

The future of the United Methodist Church with Rev. Seann Duffin 6pm in the sanctuary.

Wednesday adult groups will not meet for these 2 weeks. The adult groups will resume October 12. We will still have our fellowship meal at 5:30pm, nursery, children's program, One Student Ministry, and Choir will be moved to 7pm.

Please let us know if you will be joining us for the meal in the Dining Hall.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA922A0FFC61-fellowship>

**So this is the end of the matter; all has been heard.  
Worship God and keep God's commandments  
because this is what everyone must do.  
Ecclesiastes 12:13**

"It is therefore expected of all who continue (in a Methodist society) that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation... By attending upon all the ordinances of God."  
John Wesley

Do you worship God? Often? In many ways? Through Sunday morning service, reading scripture, public, family, and private prayer, fasting, and celebration of Holy Communion? This is the beginning and the end of our practice of faith. Our confession and repentance of sins flows from worship and Holy Communion. Relationships with family, neighbors, and spouses are built on worship and prayer. Hope is given in times of grief and mourning whenever we fast and worship our savior. Mission work for the hungry, naked, imprisoned, sick, and impoverished is directed through the reading and preaching of scripture during worship. We are sent out of worship to participate in the good works of Christ and fulfill the mission of God's Holy Church. Then we come back to worship to celebrate, reflect, and see where God has moved through us. Worship is the beginning and the end of our practice of faith. Mr. Wesley wrote three general rules for our faith, and the third one is to 'attend upon the ordinances of God.' He lists exactly what is above: Worship. He lists exactly what the Teacher in Ecclesiastes states, 'worship God.' The ordinances are not legalistic, like the Pharisees in Christ's time. Rather, at the end of the day, to be a member in one of the early Methodist societies (think small groups or Sunday School classes), you needed to worship God, our savior. You need to recognize that Christ is due all that we have, all of our worship and praise. That was the requirement. Nothing more for membership, but most certainly nothing less. If somebody you know has been feeling like their relationship with God is not what it once was or if you have wondered if there could be more to your relationship with Christ, let me offer one suggestion: Attend upon the ordinances of God. Come to worship and start here.

Grace and Peace,  
Matt Cecil





Wesley Day School has been nominated as one of the Top 5 day schools for the Beaumont Enterprise Best of the Best 2022 for Jefferson and Orange Counties, we need your help to win the title. Contest voting starts Sunday September 18, 2022 and runs until Sunday October 9, 2022, voting can be done at

[www.BeaumontEnterprise.com/Bestof](http://www.BeaumontEnterprise.com/Bestof)

Individuals can vote once per hour per category, per email during the voting round.



# PECANS & PUMPKIN BREAD

proceeds support Wesley Methodist Men's Mission Fund

**Pecans (Pieces & Halves)**  
**1lb Resealable Bag**  
**\$14.00 Each**

**Pumpkin Bread**  
**\$5 a loaf**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT **WESLEY**



Did you know that Wesley UMC has 2 (TWO!!!) Meals on Wheels routes we deliver EVERY WEEK DAY? FACT!

Can you commit to once a month?

It takes an hour or less between 10:30 and 1:00 to deliver a hot meal to someone who may not have one otherwise. It also provides a check on someone who may live alone. You can also share a smile and a friendly greeting with someone who may not get one that day. Ask any of the volunteers how rewarding it is.

Contact Sheree Pierce at [spierce@wesleyumc.com](mailto:spierce@wesleyumc.com) or 409-673-0884.

## **SERVE WITH US**

September has a fifth Friday, and the folks who cook and serve at Some Other Place know what that means -- we need to be there! Put it on your calendar, your phone or whatever will serve as a reminder and we'll see you on the 30th!



**Daily Walkers**  
invite you to a Fall Social.

**Saturday, October 22**  
**4:00pm**  
**Moore Park in Pinewood**

Bring your dinner, snacks,  
beverage of choice.

Fun Fellowship and Food.

Wonderful Playground for kids.

Call Kathy Renick-Bell for details  
(903) 520-2065



**NO KID SLEEPS  
ON THE FLOOR  
IN OUR TOWN!**



## **Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build**

**October 1 | 8:30-12:30**  
**2950 Milam**

We need your help building beds for kids in our community. We will also be collecting TWIN sized "Bed in a Bags." (Please be sure SHEETS are INCLUDED!) and pillows. Contact Sheree Pierce to sign up (we need lots of people) or for more information.

**[Spierce@wesleyumc.com](mailto:Spierce@wesleyumc.com)**  
**409-673-0884**

## THE PUMPKIN PATCH

at Wesley United Methodist Church



## OPEN DAILY

**October 7-31, 2022**

### Hours of Operation

Monday– Friday (4pm-8pm)

Saturday (10am-8pm)

Sunday (12pm-8pm)

### EVENTS

#### Pumpkin Unload #1

Thursday, October 6 - 4:00pm

#### Blessing of the Pets

October 9

If you would like to volunteer for one of these events or in the Pumpkin Patch during regular operating hours, please contact Jonathan Martin (409-782-1586) or Susan Martin (409-781-1064).



**Sunday, October 30**

**9:00am**

Invite a friend and join us for a Halloween celebration.

You are encouraged to wear your costume to Sunday School and get ready to celebrate. The Kids will trick-or-Treat at the Classroom doors.

All Adult Classes and groups are encouraged to dress up and join in the fun.



Donations of unopened bags of individually wrapped candy can be dropped off at worship on Sundays or in the church office during the week.



# OUR FAITHFULNESS

## Attendance: September 18, 2022

### Sunday School

9:00am Children	19
9:00am Adults	54
10:30am Children	10
10:30am Adults	27

### Sunday Worship

8:00 Worship	32
9:00am Worship	92
10:30am Worship	100

### Live Stream

9:00am Worship	14
10:30am Worship	11

### Wednesday

ONE Students	66
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## Financial News: September 18, 2022

2022 Church Income Budget	\$1,386,000.00
Needed for One Week	\$26,653.85
Received thru 09/18/22 for Church Budget	\$15,245.68
Needed Income YTD	\$1,012,846.15
Received Income YTD	\$1,022,443.44
Difference	<b>\$9,597.29</b>

## Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Building Fund- Capital Campaign	\$125.00
Community Garden	\$25.00
Methodist Men- Pecans/Bread	\$72.00
One Student Ministry	\$255.00
Soc. Of St. Stephen	\$25.00
Utila Mission Trip	\$200.00
Wednesday Night Meal	\$224.50
Youth Pumpkin Patch/ Camp/ Retreat	\$200.00

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at  
*Wesley*



### BY MAIL

Wesley UMC  
3810 N Major Dr  
Beaumont, TX 77713

### ONLINE

at

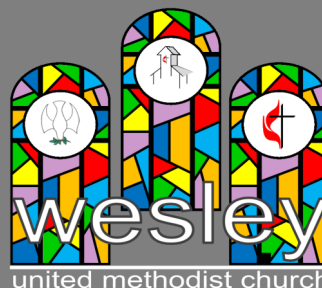
[givewesley.com](http://givewesley.com)



### 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.

## CONNECT WITH US



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