

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/
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Facebook Page

[https://www.facebook.com/
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Use the link below to view
past sermons

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCqzhJJfVFM3OhyujuKkdBhg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqzhJJfVFM3OhyujuKkdBhg)



Join us for week two of
our new sermon series,
“Christmas Isn’t Canceled.”



ASSOCIATE
PASTOR
REV. MATT CECIL

**The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ,
God's Son, happened just as it was written
about in the prophecy of Isaiah:**

**Look, I am sending my messenger before you.
He will prepare your way,
a voice shouting in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way for the Lord;
make his paths straight."**

Mark 1:1-3

God is faithful. Israel has waited for a messiah. They've heard the words of their prophets. They've read and reread their stories and believe that they still carry powerful meaning. But it's been so long since the prophets have spoken like they used to. It's been hundreds of years since Malachi, Isaiah, or Jeremiah or the many others that called for messiah. God remains faithful. Mark begins his gospel declaring that Jesus is both the Christ and the Son of God, but then quickly shifts away to the prophets of the Old Testament. And Mark doesn't cite messianic prophecy. He cites prophecy about somebody coming before the messiah: a final prophet. Though Mark only names Isaiah, he also quotes Malachi in the second verse. This is the work of multiple prophets across hundreds of years that Mark looks back on and sees what God is doing and how faithful God has been.

The next several verses share John the Baptist's ministry. The first words that we hear him speak in the Gospel are, "One stronger than I am is coming after me." Everything about John is that he is a messenger coming before the messiah. He is the one that prepares the way. He is a voice in the wilderness and he is the one calling people to repent, to make their paths straight. God faithfully sends John as the final prophet before Christ.

As we prepare for Christmas during this Advent season, have you considered how faithful God has been to you? Just as God is faithful in sending Christ for the entire world, how has God been faithful to you? Here at Wesley, God's faithfulness is evident. Through pandemic and storms, we have continued to worship and we have even begun to look ahead with the vision that was shared throughout November. God's faithfulness has remained throughout all the trials of this year.

We talk a great deal about how faithful we are to Christ and this is exceptionally important, but it can be difficult at times to stay so faithful. Perhaps in times of doubt, or strife, or pandemic, or depression, rather than looking at our own faithfulness, we might first look to God's faithfulness and build from there. The messiah comes. God is faithful.

Grace and Peace,

Matt Cecil

Associate Pastor

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 6

8:00am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00am	Contemporary Worship* (Praise Center)
	Sunday School
10:30am	Traditional Worship*
	Sunday School

* this service is online and in person.

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

Monday, December 7

6:30am	Methodist Men's Breakfast (Parlor)
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Tuesday, December 8

8:00am	Seeds For Needs Garden Workday
8:30am	Wesley serves at Some Other Place
12:00pm	Wesley Bookworms at Chris Broussard's home

Wednesday, December 9

6:00pm	ONE Student Ministries (Youth Bldg.)
	Tired Super Girls (Parlor)
	Revelation Bible Study (Room 106)
	Wesley Kids (Children's Church Room)

Thursday, December 10

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 12	Christmas Fest: A Very Merry Wesley (5:00pm-9:00pm)
	New Year's Mini Photo Sessions (5:00pm-7:00pm)
December 13	Children's & Chancel Choir Music Program (9:00am & 10:30am)
December 13	On Ramp (10:00am)
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship
	Family Service (4:00pm)
	Traditional Service (6:00pm)
	Contemporary Service (11:00pm)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 6

Christine Hill
Dustin Toups

December 7

Sherry Hulon
Don Lanham
Staci Marsh
John Robinson
Lauren Scarborough

December 8

Chris Ayers
Jackie Chumley
Betty Cobb
Carter Holmes
Shannon Holmes
Ruth Sloan

December 9

Bruce Brashear
Claudia Hall
Sullivan Wiemers

December 10

Cidnie Ford

December 11

Jackye Aiena
Abigale Bertrand
Becky Broussard
Pam Hargrove

December 12

Margaret Keith
Betty Sue Kovar
Mary Lou Kovar
Hank Wells
Ellen Wiemers

OUR FAITHFULNESS



**Thank you to our
United Methodist Men's Group.**

Every year they work hard setting up
the nativity scene on our lawn.

Great work guys!

OUR FAITHFULNESS

Attendance November 29, 2020

Sunday School

9:00am Children	31
9:00am Adults	53
9:00am Children	13
10:30am Adults	12

Sunday Worship

8:00 Worship	30
9:00am Worship	96
10:30am Worship	102

Live Stream

9:00am Worship	28
10:30am Worship	28

Wednesday

ONE Students	NA
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Financial News: November 29, 2020

2020 Church Income Budget	\$1,378,000
Needed for One Week	\$26,500
Received thru 11/29/20 for Church Budget	\$9,521
Needed Income YTD for Expense Budget	\$1,272,000
Received Income YTD	\$1,221,685
Difference	-\$50,315

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Missions	\$50
St. Stephen	\$30
Poinsettia's	\$225
Class Books/Shirts	\$145
Hurricane/Tropical Storm Relief	\$50
Methodist Men- Pecans/Bread	\$13

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PECANS ON SALE

Purchases can be after Sunday Services,
or call the church office to
place an order for home delivery.

Pecans (pieces & halves)
1lb Resealable Bag - \$13
2 Bags - \$22 (or more @\$11 ea)
Case (24 Bags) - \$240

Sales support Mission
projects of Wesley
United Methodist Men

Jack George (409)782-8600
John Robinson (409)782-9378
Mark Ruysenaars (972)567-6577
J.P. Adams (409)656-9432



New Year's Mini Sessions

Wesley Kids is teaming up with local photographer and Wesley Day School parent, Jesse Goodman, to create a New Year's memory for you and your family.

December 12
5:00pm-7:00pm
Wesley UMC

10 minute session
5 digital images
\$30.00

Contact the church office at (409)892-7733 to pay and reserve your spot.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to the Wesley Kids ministry.



WESLEY ON RAMP

If you are wondering what Wesley UMC is about or how to get more involved, join us for Wesley On Ramp on Sunday, December 13, at 10am in the Dining Hall. If you are visiting, would like to become a member, or would like to join a particular Sunday School or small group, come and learn what Wesley has to offer.

Wesley BOOKWORMS

It's party time, Wesley Bookworms -- although we'll try to work in some discussion of "The Reading Group" by Elizabeth Noble. Bring a treat to eat and a festive attitude. We'll gather at noon Tuesday, December 8, at Chris Broussard's home.

Christmas **FEST**

DECEMBER 12

Food Trucks, Kids Activities,
Social Distance Pictures with Santa

Activities	5:00PM-7:00PM
Tree Lighting	6:00PM
Outdoor Movie "Elf"	7:00PM-9:00PM



Children's & Chancel Choir
Christmas Program

Sunday, December 13
9:00am & 10:30am

Be the one to light our tree at Christmas Fest!
<https://www.wesleyumc.com/christmas-fest-lighting/>
For a \$10 donation, your name will be placed in a drawing.
Winner will be announced on December 10 on social media.
Each \$10 donation is an entry.



new SUNDAY SCHOOL *groups*

New Adult Sunday School

10:30 in the Dining Hall

Join a group that will pray for each other, share with each other, and study together. The study will be going through the book of Acts and focus on the previous weeks' daily readings.

Youth Sunday School: 7th-12th grade

10:30 in the kitchen starting

There will be cinnamon rolls

This group will be student led with adult volunteers as they take a deeper dive into scripture. They are beginning this Sunday with the book of Acts.

New Children's Sunday School: 4th-6th grade

10:30 in Pam's Place beginning
January 3.

With adult leaders, this group will begin to read a little more from the Bible as they gear up for Confirmation and youth group.

Christmas Poinsettias

ORDER YOURS TODAY!!

Christmas poinsettias are a great way to honor or remember a loved one in your life. The cost for each Wesley poinsettia is \$15. Make checks payable to "Wesley UMC" and note "Poinsettia" on the memo line. Please include payment with order. The deadline to order poinsettias is December 15. The poinsettias will be placed in both worship areas on December 1, and you may pick yours up after the Christmas Eve service you attend.

Poinsettias can also be order on our website, <https://www.wesleyumc.com/christmas-poinsettias/>

Poinsettia order form

Number of poinsettias _____ @ \$15 ea.

Amount included \$_____

In Honor/Memory (please circle one) of _____

Name on order _____

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Christmas Isn't Cancelled
November 29-December 20

Unstoppable
January 3-February 7

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