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

Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/ WesleyUMCBmt

Use the link below to view past sermons <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/</u> <u>UCgzhJJfVFM3OhyujuKkdBhg</u> THE PUMPKIN PATCA

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).

## THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

## CALENDAR

#### Sunday, October 9

8:00am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00am	Contemporary Worship *
	Sunday School
10:30am	Traditional Worship*
	Sunday School <b>(Sanctuary)</b>
12:00pm	Called Charge Conference (Sanctuary)
12:00pm-8:00pm	Pumpkin Patch Open
6:00pm	ONE Students: Sunday Night Live (Youth Center)

\*these worship services can be viewed online

#### Monday, October 10

9:00am-1:45pmWesley Day School4:00pm-8:00pmPumpkin Patch Open

#### **Tuesday, October 11**

8:30am	Wesley Serves at some Other Place
9:00am	Community Garden Work Day
9:00am-1:45pm	Wesley Day School
1:00pm	Hooks & Needles (Parlor)

#### Wednesday, October 12

9:00am-1:45pm	Wesley Day School
4:00pm-8:00pm	Pumpkin Patch Open
5:30pm	Dinner
6:00pm	Bile Studies & Groups see list on page 4
6:15pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (choir Room)

#### **Thursday, October 13**

9:00am-1:45pmWesley Day School12:00pmHeart Sisters Bible Study (Parlor)4:00pm-8:00pmPumpkin Patch Open

#### Friday, October 14

4:00pm-8:00pm

**Pumpkin Patch Open** 

#### Saturday, October 15

10:00am-8:00pm Pumpkin Patch Open

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

All Saints Sunday (November 6) Daylight Savings Time Ends (November 6) Christmas Fest (December 2)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### **October 9**

Bert Fontenot Tong Huynh Mike White

October 10 Jacob Cody

#### **October 11**

Collin Ayers Stacy Dolan Christine Haynes

#### October 12

John Hughes Bryon Korry Paul Tullos

#### **October 13**

Denise DeSoto Tommy Welch

#### **October 14**

Sara Gazaway Landon McLeod Jeremy Russell

#### **October 15**

Isabella Araiza Roger Herring Mason Marchand James Tindall

## FROM THE PASTOR



SENIOR PASTOR REV. RICK IVEY

#### "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

#### Proverbs 3:5-6

Surprisingly, I think we are all in agreement about the direction of the United Methodist Church in the years to come. The basic doctrines of the church contained in the articles of religion section of the United Methodist book of discipline are unlikely to change. What will continue to be challenged or changed within the United Methodist church is how those core teachings and beliefs are followed and obeyed.

The United Methodist Church already has bishops, clergy, and laity who openly disobey the book discipline, do not believe the basic doctrines of the church, and who have no intention of ever following them or holding each other accountable to do so. This is obviously not acceptable to everyone in the United Methodist Church.

We have two separate religions existing in the same United Methodist Denomination. We may have the same core beliefs on paper, but how we follow them and think of them is very different. The issues getting all the attention revolve around human sexuality with ordination and same-sex marriage. However, there are also differences between how progressives and traditional people view the Bible (Followed or just taken seriously?), Jesus (Just a good teacher or Savior?), Salvation (Jesus the only way or all paths lead to God?), Mission (Saving Souls or Social Justice?). We don't even seem to be having the same conversations concerning important issues; much less do we share the same vision for what the Methodist movement should be in the future.

If you agree with the direction of the United Methodist Church becoming more progressive, moving toward full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ community, more liberal in its politics and theology; then vote for Wesley to stay within the United Methodist Church and give it your full support.

If you want Wesley be more traditional and do not like the current direction of the U.M.C., vote for Wesley to disaffiliate (leave) from the United Methodist Church and give the new direction your full support.

Why now? What's the hurry? It may seem like the best way to move forward is for both sides to work together but there will be a significant exodus of traditional churches leaving the denomination over the next 12 months. What will remain will be churches that are more liberal/progressive. It may be tempting to wait and see what will happen in 2024 at General Conference, but I believe now is the best time for Wesley to leave if it is going to leave. Wesley can currently retain all property and assets for no further cost than what is owed the Texas Annual Conference for the remainder of the year. The clearest path for this to occur expires in 2023 and may not be available again.

If Wesley votes to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church, it will begin the process of selecting and joining an "Evangelical Wesleyan Denomination" such as the Global Methodist Church, Free Methodist Church, or Wesleyan Church.

No matter the result of the vote, I do not want anyone to feel as if they must leave Wesley. Even if you voted the opposite of the majority, there is no acceptable loss of people in my mind because of this vote. Chances are, if you enjoy the church now, you will enjoy it after the vote on October 9.

If Wesley votes to disaffiliate, it will continue to be United Methodist until the end of 2022. The vote to disaffiliate must be approved by the Texas Annual Conference in December of 2022. Also, Clergy currently appointed to Wesley will remain until the end of June 2023. At that point, they will either remain with Wesley, be appointed to another United Methodist Church, or join another denomination of their choosing.

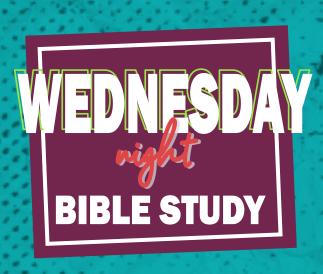
My prayers are with you. I also thank you for praying for me and the rest of the Wesley leaders during this time. I pray that God gives you clarity as to what the right decision is and peace with your vote. You have been amazing during this entire process and I am thankful we have worked through this with so much love and care for one another.

In Christ,

Rick Ivey

Senior Pastor

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WESLEY



## Wednesdays 5:30pm | Dinner 6:00pm | Classes

#### The Book of James with Francis Chan

True faith produces fruit. A faith without action and without life change is ultimately a dead faith. Francis Chan unpacks the dense truth contained in the book of James, challenging followers of Christ to move beyond a private, intellectual knowledge of God and His Word, to a vibrant faith that impacts every square inch of life.

Teacher: Rick Ivey Room 104

#### Route 66

This study provides a basic introduction to the structure and themes of the Word of God. Journey through this fast-moving study and discover the truths and applications that God placed in each book of the Bible. God's gracious work is clear - from creation to the cross to the consummation of time.

Teacher: Iris Smithey Room 105

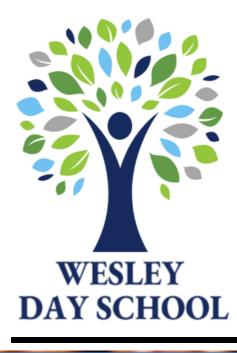
#### **Pathways to Wisdom**

Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are a collection of biblical sayings and wisdom that are intended to help us with practical matters in our lives. Inside we encounter the wise and the foolish, and instructions for the journey to find the wisdom that comes from God alone.

Teacher: Matt Cecil Room 106

We will also have Wesley Kids, youth, choir, and childcare. (we might have 456 as well)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WESLEY



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

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

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



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WESLEY



October 27, 2022 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Chick-Fil-A Dowlen Rd.

10% of sales will be donated to WESLEY DAY SCHOOL BEAUMONT



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.



#### Attendance: September 18, 2022

Sund	ay	Sch	ool
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9:00am Children 9:00am Adults 10:30am Children 10:30am Adults	19 43 13 22
Sunday Worship	
8:00 Worship	34
9:00am Worship	97
10:30am Worship	119
<b>Live Stream</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	11 14
Wednesday ONE Students	50

#### Financial News: October 2, 2022

2022 Church Income Budget	\$1,386,000.00
Needed for One Week	\$26,653.85
Received thru 10/02/22 for Church Budget	\$25,596.13
Needed Income YTD	\$1,066,153.85
Received Income YTD	\$1,058,382.60
Difference	-\$7,771.25

#### **Non-Budgeted Gifts Received**

Building Fund- Capital Campaign	\$645.00
Hurricane/Tropical Storm Relief	\$868.00
Kairos Prison Ministry	\$20.00
Landscaping	\$700.00
Methodist Men- Pecans/Bread	\$48.00
One Student Ministry	\$255.00
Wednesday Night Meal	\$229.00

## **CONNECT WITH US**



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ONLINE at 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.