

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## FROM THE PASTOR

**"It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. Brothers and sisters, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus."**

**Philippians 3: 12-14**

We all have had to make some difficult decisions these last couple of weeks in response to the pandemic. How do we best cooperate to slow the progress and impact of it? Some the decisions have been made for us, but many are left up to us. I was thinking there is a big difference between adapting to changes and adopting the mission. Merely adapting means we might adjust a few things begrudgingly or meet the minimum requirements. Adopting the mission means we want the best possible outcome and we will do whatever we can to make it happen.

I think in the passage above, it is clear Paul had fully been adopted by Christ and Paul had fully adopted Christ. He was not merely adapting a few things in his life, he had completely invested all that he had into Christ.

This is a great time to see where you are in your own faith. Are you begrudgingly just going through the motions? Or are you completely devoted to Christ and doing all you can to serve him?

Grace & Peace,

*Rick Weis*

ways to give at *Wesley*



ONLINE

at

[https://  
www.wesleyumc.com/give/](https://www.wesleyumc.com/give/)



BY MAIL

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We rely on the volunteers at the major hospitals around town to give us a list of our members who end up in the various hospitals. With all that is going on, the volunteers are no longer working there and visitors are no longer allowed. Here is where YOU come in. If you hear of any of our members, or family of our members going into the hospital for any reason PLEASE reach out to us and let us know. Even if you think we already should know about it, please reach out. We do not want any of our congregation falling through the cracks in this time and we would rather get the information several times than not at all.

Also, since we do not have a paper bulletin to hand out, we have put an online prayer request form on our website. You can access that with this link: [https://  
www.wesleyumc.com/we-care-prayer-list/](https://www.wesleyumc.com/we-care-prayer-list/) If your request is confidential, please begin your prayer request by writing that so that it will only go to the Pastors.



Join us at 10AM April 5<sup>th</sup> 2020 at Wesley for a Drive-in worship service and be in the Palm Sunday parade after.

**We will still have livestream worship available at 9 and 10:30 on Youtube, Facebook, and the church website for those that cannot make it.**

When you drive in, we will have stations for you to get Palm branches, individually wrapped communion supplies, and give an offering, but you will need to bring your own cup for communion.

Park in the East Lot facing north. We will have live music, message, and celebrate communion together. It will all be broadcast on **FM 107.7** Afterward, you can participate in a short parade to celebrate Palm Sunday. Decorate the outside of your car to celebrate the arrival of the King of Peace! Invite a friend and come have fun with your church family.

**NOTE:** There will not be access to church bathrooms, please stay in your car with windows up, consider bringing your own bread and juice for communion, and practice good social distancing.



## YOUNIQUE

We are looking forward to Easter and the season following. One thing that we will be doing then is to start a discipleship program called Yunique. We'd love to do this in person, and will as soon as we are able, but we will start through video conferences or Zoom meetings after Easter. Your pastors and other church leaders will be leading small groups so that as many people can participate as would like to. Our vision is that we can go through this as a whole church. Wouldn't it be amazing if everyone in our church could participate in for 6 weeks? Be on the look out for more information in the next couple of weeks.

Grace and Peace,

*Matt Cecil*

## STAY Connected

**Live Stream Worship**

**Wednesdays (12:00pm)  
Sundays (9:00am & 10:30am)**

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

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

## Prayers and Concerns for Family and Friends:

JoJo, Nancy, Margaret, Robyn, Morgie, Addie, Chloe, Glenn, Shannon, Rebecca, Rick & Sue Lynn, my mentors, family, friends, Good health and happiness.....**David Ahysen**  
June Dudley.....**Jeff & Kathy Renick-Bell**  
Larry, Judy, Becki, Edward, Frankie, Trish, Nina, Lloyd, Rose, & June.....**Layne Butcher**  
Prayers for a safe spring break.....**Ami Cecil**  
Margaret Canant, Martha Salim, Mary "Sissy" Salim, Becki Rabalais, Eileen Garrett.....**Patty Edwardsen**  
Prayers for all the families negatively affected by Covid-19 and the lives lost to this virus. Prayers for all the families with sick loved ones that they're unable to visit them in the hospital at this time due to the virus. May we all stay strong and believe that GOD will take care of us all.  
Prayers for our community and Nation to be more CHRIST like loving one another, forgiving, and being quick to help a person in need....**Cidnie Ford**  
Laurie's dad; safe travels for Jacob & friends; Jessica, Jessica, Gage, Mitchell, Kyle, & Trey.....**Kim Joosten**  
Jug, Virginia Carol, Garrett family, Floyd's, Della's grandbaby, JoJo, & Prayers that the virus will go away.....**Gerry Kirkland**  
Mabel Matthews.....**Missie Landry**  
Audrey's upcoming test.....**Steve & Robyn Lucas**  
Our community.....**Dick & Carole Marsh**  
Linda Martin.....**Pat Martin**  
Becki – healing each day, my son – for selling of his house, for our nation & all who are sick, Patty E – healing, & Tina – sister's surgery....**Judy Pierce**  
Jon & Patty Burmeister, Layne Butcher, & Carol Perkins...**Donna Rabalais**  
Miles; Lance & family; Sarah – unspoken; Juanita; & our nation's health.....**Don & Linda Rink**  
Prayers for our Meals on Wheels friends that we are unable to serve and visit with during this time.....**Stan Ruth**  
Eileen Garrett, not doing well.....**Suzanne Ryan**  
Jamie & Jerry Rubush, Gerry Lee, & Rose Marie Shadle....**Catherine Shadle**  
For all those in the hospitals, for those in the medical fields, for all those facing isolation, For all the parents who find themselves spending extra time with their kids.....**Iris Smithey**  
Rebecca Rabalais.....**Tina Stratton**  
George, Leonard, Wesley UMC.....**Dan D. Soto**  
Gar Cone is to begin radiation treatment in 2 weeks. 5 times a week for 6 weeks.....**Mike Toups**  
Michael Westbrook.....**Fred Turner**

## Joys and Praise

Beautiful weather this past week.....**Ami Cecil**  
Thanks to all who gave to the Rainbow room, Ellen's class, Heart sisters, & Daily Walkers.....**Layne Butcher**  
Liz in Chancel Choir & my SS class.....**Kim Joosten**  
Praise God for Church family & all prayers for healing. I am doing good.....**Judy Pierce**  
The strength & belief in God.....**Iris Smithey**

## Wesley extends our deepest sympathy to:

The family of **Wayne Rabalais** who passed away Friday, March 20.  
The family of **Margaret Canant** who passed away Tuesday, March 31.

If you would like to send a message of condolence to the family, please do so using this link <https://www.wesleyumc.com/we-care-prayer-list/>.

# HAPPY | BIRTHDAY

## April 5

Kenny Fretz Jr  
Mary Ann Matthews  
John Scales

## April 6

Tom Harken Jr  
Robin Lucas  
Jonathan Martin  
Gwen Maxwell  
Chris Swanson

## April 7

Shane Chambers  
Jennifer Ellis  
Betsy Thomas  
Fred Turner

## April 8

Christopher Forster  
Meredith Hughes  
Glenda Menefee  
Robert Parker

## April 9

Robert Hobbs  
Eisha Killian  
Sarah Wells

## April 10

Maurine Behrens  
Jenna Lovett  
Layne Wilson

## April 11

Lauree Chpman  
Osmar Uresti  
Courtney Yust