



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April 11, 2019

THIS WEEK AT **WESLEY**

Sunday, April 14

- 8:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00am Contemporary Worship (Praise Center)
Sunday School
- 10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
Sunday School
- 11:30am Baptism Information Meeting & Lunch
(Dining Hall)
- 5:30pm ONE SM Sunday Night Live (Youth Bldg.)

Monday, April 15

- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Methodist Day School

Tuesday, April 16

- 8:00am Seeds for Needs Workday
- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Methodist Day School

Wednesday, April 17

- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Methodist Day School
- 11:00am Prayer Card Ministry (Conference Room)
- 12:00pm Communion Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner (Dining Hall)
- 6:00pm ONE Students Mid-Week Worship (Youth Bldg.)
- 6:30pm Spring Bible Studies
Open Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, April 18

- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Methodist Day School
- 12:00pm Heart Sisters Bible Study (Bride's Room)
Senior Games Day (Parlor)
Hearts to Hands Knitting Group (Parlor)
- 7:00pm Good Friday Worship (Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 18

- 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Meal & Worship
(Praise Center)

"And he said, 'The Son of Man (Jesus) must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.'"

Luke 9

If you wanted to try and summarize all of Jesus' life and why it is so important you would be left with two words, "Death" and "Resurrection." Over the next two weeks, we will remember and celebrate crucifixion and empty tomb of our Lord and Savior.

I hope and pray you will join us for everything we have planned and that you will invite others to join us in these next couple of weeks. Everything we have planned will be meaningful and will offer people the chance to know more about God and the Savior he has given us.

Saturday, April 13, 7pm we have our first ever **Glow-In-the-Dark Egg Hunt** with food and fellowship for all ages.

Palm Sunday, April 14, at 10:30am we will have our Easter **Choir Cantata**.

Wednesday, April 17, at 6:05pm our Student Ministry will have a **Color War Egg Hunt**.

Thursday, April 18, 7pm **Maundy Thursday Service**

Friday, April 19, 7pm **Good Friday Service**

Sunday, April 2, **Easter Sunday** 6:30AM **Sunrise Service**, 8AM Traditional, 9AM Contemporary, 10:30AM Traditional

Sunday, April 28, **Feast of Wesley**

We will have a traditional worship service at 8AM, Combined service at 10AM in the Sanctuary then a huge covered-dish meal, Live music with Britt Goodwin and Company, and fellowship in the praise center starting at 11.

In Christ,

Pastor Rick Wey

For a complete listing of times, locations and additional events such as recovery meetings and scouts, visit
<http://www.wesleyumc.com/calendar/>

OUR | FAITHFULNESS

Attendance April 7-10, 2019

Sunday Morning Groups

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| 9:00am Children | 17 |
| 9:00am Adults | 69 |
| 10:30am Children | 17 |
| 10:30am Adults | 27 |

29 Sunday Worship

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| 8:00 Worship | 58 |
| 9:00 Worship | 132 |
| 10:30 Worship | 178 |

Live Stream

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| 9:00am Worship | 19 |
| 10:30am Worship | 117 |

Wednesday

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| Communion | 19 |
| ONE Students | 81 |

Financial News: April 7, 2019

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| 2019 Church Income Budget | \$1,377,000 |
| Needed for One Week | \$26,481 |
| Received 04/07/19 for Church Budget | \$37,268 |
| Needed Income YTD for Expense Budget | \$370,731 |
| Received Income YTD | \$468,243 |
| Difference | \$97,513 |

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

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| Capital Campaign- A/C & Sound | \$75 |
| Memorials - All Funds | \$100 |
| Missions | \$180 |
| MOSAIC | \$75 |
| Soc. Of St. Stephen | \$618 |
| Animeals on Wheels | \$30 |
| Some Other Place | |
| Building Use | \$350 |
| Life Supper | \$184 |
| Kairos Cookies and Meals | \$50 |
| Methodist Men | \$77 |
| Astros Tickets | \$252 |
| Easter Lilies | \$482 |
| Butterflies for Children's Ministry | \$85 |

IS PASTOR RICK IVEY A PROPHET?

Pastor Rick's stewardship sermon last Fall included a reference to *Exodus 36:5*:

"The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done."

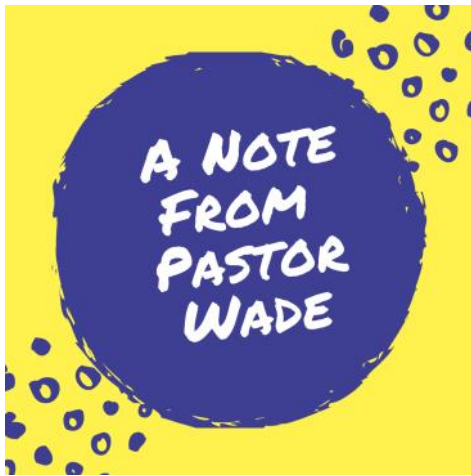
As 2018 drew to a close, Wesley had a substantial financial deficit, and Pastor Rick's stewardship message appeared to be wishful thinking. But, thanks to year-end generosity of committed Wesley givers and budgeting self-discipline, we ended the year with a heaven-sent, substantial *surplus* of operating funds.

But Wait, There's More!

Wesley's surplus has *increased* in the first months of 2019. Contributions and other receipts are the *highest* that they have been in the last 7 years, while operating expenses are the *lowest*.

So, instead of the usual "we are broke, please help" message, ***we congratulate Wesley's congregation, and express genuine thanks for the wonderful financial year we have had so far.*** Please be faithful in your giving so that we can continue to enjoy a great year!

Don Sample, *Chairman of Administrative Council*
Earl Hines, *Chairman of Finance Committee*
Steve Lucas, *Lay Leader*



Dear Wesley Family,

This is Pastor Wade saying hello and sending you warm greetings, may this message find you and yours doing well. This past week I received a call from our District Superintendent, Rev. Alicia Coltzer Besser, with news that Bishop Scott Jones has appointed me to be the new Senior Pastor at Bay City First UMC. Julie and I are all at once both happy and sad. This mix of emotions is because of how amazing our time together with you all over the past two years. We will be ever grateful for how we were welcomed with opened arms as not only your Associate Pastor and Children's Director, but also as a member of the ever growing and ever loving Wesley family.

Some highlights from our time here include:

Zeke taking his first steps, going to Wesley Day School, and getting baptized; Josiah going from a toddler to a preschooler at WDS who is now going to kindergarten in the fall; Julie and my trip to Israel; my trip to Utila; each special service I've been part of, Christmas, Easter, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Missions Sunday, etc.; each class I've taught; each sermon I've preached; each time of Holy Communion and Baptism; each wedding and funeral; every conversation, lunch, dinner, and visit; and so much more.

When my family leaves at the end of June we will do so with very full hearts equipped and ready because of our time at Wesley. You have blessed my family in so many ways, including helping me grow as a person and as a pastor. Feel free to continue to connect with me, Julie, Pastor Rick, or our SPRC headed by Jeff Bell with any questions you have. In the mean time, know that I am still your associate pastor until July 1st and will work hard to make this time of transition as smooth as possible.

My last Sunday will be June 23rd and we will be moving the following week. Between now and then we will send an announcement about a send off party to which all will be invited. Lastly, please know that I am here for you, and will never forget each of you or our time together at Wesley.

Many thanks and much love,

Pastor Wade

GLOW IN THE DARK EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA APRIL 13 - 7:00pm

Due to rain the event will be held inside
the Praise Center.

7:00 - Registration and Food begins
(Hot dogs and bottled water)

7:15 – Crawler Hunt for children that are
younger than 1

(Pam's Place Room 112/114)

7:35 – Egg hunt for children age 1 – pre-K

8:00 – Kindergarten-2nd Grade Hunt

8:15 – 3rd Grade and older hunt.



LOVE Lunchsack Ministry

we need a LOVE Lunch sponsor for April 28. The food runs about \$75. It takes about 30-45 minutes to make the lunches depending on how many hands you have. Get your SS class or Bible Study group together. Or even a few families have gone together to sponsor. Contact Sheree Pierce at spierce@wesleyumc.com or at 409-673-0884

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday

Traditional Service (8:30am)

Contemporary Service (9:00am)

Easter Cantata: We Are Witnesses
(10:30am)

Wednesday, April 17

One Student Ministry Color War Egg Hunt
6:00pm-8:30pm

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday

Meal and Worship (7:00pm)

Friday, April 19

Good Friday Service (7:00pm)

EASTER

Sunday, April 21

Sunrise Service (6:30am)

Traditional Service (8:30am)

Contemporary Service (9:00am)

Butterfly Release (10:15am)

Traditional Service (10:30am)

BAPTISM

Join us for a catered lunch to learn more about the why, how, and when of child baptism.

Sunday, April 14
12:00pm - Dining Hall



Mark your calendars for
Vacation Bible School

July 7-12
9:00am-12:00pm

Registration is now open!

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/wesleyumcvbs2019roar>

WESLEY BOOKWORMS

April 16

Heads up, Bookworms! The time is noon, the date is Tuesday (April 16) and the place is Chris Broussard's house in Old Town. Forget the brown bag; chicken salad and cookies will be on the table. Book is "If She Only Knew" by Lisa Jackson. You don't have to finish it to be present!

Easter & Butterfly LILIES & RELEASE

HONORING & REMEMBERING LOVED ONES IN A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

EASTER LILIES (\$16)

The Easter Lilies will be placed in the church on Easter Sunday, and you may pick yours up after the service you attend. Please remember that Carl Johnsen's Florist provides complementary flowers for the Sanctuary altar each week

Order forms can be found in the church office or inside the worship bulletin on Sunday mornings.

BUTTERFLIES (\$5)

We will be releasing the butterflies at 10:15am on Easter Sunday in Bistline Garden.

The Children's Ministry Team is looking for people to purchase butterflies in honor of our Wesley Kids. You can write in a child's name or we can choose one for you. On Easter Sunday, we would like for every child to release a butterfly that was purchased in honor of them. Please contact Julie Floyd if you have any questions or if you know of a child we need to add to our list.



GARAGE SALE

**Garage Sale 2019 is around the corner,
it will be June 13, 14 and half day on the 15th.**

The Gym will be available for set up starting Sunday afternoon June 2, and be available to us through the end of the Garage Sale. This is an enormous help and will allow us to set up and price the things we sell in the Gym in an orderly way. That will reduce a lot of stress on our people and allow us to do a better job. Our plan is to obey the 4th Commandment on Sunday, June 2, and to start working on Monday morning, June 3, to move things into the Gym and set it up. So – we will need a number of people to work on that.

Beginning about May 22 the class rooms will be available to us to set up. That means that people will be able to bring donations to the Church about May 23. We will do additional announcements about that and other Garage Sale things on a regular basis to update information and give direction.

For people that have donations which need to be picked up they can call the church office to coordinate a pick up. If possible, bring your things to the church in May, as it will save moving for the Garage Sale team.

If you can help in any way in the Garage Sale please let the Church Office know and we will have a place for you.

Thanks,
Charlie Shelton, Garage Sale Team Leader

HAPPY | BIRTHDAY

April 14

Geri Barnes
Cory Marsh
Barbara Summers

April 15

Jake Seaman

April 16

Brent Christopher
Julie Coleman

April 17

Bubba Cash
Shirley Trahan

April 18

Patricia Christopher

April 19

Nancy Beaulieu
Patti Kory
Sharon Kozlowski
Phyllis Smith

April 20

Colleen Holland
Donna Stansberry
Larry Thorn