

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July 16, 2020

THIS WEEK AT | WESLEY

Sunday, July 19

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

* this service is online and in person.
In person please remember to wear a mask
and practice social distancing

Friday, July 24

Weekly devotional posted online



Due to the rising numbers of COVID-19 in our area we have decided to cancel our annual Garage Sale. In our effort to liquidate our already collected items we will be hosting an online Garage Sale. Please be patient as the garage sale team and church staff work out all the details. Be on the lookout for more information.

MASKS REQUIRED
FOR
IN PERSON
WORSHIP



FROM THE | PASTOR

“Instead, desire first and foremost God’s kingdom and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Matthew 6:33

One of my favorite things about Jesus is that he always invites us to test and try what he taught. He always wants us to see for ourselves whether his teachings are true by putting them into practice and seeing the results.

I know that many would say we just need to do what he says because he is Lord and he said so. But if you take the time to read his teachings, you will see that he continually encouraged his disciples and those that listened to him to try his teachings and see if they were true and use that knowledge to see more of how God was at work in the world.

In the passage of above, Jesus teaches about worry. You and I are currently overwhelmed with people offering a solution to worry. From pills, to rhetoric, to self-help solutions, there is no lack of people trying to sell us their version of how to stop worrying. But do they work?

Jesus taught his disciples that the way out of worry was to desire and seek (see) how God was already at work in the world. He called this seeing the Kingdom. What does a good king do? A good king is at work making the kingdom a better place for the people.

The invitation out of worry is to seek (see) and look for the way God is already at work in the world and invest our life into being a part of it. We become apprentices of Jesus (disciples) in order to learn how to invest our lives into God’s work.

Yep, that may mean giving up our own projects, desires, and a long list of other things and ambitions. But those other things, so far, have probably just added to your worry, right? Jesus tells us his way of doing things is easy and light.

My prayer for each of us is that we begin to abandon our own projects and begin to participate in what God is doing in our world so that we can experience what Jesus called, “The kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven.” Not just a future reality, but a way to see God at work right now and to be a part of it.

In Christ,

Rick Ivey
Sr. Pastor

HAPPY | BIRTHDAY

July 19

Terri Adams
Michael Tywater

July 20

Blair Balsamo
Dennis Griffin
Betty Richey

July 21

Charlie Adams Jr.
Steve Breaux
Jim Grimes
Dustin Hansen
Eric Hellberg
Jamie Lee
Tamra Ruiz
Julia Winger

July 22

Gail French
Raymond Hudler
Misti Korry
Kelly Thorn
Drew Williams

July 23

Kevin Parsley

July 24

Karson Riggs
Diane Ruth
Max Shiff Jr
Richard Standifer

July 25

Sandra Ayers
Lynn Callas
Melody Fazio
Tracey Gaspard
Rose McCarty

OUR | FAITHFULNESS

Attendance July 12, 2020

Sunday School

9:00am Adults	24
10:30am Adults	NA

Sunday Worship

8:00 Worship	41
9:00am Worship	42
10:30am Worship	61

Live Stream

9:00am Worship	46
10:30am Worship	15

Wednesday

ONE Students	NA
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Financial News: July 12, 2020

2020 Church Income Budget	\$1,378,000
Needed for One Week	\$26,500
Received thru 07/12/20 for Church Budget	\$14,091
Needed Income YTD for Expense Budget	\$742,000
Received Income YTD	\$839,640
Difference	\$97,640

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

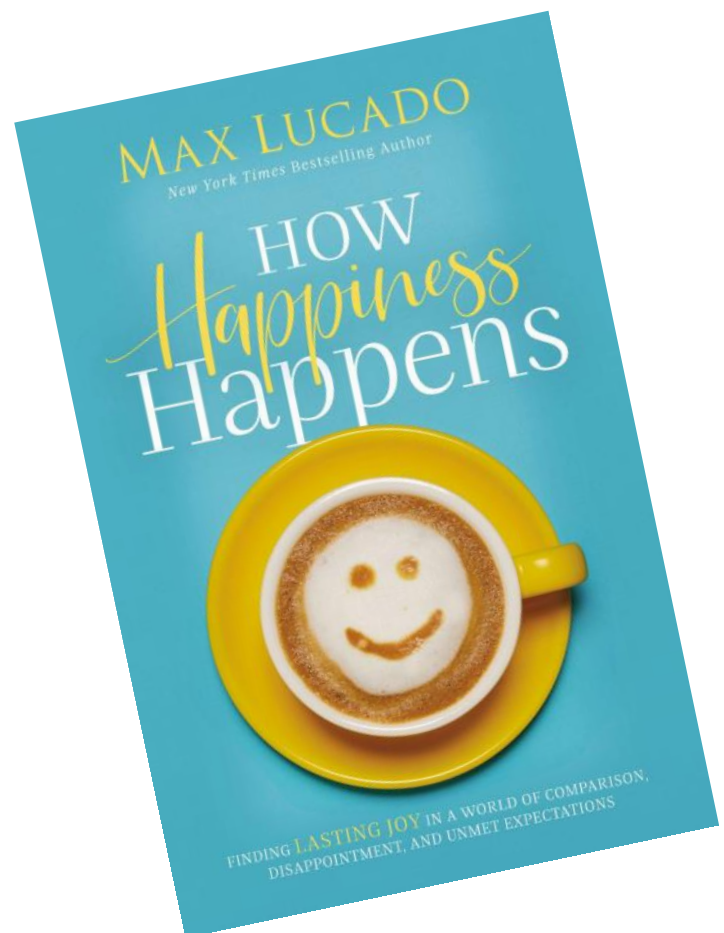
MOSAIC	\$75
Soc. Of St. Stephen	\$100
Garage Sale	\$11,082
One Student Ministry	\$140



We are delighted to announce that the meals from our Rise Against Hunger event on May 24th have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from the Houston Rise Against Hunger warehouse. The meals will be received by their in-country partner, Salesian Missions, in eSwatini (formerly Swaziland) in southern Africa. Salesian Missions is an organization that nourishes lives through food assistance and other services in eSwatini.

Thank you to all of the 63 volunteers who generously gave your time to package meals with Rise Against Hunger over Memorial Day weekend. We have taken one more step towards accomplishing Rise Against Hunger's vision of a world without hunger.

-Your Missions Team



NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY!

Starting August 16 we will begin a new sermon series and church wide study using Max Lucado's book, "How Happiness Happens." Be on the look out for more information about this opportunity.