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/channel/ UCgzhJJfVFM3OhyujuKkdBhg

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>



Join us this Sunday, September 6 for the last week of our sermon series "How Happiness Happens."

It's not too late to join a fellowship group.

Checkout the complete list of groups on page 4.

FROM THE PASTOR



SENIOR PASTOR REV. RICK IVEY

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good." Titus 2: 11-14

I recently asked a group what they were most looking forward to in the upcoming months. This was before Laura devastated the gulf, so most people were focused on being done with the pandemic so they could be with family, share hugs, and get back to normal. I know the folks in Shreveport, Orange, etc. would all agree that getting back to normal would be a good thing.

In the passage above, Paul teaches the people of the early church to make use of God's grace that is with them right now. They don't have to wait for the promised future in Christ to begin using the incredible power of God's grace. Grace is available now to help us have "upright and Godly" lives. Grace cleanses our hearts so they can be pure and allows us to see the right way to live so that the Kingdom of God can be manifest in the here and now.

I hope that in these difficult and troubling times, you are making use of God's grace through prayer, scripture, worship, fellowship, and service to others so that you can draw closer to God and know God's extraordinary grace.

In Christ,

Rick Ivey Sr Pastor

P.S. Yes, we do have church on labor day weekend.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 6

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

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

Monday, September 7 Office closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8 8:00am Seeds For Needs Garden Workday

Wednesday, September 9 6:00pm-7:00pm Wednesday Night Studies See full list of groups and locations on page 4

Thursday, September 109:00amZoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt

Friday, September 11 Weekly devotional posted online

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 13 Student Takeover Sunday

September 14 Methodist Men's Breakfast (6:30am)

*All future Methodist Men's Breakfasts will be held in the Parlor

**Moved to the 2nd Monday due to Labor Day Holiday

September 15 Wesley Bookworms meet at Chris Broussard's Home (12:00pm)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 6

Mary Bray Avery Powell Lawrence Smith Lily Smithey

September 7

Presley Seaman

September 8

Beth Anderson Virginia Brown Don Trahan Christine Tullos

September 9

Bodo Brauer Bubba Hall Jaxson Haynes Christyan Hellberg Charlotte Huch Rainey Priddy

September 10

Benny Delaney Porter Giacomo Hayden Tucker

September 11

Trey Benoit III Randy Edwards Donna Erickson

September 12

Crissy Bailey Owen Cansler Matthew Minick Mary Jane Sample

SERMON SERIES

Join us for worship on Sundays as we explore "How Happiness Happens," based on Max Lucado's book by the same name.

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HOW appiness Lappens,

Now is the perfect time to know and enjoy the life-altering, heart-stabilizing, peace-producing joy, that Jesus taught and showed others how to have.

Come and discover a way of life that produces happiness that endures through any season.

Contact the church office for more information or to sign up for a group, (409) 892-7733.

WEDNESDAY GROUPS

Wednesdays, 6:00pm-7:00pm

All Wednesday adult groups will be participating in a church-wide study, "How Happiness Happens", by Max Lucado.

Young Adult Group

Leader: Chase Cobb Location: Room 105

Men's Group

Leader: Chris Ayers Location: Room 106

Parent's Group

Leader: Iris Smithey Location: 104 Video-Based Study

Women's Group

Tired Super Girls Leaders: Kellye Badon, Diana Miles, & Destiny Martin Location: Parlor

Zoom Group (Online) Leader: Ellen Wiemers

ONE Student Ministries

6th-12th Grade Leader: Jonathan Martin Location: Youth Building

Wesley Kids

4y-5th Grade Leaders: Christine Hayes & Amanda Rice Location: Children's Church Room Nursery Care is provided in the Sanctuary nursery for children ages birth-3y.

OTHER GROUPS

We have several other groups participating in the church-wide study. If you would like to join a group, please contact the church office, (409) 892-7733).

Daily Walkers Sunday School Class Sundays @ 10:30am Location: Room 106

The Roots Sunday School Class Sundays @ 10:30am Location: Room 101 Discovery Sunday School Class Sundays @ 9:00am Location: Parlor

Zoom Group (Online) Beginning August 20 Thursdays @ 9:00am Leader: Pastor Matt Cecil

Attendance August 30, 2020

9:00am Adults 10:30am Adults	36 21
Sunday Worship 8:00 Worship 9:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	28 47 73
Live Stream 9:00am Worship 10:30am Worship	47 30
Wednesday ONE Students	57



Communion offering this week will go to United Methodist Committee on Relief to help those impacted by Hurricane Laura

Financial News: August 30, 2020

2020 Church Income Budget	\$1,378,000
Needed for One Week	\$26,500
Received thru 08/30/20 for Church Budget	\$10,352
Needed Income YTD for Expense Budget	\$927,500
Received Income YTD	\$991,386
Difference	\$63,886

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Missions	\$30
Soc. Of St. Stephen	\$100
Tshirts/Books	\$50
Community Garden	\$1,000
Hurricane/Tropical Storm Relief	\$200



DID YOU KNOW?

The CARES Act allows a donor to elect to increase his or her deduction limit for certain 2020 charitable contributions. Without the election, the limitation would be 50% or 60% of the donor's adjusted gross income (without regard to net operating loss carrybacks).

Contact Haley Gross in the Finance office if you need more information or help setting this up.

Care,

Wesley BOOKWORMS

Wesley Bookworms need to track down a copy of "Stay" by Catherine Ryan Hyde in the next week or two because that's the September book for the group. We've read -- and liked -- one of her books before, so we have high hopes for this one.

Our next meeting is at noon on September 15, 2020!

Please let us know when you need care. Need a pastor to pray with you before surgery or visit someone? Please let us know by contacting the church office.

Join Us For Food & Fellowship Monday, September 14 6:30AM - Parlor

WESLEY PRAYER CALENDAR

Each day we will have a new prayer posted in our Wesley UMC Members Facebook Group. https://www.facebook.com/groups/911133129363126? should_open_composer=true

Please join us in prayer daily as we pray for our church to draw closer and be guided by God.

Sept 1—John 14:23—Pray that as a church we draw closer to God, remove anything that keeps us from God, and celebrate God's presence in our lives.

Sept 2—Romans 12:12—Trust in God's goodness and power as we pray for our church, community, pastors, families, leaders, children, friends, teachers, country, and all those who do not yet know how much you love them.

Sept 3—Luke 11:1—Prayer is what we do first each day, during the day, and without ceasing.

Sept 4—Ephesians 6:18-20—Pray that our church becomes "fearless" in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Sept 5—Colossians 4:3-4—Pray that our church learns to pray the way Jesus, Paul, and John Wesley did. We frequency, fervor, and strong faith.

Sept 6—Matthew 6:6—Pray that everyone in our church dedicates part of their day to praying and listening to God.

Sept 7—Acts 12:1-5—Pray that we all seek the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness each day.

Sept 8—2 Corinthians 10:4-5—Pray that God removes the strongholds, barriers, deceptions, and lies that keep people from God's truth.

Sept 9—Luke 6:48—Pray that more and more people in our church and community make Jesus the foundation, savior, and guide of their life.

Sept 10—Isaiah 26:3—Pray for the pastors, leaders, group leaders, Sunday school teachers, church staff, student ministry, children's ministry, and church members as we work to share the good news of Jesus.

IT'S OKAY TO NOT BE OKAY

Stephen Ministry is here to help

How has COVID-19 and quarantine affected you? Maybe you or your loved one lost your job. Maybe you haven't been able to hug your grandchildren for months, or you're only able to visit with your parents over the phone. Perhaps you are a stay at home parent trying to help your kids through online school. We know that people are hurting now more than ever.

We have people who can help! Did you know we have a Stephen Ministry at Wesley UMC?

Stephen Ministers provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for around an hour to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support for the person. Caring relationships last for as long as the care receiver's need persists.

Would you like a trained, Christian, caring person to listen?

We are here for you! Just call the church office and say that you would like more information on Stephen Ministry.

I'm sure you have noticed the beautiful roses surrounding Wesley. These rose bushes have been carefully cared for by some of our dear members who are no longer able to keep doing the work. We need some wonderful volunteers to help us tend to our roses to keep them looking great for years to come. NO garden expertise or experience necessary! We will "train" you. The time commitment is minimal. Please consider helping us keep Wesley looking beautiful.

Contact the church office at 409-892-7733 if you can help.

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