

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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November 7, 2019

### THIS WEEK AT | WESLEY

#### Sunday, November 10

- 8:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00am Contemporary Worship (Praise Center)
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 1:00pm Friendly Beasts at Pelican Bay
- 2:00pm Pre-Charge Conference Workshop (Sanctuary)
- 4:00pm District Charge Conference (Sanctuary)
- 4:30pm Kids Worship Arts (Praise Center)
- 5:30pm ONE SM Sunday Night Live (Youth Bldg.)

#### Monday, November 11

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

#### Tuesday, November 12

- 8:00am Seeds for Needs Workday  
Wesley Serves at Some Other Place
- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Day School
- 1:30pm Marion's Bible Study (Bride's Room)

#### Wednesday, November 13

- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Day School
- 11:00am Prayer Card Ministry (Conference Room)
- 12:00pm Communion Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:00pm Wednesday Dinner (Dining Hall)
- 6:00pm-6:30pm Wiggle Worship (Room 115)
- 6:00pm Wesley Kids (Pam's Place)  
Adult Bible Study (See Assigned rooms)  
ONE Students Mid-Week Worship (Youth Bldg.)
- 7:00pm-8:15pm Open Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

#### Thursday, November 14

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

### FROM THE | PASTOR

**“And God chose what the world considers low-class and low-life—what is considered to be nothing—to reduce what is considered to be something to nothing. So no human being can brag in God’s presence. It is because of God that you are in Christ Jesus. He became wisdom from God for us. This means that he made us righteous and holy, and he delivered us”**  
1 Corinthians 1: 28-30

C.S. Lewis once pointed out there is a big difference between saying a rope is strong enough to hold your weight and actually trusting it enough to be lowered down the side of a mountain. One is about thinking the rope is strong enough; the other is about actually putting it to use.

There is an easy trap we often fall into when it comes to our faith. We can find ourselves knowing all the correct ideas or doctrines about Jesus, but never trusting he is enough to break the power of sin and death over our lives. We also can refuse to trust that he can help us find new life after our sins are forgiven.

I pray that each of us trusts that in Christ, God has already done everything we need to gain salvation. That we all have faith that he is enough to deliver us from sin and death and lead us into new life.

In Christ,

*Rick Ivey*

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 November 3-6, 2019

### Sunday School

9:00am Children	32
9:00am Adults	71
10:30am Children	21
10:30am Adults	24

### Sunday Worship

8:00 Worship	56
9:00am Worship	156
10:30am Worship	148

### Live Stream

9:00am Worship	15
10:30am Worship	0

### Wednesday

Communion Service	14
ONE Students	46

## Financial News: November 3, 2019

2019 Church Income Budget	\$1,377,000
Needed for One Week	\$26,481
Received 11/03/19 for Church Budget	\$30,876
Needed Income YTD for Expense Budget	\$1,138,673
Received Income YTD	\$1,099,918
Difference	-\$38,755

## Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Building Fund	\$10
Missions	\$20
Soc. Of St. Stephen	\$678
Youth Ministry/Pumpkin Patch	\$11,853
Life Supper	\$206
Methodist Men- Pecans	\$66

*Liz & Mike Wiggins have the pleasure of announcing the marriage of*

*Sarah Wiggins and Ty Abshire*

*June 29, 2019 in Houston, Tx*

*We would like to invite our church family to join us for a celebration*

**November 17th, 2019 in the parlor**

*at Wesley MC from 2:00 - 4:00pm*

*Call Liz if you have any questions (409)781-4866*





### PRAYER GARDEN FOUNTAIN

The Church fountain outside of the sanctuary has been removed. Due to significant leaks in the fountain maintenance was no longer possible and repair was no longer an option. After discussion about the history and beauty of the fountain, the Trustees decided it would be best to take it down and use the space in a different way. While we are sad to see this part of our church go, we are excited to see what might come in this space in the months ahead. This week we have had hard workers take out our fountain and haul it away. A special thanks to Tony Lucenti, Jeff Franks, Don Wilson, Steve Walters, Dick Morris, Larry Beaulieu, and Mike Mayfield who have helped in a variety of ways with the fountain over the last several months and years, but also helped specifically with its removal.

## Wesley BOOKWORMS

This month's book is "The Engagements" by J. Courtney Sullivan, a tale spanning about 100 years and focusing on four very different marriages. It also is a tale of diamonds and what they mean in connection with love. And here's a bit of trivia for you: The first diamond engagement ring was commissioned in 1477 by the Archduke Maximilian of Austria for Mary of Burgundy. Don't take my word for it; the American Gem Society said so. The meeting is November 19, so start reading soon!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- 10 Friendly Beasts at Pelican Bay (1:00pm)
- 12 Wesley Serves at Some Other Place (8:00am)
- 19 Wesley Bookworms (12:00pm)
- 28 Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 29 Wesley Serves at Some Other Place (8:00am)

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATION LIST



Wesley UMC is collecting food for Some Other Place for this year's Thanksgiving meal and we need your help! Please bring any of the items below to the church so that we can send them on to Some Other Place which helps families in and around Beaumont.

Canned pumpkin

Canned milk  
(evaporated or condensed)

Cranberry Sauce

Yams

Chicken Broth

Stuffing Mix  
(packaged or boxed)

Jello or pudding mix

Canned fruit  
(any type, any size)

Rice  
(1lb bag or box)

Cornbread or other bread mixes

Macaroni & Cheese mix

Pie shell or pie crust mix

Thank you for your help! Over 500 families are depending on all of us for their Thanksgiving meal.

**Please have donations to Wesley UMC by November 20**

## **GARAGE SALE REPORT**

We are entering a season of Thanksgiving and Goodwill, and it's the perfect time to send out this report on the Garage Sale. We had the best Garage Sale ever in 2019. One focus of the GS is for our congregation to spend time working together and growing closer while practicing their faith with action. The second focus is to use the proceeds to make a difference in our community. Historically, the Garage Sale proceeds have helped our Society of St. Stephens fund, Girls Have, Boys Haven, and the Shorkey Center. These ministries have all grown from the support of the Garage Sale over the last several years.

In distributing funds in 2019, we partnered closely with Clay Thomas, the new director of Girls Haven, and George Hartsfield, the director of Boys Haven. We desired to fund exceptional programs for the kids that could be life-changing events for them, programs they would not otherwise have in their regular budget. And that is our model for the future. These kids have been through tragic and heart-rendering situations that put a black cloud on their early life. The issue is – how do you scrub away that cloud, so they become a reasonably well-adjusted young person when they are 18 and leaving Girls or Boys Haven. These places provide positive guidance and a loving home to these kids. Our mission is to enhance the experience by providing events and trips that show the kids it's a big world out there, and there are a lot of things they can do and become part of that are a world away from what they had to live through in their early life. We are focused on providing what we term "life enhancement" experiences that have a good chance of making a difference in a kid's life. This year we distributed \$4,700 to Girls Haven to enable the 22 girls there to go to the Cirque Du Soleil performance in San Antonio and to go to Camp Butner in early 2020. In the history of Girls Haven, the trip to San Antonio was the first overnight trip they have ever done, and it was a great trip for the girls. Camp Butner is run by the Butner non-profit group north of Austin that has events to build self-confidence, teamwork, etc. We distributed \$7,500 to Boys Haven to enable the nine boys there (and a few more expected to be there) to go to Camp Butner, and to participate in the Stable Spirit program in the summer, fall, and spring. The Stable Spirit program is in Rose City and is an equine program that has proven very effective in helping people that have been through traumatic situations. Girls Haven received a grant to send the girls to Stable Spirit, so they are to participate as well.

This year we have also distributed \$10,000 to the Society of St. Stephens Fund, \$5,000 to the Habitat for Humanity Apostle's Build which we will help build on December 7th, \$1,000 to our Seeds for Needs garden for a new roof on their building, and \$4,800 to Some Other Place. Additionally, we provided a bit over \$3,000 of help for our youth to go to church camp in return for them working in the Garage Sale – a true win-win. All remaining funds will be distributed later this year.

We are able to impact our community because Wesley makes its staff and facilities available for about a month and a half, and over 100 of you come together during the year to work on this. Our Garage Sale has become a big deal in Beaumont that a lot of people look forward to, and we look forward to this continuing so we can continue to help our community and the kids within it. I feel very blessed and proud to be part of this and I am proud of our Church for providing so much support and of each of you for all you do to make this possible. If you are reading this and have not been part of the Garage Sale, I urge you to become a part of it. You can call the Church office, and they will get you linked up with a person to talk within an area of interest to you.

***Charlie Shelton, Garage Sale Team Leader***

# **HAPPY | BIRTHDAY**

## **November 10**

Kyle Baker  
Alison Cowart  
Heather Ryan  
Suzanne Ryan  
Dietrich Schilberg  
Brent Simmons  
Steve Walters  
Tommy Williamson

## **November 11**

Dale Caywood  
Miranda Priddy

## **November 12**

Jeff Bell  
Frieda Sacker  
Catherine Shandle  
Patrick Strahan  
Anna Tullier  
Donnie Warner  
Mirabelle Wiemers

## **November 13**

Daryl Ann Borel  
Leslie Bruce  
Laura Holmes  
Linda Kornis  
Kathy Renick-Bell  
Sarah Wilson

## **November 14**

A. K. Brown  
Kaye Bryant  
Patty Burmeister

## **November 15**

Ridleigh White

## **November 16**

Jack George  
Scotty Gregorcyk  
Debbie Mobley  
Maureen Tucker