

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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November 21, 2019

THIS WEEK AT | WESLEY

Sunday, December 1

- 8:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00am Contemporary Worship (Praise Center)
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00pm Nativity Set-up
- 4:30pm Kids Worship Arts (Praise Center)
- 5:30pm ONE SM Sunday Night Live (Youth Bldg.)

Monday, December 2

- 6:30am Methodist Men's Breakfast (Dining Hall)
- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Day School

Tuesday, December 3

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

Wednesday, December 4

- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Day School
- 11:00am Prayer Card Ministry (Conference Room)
- 12:00pm Communion Service (Sanctuary)
- 6:00pm ONE Students Mid-Week Worship (Youth Bldg.)
- 7:00pm-8:15pm Open Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 5

- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Day School
- 12:00pm Senior Games Day (Parlor)
- Hearts to Hands Knitting Group (Parlor)
- Heart Sisters Bible Study (Bride's Room)
- 6:30pm Ladies Bunco (Parlor)

Saturday, December 7

- 7:00am-3:00pm Habitat Workday

FROM THE | PASTOR

**"Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is
God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5**

I am so thankful. It has been a great year at Wesley UMC and I am looking forward to what God will be doing in the upcoming months through our church.

It is also great to be a Christian who is part of a church family that is also grateful the important gifts of family, friends, and a savior who loves us.

I hope you all have a wonderful thanksgiving. Giving thanks and being grateful for what God has given us is not only part of being a Christian, it is also good for us! Research has shown how people who practice gratitude and giving thanks have less stress, sleep better, and are more resilient.

Gratitude grows within us as we practice thanking God for what we have been given and what God has done for us. Instead of being disappointed and fearful, we are a people who pray, rejoice, and give thanks because we have a Lord and Savior who has given us all we need. Rejoicing in our salvation, our hope of Christ return, and trusting that no matter what our circumstances are, God is with us!

Rejoice in the hope of Jesus return.

Prayerfully give thanks to God for all you have been given.

Give thanks for the salvation you have found in Christ.

Be happy to know it is God's pleasure to give us our portion and daily bread.

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 24-26, 2019

Sunday School

9:00am Children	9
9:00am Adults	80
10:30am Children	17
10:30am Adults	22

Sunday Worship

8:00 Worship	45
9:00am Worship	116
10:30am Worship	145

Live Stream

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

Wednesday

Communion Service	NA
ONE Students	NA

Financial News: November 24, 2019

2019 Church Income Budget	\$1,377,000
Needed for One Week	\$26,481
Received 11/24/19 for Church Budget	\$13,083
Needed Income YTD for Expense Budget	\$1,218,115
Received Income YTD	\$1,126,621
Difference	-\$91,494

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Capital Campaign- A/C & Sound	\$180
Memorials - All Funds	\$25
Missions	\$100
Soc. Of St. Stephen	\$50
Building Use	\$100
Children's Ministry- Photo's	\$30



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

Christmas poinsettias are a great way to honor or remember a loved one in your life. The cost for each Wesley poinsettia is \$15. Make checks payable to "Wesley UMC" and note "Poinsettia" on the memo line. Please include payment with order. The deadline to order poinsettias is December 15. The poinsettias will be placed in both worship areas on December 1, and you may pick yours up after the Christmas Eve service you attend.



ANGEL TREE

In Matthew 25, Jesus didn't SPECIFICALLY mention "a child whose family can not provide for them" but I'd BET they are included in "the least of these." Please choose an "angel" tag from one of our trees and fill out the card with YOUR information and place it in the basket. Know that you are providing for HIM by providing for THEM. Please wrap your gift and attach the tag and return it to the church by December 15.

METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Monday, December 2 - 6:30am - DINING HALL

When you were 10 to 14 years old did you like science or were you bored? You need to plan to attend the Methodist Men's breakfast meeting Monday, Dec 2nd at 6:30 in the dining hall to see a video and learn about an exciting project which excites today's younger students about science. The project is called the "Jason Project".

JASON was started by the discoverer of the Titanic, Dr. Bob Ballard.

Southeast Texas students in 4th through 8th grade have engaged in entertaining and educational activities to further expand their interest in mathematics, technology, science, and engineering thanks to the JASON Project.

More than 7,400 area students joined in workshops taking place at Lamar University's John Gray Center and in the new Center for Innovation, Commercialization and Entrepreneurship.

Everyone is invited to share a wonderful breakfast then hear from the President of the board of directors for Jason here in Southeast Texas, Ted Moor. Ted will share the video about "Jason" and tell us much about how it got started in SE Texas.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 1

Jennifer Joosten
Jason Vaughn

December 2

Lisa Callas
Patricia Jannise
Brian Rushing
Eileen Slater

December 3

Donna Henry

December 4

J. P. Adams
Shirley Falk
Carlos Garcia
Brooklyn George
Eileen Smallwood
Stephanye Stewart

December 5

Gary Carlisle
Dwight Courts

December 6

Gary Meyers
Dustin Toups

December 7

Justin Aziz
Sherry Hulon
Don Lanham
Staci Marsh
John Robinson
Lauren Scarborough

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 2 Methodist Men's Breakfast (6:30am)
- 5 Ladies Bunco (6:30pm)
- 6-8 ONE Student Ministry Fall Retreat
- 7 Habitat for Humanity Workday (7:00am-3:00pm)
- 10 Wesley Serving at Some Other Place (8:00am)
- 17 Wesley Book Worms (12:00pm)
- 19 Wesley Day School Christmas Program
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
4:00pm, 6:00pm, 11:00pm