

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 5, 2019

THIS WEEK AT | WESLEY

Sunday, December 8

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

Monday, December 9

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

Tuesday, December 10

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

Wednesday, December 11

- 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 12

- 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)

FROM THE | PASTOR

"Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"
Mark 2:9-12

"We have never seen anything like this!" It is fun to think about how amazed the people who witnessed Jesus heal a paralyzed man must have been. However, what was the most important part of the miracle? Was Jesus restoring the man's body or Jesus forgiving the man's sins most important? I think we would probably agree both were very important.

Christmas is the same.

Remember what we are celebrating! We are celebrating that Jesus was both God and human. Jesus was fully God and fully human. No one else can make that claim. Jesus is truly unique. More than a teacher, shepherd, or a kind person—he is the savior of the world! He not only came into our world to teach people how to love their neighbor he also performed miracles, healed the sick, and proclaimed the coming Kingdom.

His birth in Bethlehem was the beginning of a unique event in which God had begun to act decisively for the salvation of the world.

We celebrate the mystery of how God has given us a savior who knows what it is to be human. Born of a virgin in Bethlehem, fully God, fully human, and he shall reign forever and ever.

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 December 1-4, 2019

Sunday School

9:00am Children	30
9:00am Adults	79
10:30am Children	20
10:30am Adults	23

Sunday Worship

8:00 Worship	57
9:00am Worship	130
10:30am Worship	145

Live Stream

9:00am Worship	8
10:30am Worship	0

Wednesday

Communion Service	16
ONE Students	67

Financial News: December 1, 2019

2019 Church Income Budget	\$1,377,000
Needed for One Week	\$26,481
Received 12/01/19 for Church Budget	\$27,194
Needed Income YTD for Expense Budget	\$1,218,115
Received Income YTD	\$1,153,815
Difference	-\$64,300

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Capital Campaign- A/C & Sound	\$160
Memorials - All Funds	\$115
Missions	\$160
Soc. Of St. Stephen	\$1,224
Garage Sale	\$200
Poinsettia's	\$225
Helping Hands	\$30
Methodist Men- Pecans	\$4,639
Fall Retreat	\$845
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.

Christmas Eve at WESLEY

Tuesday, December 24

Family Friendly Service

4:00pm (Sanctuary)

Traditional Service of Lessons & Carols

6:00pm (Sanctuary)

Contemporary Service

11:00pm (Sanctuary)

All services include Holy Communion
and the lighting of candles during the
singing of "Silent Night".



Unto us a
CHILD
is born

ISAIAH 9:6



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

Wesley Kids, wear your Christmas P.J.'s and join us for a birthday celebration

Wesley UMC
Sunday, December 22
9:00am & 10:30am
Pam's Place
(Room 112/114)

Hot Chocolate
Cupcakes
the Christmas Story

BLESSING BAGS

Wesley Kids are collecting items for "Blessing Bags", to take to the Salvation Army on December 23. If you would like to donate, please send items with your child or drop them off in the church office for Christine or me. We need enough items for 24 bags.

Blessing Bag Donation List

Any individually wrapped snack or drink:

- Breakfast bars, cereal bars, granola bars, protein bars
- Applesauce
- Peanut butter and cheese crackers
- Single-packaged nuts and trail mix
- Vienna sausage in pop-top can
- Foil tuna packs (not requiring a can opener)
- Coffee
- Bottled water

Grooming and hygiene products:

- Combs
- Hand lotion, Lip balm
- Face towels
- Soap, Hand sanitizer
- Toothbrush and toothpaste

Other useful items:

- Plastic utensils
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Gallon-size Ziploc® bags
- Mints

Wesley BOOKWORMS

The holidays call for an easy read, and that's what Elin Hilderbrand's "Winter Street" is. If you think your family is crazy, this will make you feel better. We're meeting at noon December 17, at Chris Broussard's house, but we're all bringing something to munch on. Not a potluck, exactly, but more of a holiday tasting! We'll see you then!

Questions?
Call Elaine, 454-6460, or
e-mail kaupwik88@gmail.com

SPRING Bible Studies

Wednesday night studies will begin again on January 15.

Dinner will be at 5:30pm.
Studies will begin at 6pm.

Pumpkin Bread



Look no further for that perfect holiday gift. Nothing is tastier than the now famous, Wesley Methodist Men's "Pumpkin Bread!" It's a great gift for family, neighbors, and those folks you just want to tell, "thanks." This homemade delicacy was first introduced during the Wesley Pumpkin Patch and sold out almost as quickly as it could be made.

As a 1-time special to Wesley members, the Methodist Men will be selling a limited supply for Christmas at a special holiday price of \$3.00/loaf ... that's a 40% savings. The proceeds from the sale will be used by the Methodist Men's mission projects.

The sale will be pre-order ONLY and you will pay at pick-up. **Please fill out the form and return to the church office by Tuesday, December 17.**

The orders will be available for pick-up at Wesley on Sunday, December 22 between 8am-12pm.

**Pre-Payment not available.
Please pay with cash or check at pick-up.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 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

HAPPY | BIRTHDAY

December 8

Chris Ayers
Jackie Chumley
Bettry Cobb
Shannon Holmes
Ruth Sloan
Phyllis Venable

December 9

Jada Branum
Bruce Brashear
Claudia Hall
Eileen Lewis
Sullivan Wiemers

December 10

Carries Box
Cindie Ford
Juanita Gonzalea

December 11

Jackie Aiena
Abigale Bertrand
Becky Broussard
Rose Conners
Pam Hargrove

December 12

Linda Harris
Andrew Jones
Margaret Keith
Betty Kovar
Mary Kovar
Hank Wells
Ellen Wiemers

December 13

Amanda Ayers
Trevor Guidry
Darrin Landry

December 14

Jayna Breaux
Shawn Dunnigan
Joe Reyes
Sheri White