

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3810 N MAJOR DRIVE • BEAUMONT, TX 77713 | (409)892-7733 | WWW.WESLEYUMC.COM

December 12, 2019

THIS WEEK AT | WESLEY

Sunday, December 15

Angel Tree Presents Due

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

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

- 8:00am Wesley Serves at Some Other Place
- 8:00am Seeds for Needs Workday
- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Day School
- 12:00pm Wesley Bookworms at Chris Broussard's home

Wednesday, December 18

- 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 19

- 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

"When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, 27 to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 When the angel came to her, he said, 'Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!' 29 She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said, 'Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. 31 Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. 33 He will rule over Jacob's house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom.'" Luke 1

Would you say you have faith?

People today often confuse faith as a matter of belief or understanding. We may hear people talk about having faith the sun will rise tomorrow morning or the Cowboys will find a new head coach.

But notice Mary's words in verse 29. She was confused by the words she was hearing. Part of Christian faith is trusting God even when we don't fully understand or know how God is going to keep his promise. Abraham, Moses, and many others in the scriptures are credited as being people of faith not because they completely believed or understood what God was going to do but because they trusted God would keep whatever promise was made. We become faithful as we keep our promises and trust God to do the same.

I hope you find yourself faithful in this time of year. Trusting in a God who came in the flesh, incarnate, Emmanuel with us. Who gave us a savior and promised us he would one day return to set the world right and make all things new.

Thank you for being a church who has faithfully journeyed together through 2019 and I look forward to seeing what promises God fulfills in 2020.

In Christ,

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/>

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

OUR | FAITHFULNESS

Attendance December 8-11, 2019

Sunday School

9:00am Children	31
9:00am Adults	76
10:30am Children	22
10:30am Adults	25

Sunday Worship

8:00 Worship	58
9:00am Worship	110
10:30am Worship	152

Live Stream

9:00am Worship	13
10:30am Worship	0

Wednesday

Communion Service	12
ONE Students	63

Financial News: December 8, 2019

2019 Church Income Budget	\$1,377,000
Needed for One Week	\$26,481
Received 12/08/19 for Church Budget	\$20,214
Needed Income YTD for Expense Budget	\$1,271,077
Received Income YTD	\$1,174,029
Difference	-\$97,048

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Capital Campaign- A/C & Sound	\$345
Missions	\$125
Soc. Of St. Stephen	\$80
Some Other Place	\$200
Poinsettia's	\$285
One Student Ministry	\$140
Fall Retreat	\$1,046



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.



**Please return your wrapped
Angel Tree gift with the tag
attached, this Sunday,
December 15.**

An Advent Afternoon Recital



Saturday, December 14 , 3 pm

Wesley United Methodist Church

3810 North Major Drive, Beaumont

Beaumont Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
Presents

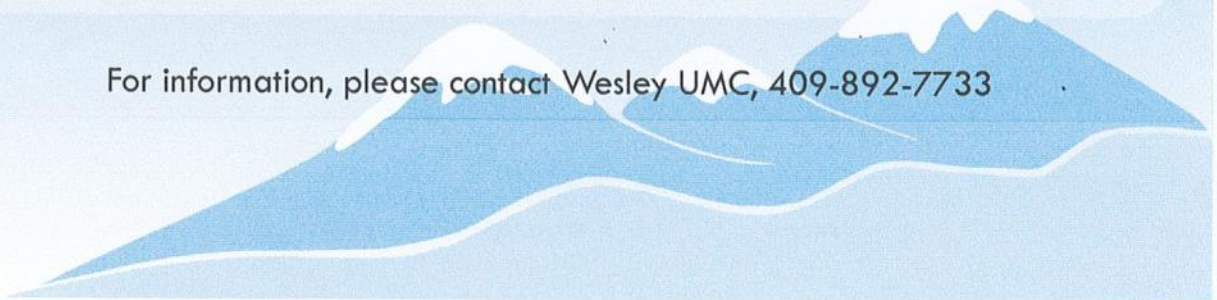
Dr. Katya Gotsdiner-McMahan

Organist, Trinity United Methodist Church, Beaumont

A Program of Advent and Christmas music, including a carol
sing-along.

Reception following the recital in the Church Parlor All are welcome to attend;
the recital is free of charge; donations support the chapter's projects.

For information, please contact Wesley UMC, 409-892-7733





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

Pull out a favorite recipe (or pick up a prepared treat) and bring the dish to share with the other Wesley Bookworms at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at Chris Broussard's house. We'll be talking about the crazy cast of characters in Elin Hilderbrand's "Winter Street" in between bites

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

- 19 Wesley Day School Christmas Program
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
4:00pm, 6:00pm, 11:00pm

HAPPY | BIRTHDAY

December 15

David Floyd
Robert Ramer

December 16

Lanie Banner
Marc Blieden
A.J. Brian
Louis Colon
Janet Hill

December 17

Lisa Kethley
Dustin Love
Bob Streeper

December 18

John Brian
Gene Broussard
Matt Cecil
Juli Connolly
Lyn Kennett
Andre McClary
Ethan Meaux
Doris Melancon

December 19

Blake Beals
Ty Landry
Riley Priddy
Ian Quinn

December 20

Ty Badon
Jerit Kethley
William Lucas
Sharon Lytle
Whit Outlaw

December 21

Cooper Floyd