

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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November 29, 2018

THIS WEEK AT **WESLEY**

Sunday, December 2

- 8:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00am Contemporary Worship (Praise Center)
Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
Sunday School
2:00pm Hearts to Hands Gathering (Room 105)
6:00pm ONE SM Sunday Night Live (Youth Bldg.)

Monday, December 3

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

Tuesday, December 4

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

Wednesday, December 5

- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Methodist Day School
11:00am Prayer Card Ministry (Conference Room)
12:00pm Communion Service (Sanctuary)
5:30pm Dinner (Dining Hall)
6:00pm ONE Students Mid-Week Worship (Youth Bldg.)
6:30pm The Journey Bible Study
Open Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 6

- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Methodist Day School
12:00pm Heart Sisters Bible Study (Bride's Room)
Senior Games Day (Parlor)
6:00pm Bunco (Parlor)

Friday, December 7

- 9:00am PieceMakers quilting Group (Room 106)

Saturday, December 8

- 9:00am-10:00am Breakfast with Santa (Dining Hall)
10:00am-4:00pm Christmas Craft Day (Praise Center)

For a complete listing of times, locations and additional events such as recovery meetings and scouts, visit <http://www.wesleyumc.com/calendar/>

FROM THE PASTOR

“Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation”

2 Peter 3:14-15

The letters of 1 and 2 speak with certainty about how the world will end and of final judgement. These two realities are usually dismissed and ignored in our world. We don't like to be reminded that our time in this world is finite. We would rather imagine that we are infinite or think there will be a new scientific discovery that will prolong our existence in this world forever. We definitely don't like the idea that our lives will be judged by anyone other than ourselves. We would rather have the assurance that we earned as much, achieved as much, or did as much as others so no one can judge us.

Yet, the two most important elements of the season of Advent are in fact the hopeful expectation of this world will come to an end at the return of Christ and that judgement by him will occur. The end of this world will mark the beginning of the next and a time of judgement means that he will be set right all that is wrong including war, poverty, hatred, indifference, and so much more. Knowing how things will end, or trusting in what Jesus has told us about how the future will be, makes our current time more meaningful. Even times of waiting become filled with purpose and meaning when we know that the future is filled with the hope that Jesus alone can offer.

Use this time of Advent to understand and practice Peter's hopeful words found above. Take to heart the peace that comes from knowing the future is in God's hands and that it will be wonderful. Let Christ free you from the sins that rise out of a fear that on the day of judgement your life will be found lacking or less than what Christ has won for you. And rejoice that the time we have now is a gift of God's patience with us and others.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Rick Ivey

OUR | FAITHFULNESS

Attendance

November 25-28, 2018

Sunday Morning Groups

9:00am Children	12
9:00am Adults	74
10:30am Children	7
10:30am Adults	19

Sunday Worship

8:00 Worship	70
9:00 Worship	126
10:30 Worship	148

Live Stream

9:00am Worship	12
10:30am Worship	8

Wednesday

Communion	16
ONE Students	56

Financial News: November 25, 2018

2018 Church Expense Budget	\$1,469,208
Needed for One Week	\$28,254
Received 11/25/18 for Church Budget	\$16,946
Needed Income YTD for Expense Budget	\$1,327,938
Received Income YTD	\$1,159,105
Difference	-\$168,833

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Capital Campaign- A/C & Sound	\$1,000
Missions	\$110
Building Use	\$130
Pecans	\$582

Presented by the Chancel Choir of
Wesley United Methodist Church Beaumont

Joy! Unspeakable Joy!

Sunday, December 16
10:30am & 6:30pm

Powerful songs shaped within an
appealing framework of well-known
Christmas Carols and popular
songs of the season.



**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
December 24**

**4:00pm
Family Service**

**7:00pm
Traditional Christmas Service**

**11:00pm
Casual Christmas Service**

OPPORTUNITY

Do you have a **single 10am-2pm time slot** before Christmas when you could volunteer?

Since 1914, the Beaumont Enterprise has collected for their "EJ Stocking Fund." This fund has been helping area needy since 1914. Their bylaws prohibit any Enterprise employee from collecting money, so **they depend on volunteers** to man the table at the Enterprise office. That's where Wesley comes in. We have been asked to have someone at that table from 10am-2pm each week day from now until Christmas.

Here are the duties:

Need one volunteer per day for 4 hours Monday through Friday (10a until 2p)

Start date 11/26/2018 until 12/24/2018 (total of 21 days)
Volunteer will take walk in donation and put in bank bag
Volunteer will write receipts out when needed
Volunteer will log the amount, the donor and who they want to honor or memorialize.

Simple, huh? **This is a VERY easy way for WesleyUMC to be a GREAT help to our community.** SURELY there are **19 people** who can give a part of **ONE** day. (Monday was covered, and they'll cover the 24th if no one wants it.) You won't even have to get up early! For more information or to choose your day, please contact Sheree Pierce. spierce@wesleyumc.com or 409-673-0884 (Call or text ANY time.)

METHODIST MEN

Monday, December 3 - 6:30am - Dining Hall

We will meet at 6:30 AM in the dining hall and we invite all the men in Wesley, and all others who are interested, to join us for what will be a very good breakfast and an interesting presentation.

We wanted to do a program for December 3 that would tie in with the holidays. Mission Accomplished! Our speaker will be John Manfredi, the Executive Director of Beaumont Community Players (BCP). John will talk about the history of BCP and upcoming shows, and answer questions.

We feel it will be a good time and very interesting, and we hope to see you there.

A festive poster for "Christmas Craft Day & Breakfast with Santa". The background features a wooden surface with various Christmas-themed items: a red and white checkered cloth, a white ceramic bowl, a slice of orange, and several red fabric snowflakes and stars. The text is written in a mix of red and green fonts. At the top, "Christmas Craft Day" is in a large, red, cursive font, with "& BREAKFAST WITH SANTA" in a smaller, green, sans-serif font below it. The date and time, "DECEMBER 8 9AM-4PM", are in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Below that, a paragraph in black text describes the event for kids. The "Breakfast" section is in red text, followed by "9AM-10M" and "\$5 per person". The "Craft Day" section is also in red text, followed by "10AM-4PM" and "\$30 per child". At the bottom, it says "Register at wesleyumc.com" in black text.

Christmas Craft Day
& BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

DECEMBER 8
9AM-4PM

Kids birth -5th Grade are invited to join us for a day of Christmas crafts and fun on Saturday, December 8. Santa will help us start the fun with a special breakfast and pictures in the dining hall followed by a whole day for crafting fun. Parents are encouraged to join us for breakfast before they enjoy some kid-free time.

Breakfast
9AM-10M
\$5 per person

Craft Day
10AM-4PM
\$30 per child

Register at wesleyumc.com

WESLEY BOOKWORMS

How could we not party a little while we discuss "Season of Wonder" by Rae Anne Thayne at noon on Dec. 18? We're headed for Kim Dolan's home and those attending should bring a snack/appetizer/finger food-type nosh. Also be ready to suggest a book or two for 2019, maybe even one you've already read. It doesn't have to be a recent bestseller but should appeal to a variety of readers. Questions? E-mail kaupwik88@gmail.com

HAPPY | BIRTHDAY

December 2

Lisa Callas
Mark Garcia
Patricia Jannise
Brian Rushing
Eileen Slater

December 3

Danna Henry
Dan Roberts
Laikyn Wright

December 4

J. P. Adams
Victoria Essaka
Shirley Falk
Carlos Garcia
Brooklyn George
Pete Martinez
David Samaha, Jr.
Christopher Sias
Eileen Smallwood
Stephanye Stewart

December 5

Gary Carlisle
Dwight Courts
Matthew Crutchfield

December 6

Christine Hill
Gary Meyers
Dustin Toups

Decmebr 7

Andrew Aziz
Sherry Hulon
Don Lanham
Staci Marsh
John Robinson
Jeri Samaha
Lauren Scarborough
Scott Shelander

December 8

Chris Ayers
Jackie Chumley
Betty Cobb
Eva Highsmith
Carter Holmes
Shannon Holmes
Michael Self
Ruth Sloan
Phyllis Venable

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 3 Methodist Men's Breakfast (6:30am)
- 6 Bunco (6:30pm)
- 7 PieceMakers Quilting Group (9:00am)
- 8 Christmas Craft Day (8:00am)
- 9 Friendly Beasts at Pelican Bay (1:00pm)
- 11 Wesley Serves at Some Other Place (8:00am)
Marion's Bible Study (1:30pm)
- 16 Choir Christmas Cantata (10:30am & 6:30pm)
- 18 Wesley Bookworms (12:30pm)
- 21 PieceMakers Quilting Group (9:00am)
- 24 Christmas Eve Worship (4:00pm, 7:00pm, & 11:00pm)

Church office will be closed December 24-January 1 for the Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

- 1 Office Closed for New Year
- 3 Bunco (6:30pm)
- 4 PieceMakers Quilting Group (9:00am)
- 6 Organ Concert (6:30pm)
- 8 Marion's Bible Study (1:30pm)
- 13 Friendly Beasts at Pelican Bay (1:00pm)
- 15 Wesley Bookworms (12:30pm)
- 22 Marion's Bible Study (1:30pm)



**2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN PLEDGES
RECEIVED TO DATE**

125 Budget Pledges for a total of
\$482,110.00

75 Capital Campaign Pledges for a total of
\$29,285.00

Pledge cards can be returned to the church office or fill one out on-line at wesleyumc.com