

WESLEY WINDOW

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Traditional
8:30AM

Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

11AM

Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

Modern
9:30AM

Celebration Space
Scott Harris

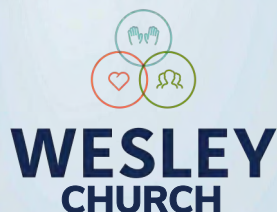
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Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



Something Different

In these fractured times where we are identified by our age, our station and everything else but what is in our heart, it was a moment that stood out. I had been invited to attend the Congregation of the Children of Israel's (aka Helen Bissell's place) 175th anniversary. Ann joined me for the evening, and it was a special time. There were the accustomed political dignitaries as well as representatives of different faiths. It was made all the more wonderful by something that occurred at the very end. Rabbi Shai came forward and after thanking everyone for their presence, turned to the panels that held their scrolls. Made of leather, almost 500 years old, he held these sacred texts high. And then to my surprise he invited clergy forward and said to all assembled, "This is not our Scripture, this is God's," and proceeded to pass it to each of us standing on the podium. It was a moment not soon to forget. I had no right to hold this text of ultimate value to this congregation, and yet there it was in my arms. There is no other word for it other than grace, God's grace.

I was remembering that moment as I invite you to a similar experience a week from Friday. The Congregation of the Children of Israel is hosting an interfaith worship service at 7pm on February 17 (children are welcome and will find it an educational time). The congregation is located at 3005 Walton Way, and I encourage your presence for that evening. Rabbi Shai is anticipating transitioning to New York and as a demonstration of his ministry wanted to create such an experience before he leaves. It is a good thing to do. And he asked that I might share the message for that evening. I look forward to it. Not because I am so sure of what to say; frankly, I am humbled simply to be asked. Of what I am certain is that whatever is said, it is that I am there that means much more. I hope on that evening that my presence, your presence speaks volumes all by itself. Though fractured in this world, we are galvanized in God's presence. That standing together, we of different faiths are the best evidence here on earth of what Heaven will be. This is what we are here for, and a week from Friday at the Temple just might be one of those moments that everyone needs to see and therefore what we should do. When we gather, our presence will speak volumes to this splintered time and will be witness to what we really believe - that we belong to God and God is not the property of us.

I look forward to seeing you there.

FOOD
DRIVE

2,530 lbs.
Collected though 2/9



OUR PRAYERS

Alcohol/Drug Addiction	Donald Grant	Jamie Reynierson
Kim Aiken	Jeff Hawn	Rickerson Family
Phil Aldridge	Emily Henderson	David Rivers & Family
Armed Forces	Norm & Chris Hess	Margaret Rutledge
Baker Family	Dave Hinner	Debbie Saxon
Danny Barton	Eleanor Hinson	Dennis & Bea Scheyer
Beery Family	Stephanie Huggins	Deborah Scott
Bible Family	Carol Hutchins	John Sears Family
Marlin Bowman	Sharon James	Lonnie Servais
John & Darlynn Bradley	Patricia Jameson	Ed Sheats Family
Ruby Brown	Sharon Jenkins	Stephen & Debra Shockley
Courtney Calvert	Jimmy & Patsy Johnson	Simpson Family
Gilbert Caride	Roger Johnson	Gary Sonnedecker
Ella Cassidy	Paul Lauer	Skyler Starkey
Francis Chandler	Leazura Farmily	Grant Steerman
Dennis Christy	Linda Linder	Tom Stembridge
Jim Courson	Amy Litka	Bobby Strozier
Jada Daves	Linda Mancini	Eddie Tanner Family
Ken & Cindy Dick	Pete Miller	Melissa Tobakos
Phoebe Dinkins	Jeffrey Mims	Tucker Family
Ann Dockal	Miller & Margaret Mims	Carolyn Tyner
Natalie Dray	Glynn Moore	Dea Tyner
Eppenbrock Family	Daryl & Sharon Morse	Lance Tyner
Amy Eubanks	Jamie Moxley	Jane Verran
Irene Faucher	Randall Newton	Kaylee West
Holly Faux	Scott Noss	Jessica Wilson
Malik Frails	Norris O'Dell	Ralph & Jeannie Zeringue
Franklin Family	Geraldine Owens	
Jeff Freehof	Dana Pinkerton	
Jerry French	Sidney Putnam	
Justin Gilstrap	Louise Reeves	

OUR WEEKLY BREAD

Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. - Colossians 3:13-14

We all want others to be patient and kind with us when we make mistakes or break something. If we manage to treat those who do us wrong or offend us as we would love to be treated, life will be more beautiful for us and those around us.

The Bible urge us to forgive. Jesus has forgiven us of all our sins and iniquities. He suffered extreme torment in death by crucifixion, paying for each of our sins. No one can have ever caused another more suffering than we have caused the Lord Jesus. Sometimes the consequences of an other's actions are very serious, but with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can overcome them, and in the end, the Lord will bring something good from all the evil.

Love helps us to forgive, to be more tolerant and patient with those around us. When we behave in this manner, we become more like Jesus. It is God's love that unites us and harmoniously binds us in the "body of Christ," His church.

Father God, please help me spend more time in Your presence and to receive Your love so that I can love those who hurt me and to become more and more of whom You created me to be. Amen.

Carmen Puscas, The Truth Stands Forever

Wesley Extends Christian Sympathy to...

Mac and Beth Copeland and family in the loss of their daughter, Marie Stanfill.

Darren Green and family in the loss of his mother, Rosie Lee Green.

Michelle Lyons and family in the loss of her father, David Meade.

For these families, Lord, hear our prayers.



FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION

FEBRUARY: CRACKERS, TOOTHBRUSHES & TOOTHPASTE

If you can donate any non-perishable foods and household staples, please place them in the Mission Cart in the Biscuit Area.

OUR GIFTS 2/5/2023

• Operating	\$	57,102
• Received Through This Week:	\$	240,529
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	300,873



SCOUT SUNDAY

February 12 is Scout Sunday, when we honor a scout's "duty to God" and celebrate the 113th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and 103 years of the Methodist Church's ministry through Scouting in America. Scouting is a ministry of the United Methodist Church and has been a key part of Wesley's ministry to area youth since Wesley's inception. We have a total of 114 scouts and adults in our co-ed Pack 615, female Troop 1615 and male Troop 615. I am so proud of our three Scout Units and their leaders who have worked tirelessly and creatively to keep our scouts involved, advancing and growing toward the future leaders that we need.

This year, I have been thinking that the BSA needs to add a 13th point to the Scout Law - "vigilant." With all that our youth are faced with today, our scouts remain vigilant in their scouting commitment. They continue to participate and experience the opportunities that Scouting has to offer them with eight scouts reaching the rank of Eagle. As one of our Scout leaders ends each meeting: "Have Fun. Be Safe. Stay Prepared. Stay Scouting." They have successfully followed this advice. Thank you Wesley Church for supporting this important ministry to our youth.

Bob Lowrie
Wesley Charter Organization Representative
United Methodist Church Religious Commissioner &
Scouting Ministry Specialist

FOUNDATIONS *for High Schoolers*

Four-week experience that teaches students about the next steps in their faith, what it means to be Christian and United Methodist, and what it looks like to be connected in the church.

Sundays, 9:30-11:00AM, beginning February 26.
Ends with Confirmation/joining the church on March 26.

COMPANION CLASS **Foundations** for adults

Sundays, February 26-March 26 at 6PM
with Pastor Lindsey

SCAN TO REGISTER



WESLEY
Preschool ♥ Play Care ♥ Kindergarten

The Preschool still has openings in Toddler through Kindergarten classes. Registration is ongoing. Contact 706-869-9807 or wppk@wesleyumc.net.



Senior Adult
LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 16, 12PM
Sol Himalayan Salt Cave

Wife Saver Chicken
Bring a side dish \$7.50

helen@wesleyumc.net to register.

Dry salt therapy, or halotherapy, is a relatively new concept in the US. Salt therapy evolved from salt mines and underground health resorts throughout Europe and Russia where it was used as a respiratory therapy which involves the breathing of salt infused air. Attendees will be entered in a drawing to win a FREE SESSION!



BE STILL. BE YOU. BE LOVED.

Join us for a women's weekend where you can be still, be you and be loved. We will worship together, learn how to exchange exhaustion for rest and participate in hands-on activities to help connect with God in prayer.

MARCH 3, 6-8PM MARCH 4, 10AM-5PM
Wesley UMC

For info & to register, scan code or visit wesleyumc.net/resources by FEBRUARY 15!



Donations Needed

Pens Paint brushes Fish line Glue sticks Acrylic paints
Stringable beads (assorted colors)

White small art canvases (approximately 12x12)
Felt-tip & Crayola fine tip markers (assorted colors)

Please bring donations to the church office.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 7 PM

Interfaith Sabbath Service

HOST: CONGREGATION CHILDREN OF ISRAEL
SPEAKER: PASTOR GREG PORTERFIELD

3005 WALTON WAY EXT. DESSERT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

Sunday - 12th

8:30a Traditional Worship
 9:30a Modern Worship
 11:00a Modern Worship
 11:00a Traditional Worship
 6:00p Student Ministry

Monday - 13th

7:00p Scout Troop 615
 7:00p Wesley Foundation

Tuesday - 14th

8:00a Men in Mission
 10:00a Sisters in Faith
 5:00p Faith Care Clinic
 7:00p Scout Troop 1615

Wednesday - 15th

10:00a Ladies' Bible Study
 5:00p Supper
 6:00p Programs & Classes
 6:00p Handbell Choir
 7:00p Celebration Choir

Thursday - 16th

9:15a Mom's Group
 12:00p Senior Adult Luncheon

Friday - 17th

HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT
 7:00p Interfaith Service
 Congregation Children of Israel
 Temple

WEDNESDAYS — AT — WESLEY



FEBRUARY 15: SHANE'S RIB SHACK!

**ADULTS/\$7.50 Pulled pork sandwich,
 slaw, chips, cookie, drink**

**KIDS/\$5.00 Chicken chunks, fruit cup,
 cookie, drink**

**WESLEYUMC.NET/RESOURCES
 TO RESERVE BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 12PM**

FOOD DRIVE

LET'S FEED THE HUNGRY

**ALL OF
 FEBRUARY**

**NON-PERISHABLE &
 UNEXPIRED FOOD ONLY**

Canned Goods: pork & beans,
 tuna, carrots, corn etc.

Staples: saltines, mac & cheese,
 rice-a-roni, pet food, etc.

Toiletries: dishwashing liquid,
 sanitary products, toilet paper



Fill Eggs with Candy for the Hunt for Easter

Pick up a bag full of plastic eggs in the biscuit area.
 Return filled with candy/toys/coins by March 1.



SPRING YARD SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED
 BEGINNING MARCH 8!**

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 22

CELEBRATION SPACE, 6:30AM-6:30PM

Drop in for guided prayer & imposition of ashes.

PANERA BREAD, MULLINS CROSSING, 12-1PM

Imposition of ashes with Greg

NARTHEX, 7PM

**The choir will lead a worship service
 with beautiful choral music, liturgy, prayer,
 reflection & imposition of ashes.**

Supper at 6PM.

Wednesday night classes will not meet.



WESLEY CHURCH

Luke Amerson.....Modern Music
 Helen Bissell.....Senior Adult Outreach
 Rebekah Bryant ext 209.....Worship Administrator
 Lisa Clayton.....Custodian
 Michelle Dodson ext 221.....Evangelism/Program Secretary
 Melissa Donohue ext 210.....Preschool Director
 Kaitlyn Dunaway ext 204.....Social Media Director
 Amanda Ellis ext 203.....Finance Director
 Ellyn Gilbert ext 224.....Student Ministries Coordinator
 Susan Gilbert ext 220.....Pastor of Care
 Jose Gonzales.....Custodian
 Mike Grigsby ext 204.....Communications/Tech Director
 Mark Haddon ext. 206.....Facilities Manager
 Scott Harris ext 205.....Associate Pastor
 Laura Lowe.....Interim Assistant Music Director
 Elaine Maxwell.....Pianist
 Kate Morris ext 211.....Family Ministry Director
 Greg Porterfield ext 201.....Senior Pastor
 Makayla Rittwage.....Student Discipleship Coordinator
 Karen Schaffer.....Family Ministry Assistant
 Kelley Sleeper ext 202.....Missions Assistant
 Lindsey Solomon ext 223.....Associate Pastor
 Aaron Talbott ext 213.....Pastor of Student Ministries
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For a complete listing of staff contact information, visit wesleyumc.net.

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