WESLEY WINDOW

AUGUST 14, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICES

AUGUST 17, 2025

Traditional
8:30 & 11:00AM
Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

Scripture Luke 12:49-56

Modern
9:30 & 11:00AM
Celebration Space

Celebration Space Bishop Frank Beard

Watch live at www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available to view afterwards.



Family Matters

This Sunday we will share in the sacrament of baptism with two families of our congregation. It will be a special moment, and your presence is an important part of this sacred rite. There is something about the baptism of a child that reminds us all of the promise of God we are born for. When we are baptized it is not that it is just about us, but it is also about the family of faith that surrounds and is to nurture us in Christian life. It is a beautiful moment and also an important responsibility.

And as I mention family, it is probably important to note that Jesus thinks of family a bit differently than we sometimes do. When we think of family, we tend to confine the term to genetics. Jesus, well, not so much. Remember, the scene of Jesus' first miracle in Canaan of Galilee? (John 2). Jesus' mother comes up to him to ask a favor, and Jesus responds by calling her not mom or even by name (Mary) but instead says, "Woman." If I had done that to my momma . . .well, safe to say I'd still be wearing the slap of the back of her hand. Then there is the time in Mark 3 when Jesus is told that his family is waiting for him outside and rebuffs the observation by saying, "This is my family," pointedly not looking at his own siblings. Huh? Or when Jesus tells a family amid mourning that they should leave their family behind. (Luke 14). And perhaps most striking of all in this Sunday's lesson, Luke 12:49-55, Jesus says he has come to tear relationships apart. Wow, I've never preached that on Mother's Day and don't believe I ever will.

What is Jesus saying? It is not that he is an agitator, but following him can be disruptive. There is more to life than what we take for granted and without purpose, nothing we have amounts to all that much.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday,

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P.S. We have had great attendance in all our worship times, and this Sunday, Bishop Beard will return to preach in Modern services. while I preach in Traditional. Welcome back, Bishop!

OUR PRAYERS

Itala Azzarelli Jeannie Boerger John Bradley Nick Bravo **Delaine Brown** Paula Brown **Browning Family Bobby Buffkin** John Burnette Melissa Campos Diane Cawood Steve Clark Kimberly D. Cliett Olivia King **Kaitlyn Cobbs** Cook Family **Kerry Deering Bonnie** Devereaux Jan Devereaux **Phoebe Dinkins** Bill Dunn **Edwards Family**

Shannon Egan Amy Eubanks Elton Fauber Irene Faucher **Dot Gleason** Jeff Harris Sr. Meagin Hilbert Don & Betty Holck Gloria Prather **Ashley Holder** Margaret Horsely Kelli Reville C. Eddy Ivey Jr. **Jetter Family** Francis Chandler Kendinger Family Sorrells Family Kristen Laursen Pat Lee Wanda Lee **Todd Lindley** Barbara & Megan Loneker Hannah Lotz Clarence Malcom Wilson Family Audra Melon

Carol Morse Jane Moxley Elliot Mumper Jan Nelson Judy Orosz Kline Pettv Melinda Porter Alicia Reeves **Charlie Rockwell Abby Roney** Amber South **Heather South** Mowali Stencel **Allison Thompson** Jimmy Vaughn Ruth Ánn Waller **Debbie Weisz Bonnie Wilson**

THE BIBLE YEAR

It's not to late to ioin! **New Testament begins** August 31! Get the reading schedule here each week or use The Bible Year by Macrey R. Devega. Discussion aroup meets on Sundays, 6-7PM.

AUGUST 17-23

August 17: Obadiah August 18: Jonah 1-2 August 19: Jonah 3-4 August 20: Micah 1-4 August 21: Micah 5-7 August 22: Nahum 1-3 August 23: Habakkuk 1-3

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

Placed on August 10 in memory of

Lee Rosenthal

by Debbe, Shawn & Jason Rosenthal.

Tommy Martin

by his family.

OUR PRESENCE - AUGUST 10

8:30 Traditional 132 9:30 Modern 149 280 11:00 Modern 11:00 Traditional 156 11:00 Jr. Church 34 TOTAL **751**

OUR GIFTS

• Operating: 45,329 • Received Through This Week: 1.324,000 • Budgeted Through This Week: 1,540,308

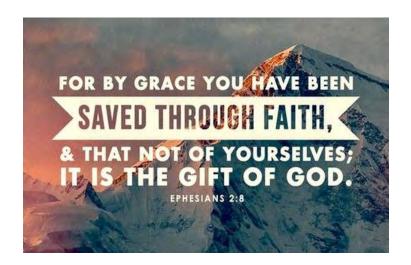
OUR WEEKLY BREAD

For by grace are ye saved . . . - Ephesians 2:8

THE UNMERITED FAVOR OF GOD

"Grace," according to the dictionary, is the unmerited favor of God toward mankind. The word "grace" is used over 170 times in the New Testament alone. Grace is not bought. It is a free gift of almighty God to needy mankind. When we picture Jesus Christ dying on the cross, we see the free gift of God's grace in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. We sing with the songwriter, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see." Our human minds, with its philosophy of an equal return for favors done, can hardly comprehend the full meaning of this grace of God. But when we catch, by the inspiration of God, its full meaning, we will leave the limits of human reasoning and revel in the spiritual riches of divine truth and privilege. Yes, the grace of God is a reality. Thousands have tried, tested, and proved that it is more than a cold creed, a docile doctrine, or a tedious theory. The grace of God has been tested in the crucible of human experience, and has been found to be more than an equal for the problems and sins of humanity.

Lord, this day help me to come to a more full and abundant awareness of Your bountiful grace. Stimulate me to serve You. - billygraham.org



COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES AUGUST FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION



PANCAKE MIX, BABY FOOD, **SMALL BOTTLES OF** DISHWASHING LIQUID Dog & CAT FOOD

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

Crazy, Splashing, Funnel Caking Fun at STUDENT KICK-OFF



















WEDNESDAYS @ 10AM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10

No registration required. Newcomers welcome.





ADAPTIVE

WORSHIP SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 7 AT 2PM OCTOBER 5 AT 2PM NOVEMBER 2 AT 2PM

ALL PEOPLE DESERVE TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD.
THIS IS A SHORTENED, LOW SENSORY SERVICE DESIGNED
FOR ALL PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF AGE, BACKGROUND,
PHYSICAL, COGNITIVE, OR EMOTIONAL ABILITY.

WWW.WESLEYUMC.NET/SPECIAL-NEEDS-MINISTRY



Visit wesleyumc.net/women to register.

THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

8:30a Traditional Worship 9:30a Modern Worship 11:00a Modern Worship 11:00a Traditional Worship 6:00p Bible Year Group 6:00p Wesley Students 6:30 Ambassadors

MONDAY, AUGUST 18 6:00p AA Meeting 7:00p Scout Troop 615

AMBASSADORS

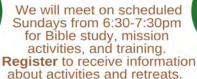
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 8:00a Men in Mission 7:00p Scout Troop 1615

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 9:15a Mom's Group 6:00p AA Meeting











JOIN US FOR

Fellowship Bible & Book Studies Playdates Lunch Bunch

STARTS AUGUST 21 Thursdays 9:15 - 11:00am Connect Room Childcare Provided

email lindsey@wesleyumc.net with questions



ABOR DAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE

AUGUST 3

No Jr. Church (1st-5th Grade) 8:30am - Nursery 9:30am - Nursery & PreK-5th Grade 11:00am - Nursery, PreK & Kindergarten

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

SEPTEMBER 14

12:15pm, Student Ministry Room

Join us to learn how to be prepared for a natural disaster or other emergency.

Hosted by the Care Ministry





ACOLYTE TRAINING

Sunday, September 14 12-12:30pm in the Sanctuary

Contact Summer Rhodes at subseckman@hotmail.com.



SENIOR ADULT SUPPER THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 5PM

Old MacDonald's Fish Camp
helen@wesleyumc.net to register.



CHURCH

Helen Bissell Laura Croft ext 210 Michelle Dodson ext 221 Amanda Ellis ext 203 Leslie England Lauren Fackler Ellyn Gilbert ext 224 Jose Gonzales Mark Haddon ext 206 Holly Jordan Willey Lee Kate Morris ext 211 Greg Porterfield ext 201 Makayla Rittwage ext 205 Carol Shikle ext 211 Kelley Sleeper ext 202 Justin Smith Lindsey Solomon ext 223 Aaron Talbott ext 213	
Jeff Wickell ext 225	Music Ministries Director
Hillary Williamson ext 220	Care Director

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