

WESLEY WINDOW

JANUARY 11, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

JANUARY 14, 2024

Traditional

8:30AM

Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

11AM

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Greg Porterfield

Scripture

Philippians 4:11-12

Modern

9:30AM

Celebration Space
Lindsey Solomon

11AM

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Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY
CHURCH**

A Look Back as We Move Forward

The year 2023 is now in the books. We are still totaling specific numbers and categories for our year-end reports that are due at the end of the month. (Our year-end reports and budget will be printed and available for any member of the congregation that would like one no later than 1/29/24.) For now, let me provide you with a brief overview.

Once more we experienced a continued increase in our worship attendance in all worship settings and most notably at our 8:30AM Traditional Service. The pandemic altered both worship attendance and patterns of frequency (not simply for Wesley but for virtually every church in the country); however, we are seeing an accelerating number of new faces each week. In terms of stewardship, balancing our income and ministry needs was as difficult as any year in my ministry. Thanks to three factors - budgeting of operational expenses, personnel decisions and most importantly, faithful giving by you our congregational members, we were able to balance our income and expenses so that we did not have to go into reserves. Thank you for your faithfulness.

The year 2023 proved as difficult as any I have imagined. Turmoil that embroiled the denomination filtered into our local congregation and has proven difficult to address. Some of the charges made are so farfetched you would imagine no one would believe them, particularly when they are not substantiated by anything we believe or practice at Wesley. And still, we had persons who left over what they had heard rather than what they had experienced.

With that in mind, in this coming year at Wesley our focus will be in who we are as followers of Christ. We will claim our identity not in what others say of us, but in what God has done for us. It is the path in which so much has been done, and so much more is yet to be. I look forward to sharing the journey with you.

I'll see you Sunday,

DISCOVER WESLEY

Led by Pastor Lindsey Solomon

**New to Wesley &
Want to Know More?**

**JOIN US JANUARY 14 @ 12:15PM
IN THE CONNECT ROOM.**

Enjoy lunch & meet pastors, staff & other visitors!
Learn about Wesley & take the next step
in your spiritual growth!

**EMAIL LINDSEY@WESLEYUMC.NET
TO REGISTER.**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JANUARY 15**

**IN OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. DAY.**

OUR PRAYERS

Alcohol/Drug Addiction	Gordon & Betty Fair	Jane Moxley
Tony Altman	Jerry French	Scott Noss
Nate Anderson	Dee Gebhard	Frank & Peggy
Lisa Atchley	Sue Haas	Ondrea
Armed Forces	Sulli Hajek	Jared Ondrea
Baker Family	Bob Hall	Jerry Overton
Danny Barton	Cindy Hall	Julie O'Neill
Beery Family	Deborah Hall	Jared Overton
Skyler Bernstein	Mark Hall	Donna Palmer
Gena Berry	Kris Hardy	Rusty Palmer
Rose Mary Bishop	Jessi Hickey	Debbie Parker
Jim & Judy Bowman	Shaun Hickman	Eunice Parker
John & Darlynn	Dave Hinner	Sam Passmore
Bradley	Don & Betty Holck	Lily Patterson
Pam Buckus	Bruce Immonen	Gloria Prather0
Tim & Cindy Bufford	Joe Jackson	David Radford
Vickie Bufford	Patricia Jameson	Family
Garry Burkhart	Jimmy & Patsy	Randy Radford
Benjamin Butler	Johnson	Susan Reitz
Diana Butler	Roger Johnson	Luke Russell
Gilbert Caride	Jerry & Teresa Kelly	Steve Samborne
Branch Carter	Jeri Key	Johnny Seals
Gloria Cawley	Olivia King	Lonnie Servais
Frances Chandler	Taylor Laurson	Stephen & Debra
Cherland Family	Wanda Lee	Shockley
Chris & Lisa Childs	Linda Linder	Richard Shouse
Christy Family	Amy & Ava Litka	Jack Smith
Megan Clark	Leslie Loneker	Gary Sonnedecker
Kim Diane Cliett	Juliet Maddox	William & Marietta
Marie Creasy	Allyson Malcom	Steele
Audrey Dawe	Dan Marshall	Bobby Strozier
Ann Dockal	Michelle Mashak	Family
Walter & Linda	Haley McPhail	Jason Taylor
Dodson	Tony Medina	Melissa Tobakos
Katherine Dore	Jeffrey Mims	Cynthia Trammell
Draper Family	Miller & Margaret	Jackie Troupe
Raynetta Drinnon	Mims	Waddell Family
Jennifer Earlenbaugh	Bob Minton Family	Debi West
Dolores Eckles	Susie Miville	Megan Williams
Amy Eubanks	Earl Morgan	Bonnie Wilson
Bret Evans	Daryl & Sharon Morse	Timothy Wirz
	Jamie Moxley	

OUR WEEKLY BREAD

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge
and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
Psalm 91:1-2

Modern psychiatrists say that one of the basic needs of man is security. In the 91st Psalm we are assured that in God we have the greatest of security, "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." If you read and reread this beautiful Psalm, you will discover that in Him we have a permanent abode and residence, and that all of the comfort, security and affection which the human heart craves is found in Him. Perhaps no visible angels will appear in your life, but God's promise of security is nonetheless real and certain. Those who live in the realm of God have genuine safety and security.

Wherever I go this day, You and Your angels will be with me.
Thank you, Lord, for the peace, love and security You promise.
- billygraham.org



**DARKNESS
CANNOT DRIVE OUT
DARKNESS:
ONLY LIGHT CAN DO
THAT. HATE
CANNOT DRIVE
OUT HATE: ONLY LOVE
CAN TO THAT.**

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

OUR GIFTS - JANUARY 7, 2024

• Operating	\$	49,150
• Received Through This Week:	\$	49,150
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	47,238



FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION

JANUARY: COFFEE & BODY WASH

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

SENIOR LIVING FAIR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
11:30AM-1:30PM
DURING THE SENIOR LUNCH

Featuring area providers of senior health and wellness services, including home health, hospice, aging and more!

Lunch will be served from 12:30-1PM.
Presenters will speak from 12:35-1PM.

Everyone is welcome to attend! If you plan to eat, the cost is \$7.50 per person. Reserve your spot by emailing helen@wesleyumc.net.



Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays 10AM, Room 30

Barbara Buffkin will lead this study of Jesus and Women in the First Century and Now. Author Kristi McClelland takes us back to the first century and explains the historical and cultural climate of the day through Jesus's interactions with women. Join us as we increase our faith in a Living God. The book can be purchased on Amazon and includes video access.



Knit One, Crochet Too: Wednesdays, 6PM Conference Room

Come create items to share for various missions and or work on your own personal projects. Newcomers and beginners are welcome.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Senior Living Fair
11:30AM-1:30PM

Wife Saver Lunch 12:30-1PM
Bring a side \$7.50
helen@wesleyumc.net
to register.

Southeast District Day of Training Sunday, January 28

4PM: Main Speaker Dr. Brian Tillman

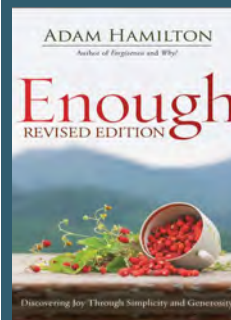
4:45PM: Southeast District Ministry Showcase

See how your church can learn, share or support!

5-6PM Workshops

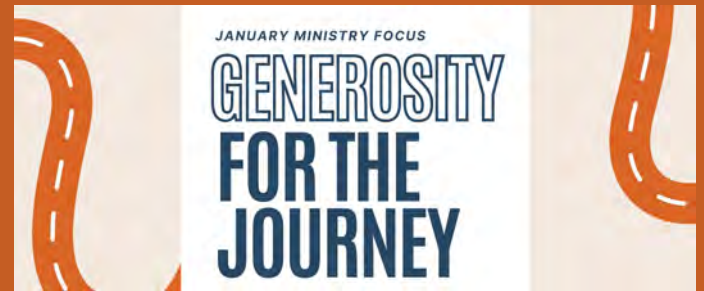
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Warrenton First UMC 12 Main Street Warrenton, GA



Pastors' Bible Study: Wednesdays, 6PM Celebration Space

For this series, Pastors Greg, Lindsey and Scott join together for lessons and guided table talks based on Adam Hamilton's book Enough. You may purchase the book but you are not required to read it in order to participate. Adults of all ages are welcome. Childcare is available.



This week in worship we begin our focus on Generosity. We will be celebrating the specific things God has done in the life of the church that were made possible by your support and faithfulness.



**WESLEY IS SEEKING A PART-TIME
SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY COORDINATOR
TO OVERSEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
NEW SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY.**

**VISIT WESLEYUMC.NET FOR A FULL JOB
DESCRIPTION AND SEND RESUMES TO
LINDSEY@WESLEYUMC.NET.**



YOU "DONUT" WANT TO MISS

Moms' Group

**THURSDAYS,
9:15-11AM ROOM 37
CHILDCARE PROVIDED.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KEEP YOUR
ORNAMENT FROM THE WESLEY
FAMILY TREE, PLEASE PICK
IT UP FROM THE BASKETS
IN THE BISCUIT AREA BY
JANUARY 21.**



DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

**SUNDAYS @ 6PM
BEGINNING JAN. 21**

THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:30a Traditional Worship
9:30a Modern Service
11:00a Modern Service
11:00a Traditional Service
12:15p Discover Wesley
6:00p Sunday Scientist

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

10:00 Women's Bible Study
6:00p Handbells
6:00p Enough Pastor's Study
7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

6:00a Men's Breakfast/Riverwood
9:15a Mom's Group
11:30a Senior Living Fair
12:35p Senior Adult Luncheon

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

Students Help Local Organization

Last Sunday our students were challenged to follow in the footsteps of the Magi and leave something behind when they left church - to put themselves in someone else's shoes by removing their own. Because of their generosity, we were able to donate 238 pairs of shoes to Compass For Hope. This is a local organization that serves the homeless and others in need by providing food, clothing, essentials and mobile showers. All donations are directly used to serve and provide. God is so good and we can't wait to see what He does next through our students!



FAMILY SNOW BALL

February 4 @ 12:15pm

Come in a ball gown, penguin suit or snowman attire! Dancing, snow ball challenges, winter crafts & finger foods. Snow much fun!



REGISTER @ WESLEYUMC.NET.

All 3rd-5th graders welcome!
Meet on 2nd Sundays with an adult and explore scientific principles and Biblical principles with hands-on experiments.

wesleyumc.net for more info!

SUNDAY SCIENTISTS
January 14, 6PM

VBS VISIONING MEETING

JANUARY 28 @ 12:15PM

CELEBRATION SPACE



What should VBS look like in 2024?
New ideas, best practices greatest impact?
Let's start a conversation! Please join us!

Faith can give us courage to face the uncertainties of the future.

Martin Luther King Jr.



WESLEY CHURCH

Helen Bissell.....Senior Adult Outreach
Rebekah Bryant ext 207.....Modern Music Director
Lisa Clayton.....Custodian
Laura Croft ext 210.....Preschool Director
Michelle Dodson ext 221.....Evangelism/Program Secretary
Amanda Ellis ext 203.....Finance Director
Ellyn Gilbert ext 224.....Student Ministries Coordinator
Jose Gonzales.....Custodian
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
Carol Shikle ext 211.....Assistant Family Ministry Director
Kelley Sleeper ext 202.....Missions Assistant
Lindsey Solomon ext 223.....Associate Pastor
Aaron Talbott ext 213.....Pastor of Student Ministries
Jeff Wickell ext 225.....Music Ministries Director
Hillary Williamson ext 220.....Care Director

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