

WESLEY WINDOW

JANUARY 4, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

JANUARY 7, 2024
EPIPHANY
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Traditional
8:30AM

Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

11AM

Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

Scripture
Mark 1:1-8

Modern
9:30AM

Celebration Space
Scott Harris

11AM

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Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



WESLEY
CHURCH

Behold, I Make All Things New

It's one of my favorite passages of scripture. It fills me with hope and reminds me that the ultimate gift of faith is that it always provides a future. There is no end to God.

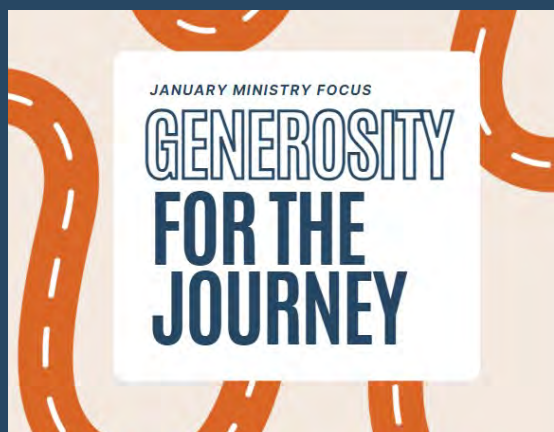
I want to invite you to worship at Wesley on the first Sunday of the year. Is there any better way to begin anew? It is a chance to start fresh, regardless of whatever the past year held. And to enrich the experience, we will be celebrating Communion combined with Baptism of the Lord Sunday. Before receiving communion, you will be invited to remember your baptism. There is something powerful when you recall and remember that you were born a child of God, and your life's journey is to return to where you first started. As T.S. Eliot wrote, "We shall not cease from exploration. And the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know that place for the first time."

It's a new year - the journey begins. I invite you to join me on the first steps of this new year, whose destination is nothing less than God.

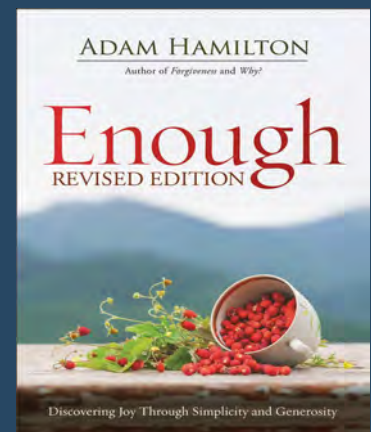
Your pastor, *Ry*

P.S. Additionally I want to express my gratitude to all who shared in Advent with us at Wesley. The church was beautifully appointed; I marvel how each year something else is added that makes it even more beautiful. To all who provided so much of their time and talent to make it so, I am grateful. The music was outstanding, and the 11PM Christmas Eve service was the best we have ever experienced. It was a great way first to finish a day that saw worship attendance of more than 2,000 and then to welcome the first moments of Christmas Day. Lastly, in a year of perilous twists and turns - thanks to all of you and your faithfulness - we finished the year balancing expenses and income (we will have a full accounting of the year next week as we receive final information). Thank you, Wesley!

BEGINNING NEXT WEEK! SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS!



**MINISTRY FOCUS/
SERMON SERIES**



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY
6PM BEGINNING 1/10**

OUR PRAYERS

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

OUR WEEKLY BREAD

...Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead.
- Philippians 3:13

As we flick the calendar to a new year, we come face to face with the fact that our days on earth are numbered. As the Psalmist wrote, "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." No thoughtful person can approach the New Year without some introspection. We are reminded of the brevity of time. We also look back over our failures, mistakes and missed opportunities, and vow that we will make better use of our time during the coming year. We should take time to be pleasant, to smile, to extend the small courtesies we often omit - to show love to our family. Psychiatrists tell us that most people are starved for love. Take time for the goodbye kiss; we shall go to work with a sweeter spirit. Let us take time to get acquainted with our families. We are not machines. We are not robots. The secret of a happy home is that members of the family learn to give and receive love. Let us take time to express our love in a thousand ways.

As I begin a new year, Lord Jesus, I pray that my walk through the days ahead will be filled with Your love for others, a love that does not count the cost.
- billygraham.org

I FOCUS ON THIS ONE THING:
FORGETTING THE PAST
AND LOOKING FORWARD
TO WHAT LIES AHEAD...

PHILIPPIANS THREE :THIRTEEN

Wesley Extends Christian Sympathy to...

Cathy Chaffin and family in the loss
of her father, Stephen Raper.

Shane Prince and family in the loss
of his father, Bill Prince.

The family of Glynn Moore.
A celebration of life service will be held
Saturday, January 6, 11AM, in the Sanctuary
with visitation at 10AM in the Narthex.

For these families, Lord, hear our prayers.

OUR GIFTS - DECEMBER 31, 2023

• Operating	\$	113,800
• Received Through This Week:	\$	2,371,245
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	2,607,566



**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.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR OUR
church-wide book study?

DATE: JANUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 7

TIME: WEDNESDAYS FROM 6 - 7 PM

LOCATION: MODERN WORSHIP SPACE

VISIT WESLEYUMC.NET & CLICK ON THE UPCOMING EVENT BANNER TO REGISTER

TAUGHT BY PASTORS GREG, LINDSEY AND SCOTT

JOIN US AS WE REDISCOVER THE BIBLE'S WISDOM WHEN IT COMES TO EXPERIENCING CONTENTMENT, OVERCOMING FEAR AND DISCOVERING JOY THROUGH SIMPLICITY AND GENEROSITY.

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.

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.

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!

CARS
PARENTS NIGHT OUT
February 2, 5-8PM
Register now for infants-5th grade.

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.

January Mission Focus!

GENEROSITY FOR THE JOURNEY

As we head into the new year, we would like to invite you to take part in January's ministry focus, **GENEROSITY FOR THE JOURNEY**. We celebrate that the impactful ministries of Wesley are only possible through the generosity of this congregation. Let's set a collective goal for 2024 to become more connected to God than we ever have before through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

On Sundays beginning January 14, during our **GENEROSITY FOR THE JOURNEY** series expect to hear scripture, sermons and helpful information on how to be good stewards of our resources.

On Wednesdays beginning January 10, you can expect a brand new format! For this five-week series, Pastors Greg, Lindsey and Scott will all join together for lessons and guided table talks based on Adam Hamilton's book entitled Enough. You are welcome to purchase the book, but you are not required to read the book to participate. Adults of all ages are welcome. Childcare is available. Let's join together to see all of the fruit we will bear for God's kingdom in 2024!

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!

Register @ wesleyumc.net.

THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:30a Traditional Worship
9:30a Modern Service
11:00a Modern Service
11:00a Traditional Service
6:00p Wesley Students

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

6:00a Men's Breakfast/Riverwood
9:15a Mom's Group
6:00p Special Needs Support Group

YOU "DONUT" WANT TO MISS

Mom's Group

AT WESLEY!
THURSDAYS, 9:15-11AM
ROOM 37

COME JOIN US FOR
COFFEE & DONUTS
AT OUR 1ST MEETING ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11.

CHILDCARE PROVIDED.




DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

SUNDAYS @ 6PM BEGINNING JANUARY 21
ROOM 37




**AUGUSTA AUTISM
& DISABILITY
SUPPORT GROUP**


Join us to share experiences with other
parents & caregivers who are raising
children with special needs.

**2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS
WESLEY UMC - ROOM 26**

**NEXT MEETING:
JANUARY 11**

Contact Lee Schel for information
or to arrange childcare,
augustaautismanddisability@gmail.com.

**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.**



NOW HIRING!

Special Needs Ministry Coordinator

The primary work of the coordinator is to create a clear path for people with special needs and their families to fully engage into the life of the church. We want to welcome new families who wouldn't otherwise have a safe and welcoming place to worship, thus fulfilling our mission to make disciples. The coordinator is expected to lead the Special Needs Committee, incorporate a buddy program into our existing ministries, work with Special Needs Parent Support Group, and create new initiatives that will help further our mission.

Visit wesleyumc.net for a full job description and send resumes to lindsey@wesleyumc.net.



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

For a complete listing of staff contact information, visit wesleyumc.net.

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