

# WESLEY WINDOW

JANUARY 8, 2026

## WORSHIP SERVICES

**JANUARY 11, 2026  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
CONFIRMATION  
SUNDAY**

### Traditional

**8:30 & 11:00AM**

Sanctuary  
Greg Porterfield

### Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17

### Modern

**9:30 & 11:00AM**

Celebration Space  
Aaron Talbott

Watch live at  
[www.wesleyumc.net](http://www.wesleyumc.net)

Livestream on  
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available  
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY  
CHURCH**

## Baptism Sunday

There are many things I enjoy about the ministry. I mean, where else would I get my ties if not for the Wesley Yard Sale?! Seriously, however, the administration of the Sacraments is what I appreciate most of all. In some traditions, as many as seven Sacraments are practiced. In the United Methodist Church there only two - communion and baptism. To qualify as a Sacrament, the rite must see Jesus as an indispensable part of its action. That is why, for instance, marriage, while a powerful ritual, is not considered a sacrament. Jesus was there in Canaan of Galilee, but his impression was made in the miracle he performed, not the marriage he attended. Communion is a sacrament because Jesus tore the bread and shared the cup. And baptism is sacred because water fell on him as it now falls on us.

There is another reason I appreciate the sacraments. They require me to focus on that which is immediately before me, no longer distracted by other thoughts. You cannot offer communion without anticipating the person stretching out their hand to receive the bread. And you cannot baptize someone without seeing their faces, the innocence of an infant or the expectation of an adult. There is something powerful in such interactions; they require full attention. And when it happens, I feel God close, and that is a sacred moment.

Once, following a baptism, an adult came up to me and said, "I wish I could be baptized again." I asked why and he said because it would mean so much more now than all those years ago then. I patiently explained we don't rebaptize because it is a ritual born of God and not us. He understood and then said, "Yeah, but I still wish I could have that experience again."

That's why this Sunday in the service there will be a moment when you will be invited to stand at the baptismal font, you, the water and God before you, and place the moisture on your head and remember that you are baptized and that you belong to God. It is a powerful moment and I invite you to share in it this Sunday. There is nothing else quite like it.

See you Sunday,

**REMEMBER YOUR**

*Baptism*

**& REAFFIRM YOUR FAITH**

**Confirmation**  
**SUNDAY**



## OUR PRAYERS

Kara Alexander	Kimberly Floyd	Kelli Reville
Charlene Alexander	Susan Gilbert	Charlie Rockwell
Betty Tanner	Dot Gleason	Abby Roney
Brady	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	Carol Roof
John Bradley	Jen Jetter	Dennis Scheyer
Delaine Brown	Olivia King	George Shealy
Kimberly D. Cliett	Pat Lee	Chuck Smith
Bonnie Devereaux	Wanda Lee	Amber South
Jan Devereaux	Todd Lindley	Heather South
Gene Draisey	Angie Livingston	Mowgli Stencil
Brian Ellefson	Hannah Lotz	Lessie Thomas
Amy Eubanks	Clarence Malcom	Ruth Ann Waller
Lauren Fackler	Audrey McGuire	Bill Waples
Irene Faucher	Aiden & Liam	Bonnie Wilson
Archie Fisher	Moulton	Colt Young
	Carol Morse	
	Alicia Reeves	

## OUR PRESENCE

8:30 Traditional	128	9:30 Modern	105
11:00 Traditional	262	11:00 Modern	182
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>677</b>		

## OUR GIFTS

**December 31, 2025**

• Operating:	\$	489,888
• Received Through This Week:	\$	2,666,377
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	2,503,000

**January 4, 2026**

• Operating:	\$	31,570
• Received Through This Week:	\$	31,570
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	49,927

## FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

The altar flowers December 21 were placed

In memory of

**Sheila Kay**

by the Kay Family

In honor of the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

**Clarence & Karen Malcom**

by their children

The altar flowers December 28

were placed in memory of

**John Franklin Millican Jr.**

by Susie & family,

Amber Shehorn & Elissa Armando

The rosebud December 28

was placed in honor of

**Henry Sabastian Nobles**

Born October 21, 2025

Son of Ronald & Emily Nobles

## 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. Amen.

- billygraham.org

Forgetting what lies behind,  
reaching forward to what lies ahead.  
Philippians 3:13

## WESLEY EXTENDS CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

Kelly Thorpe and family  
upon the loss of her father.

Strickland Family  
upon the loss of John Strickland.

All who loved Jan Nelson. Her celebration of life will be January 20, 11am, at Brandon Wilde.

*For these families, Lord, hear our prayers.*

## COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES JANUARY FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION



**COFFEE  
BODY WASH  
DOG & CAT FOOD**

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



## BAPTIZED DECEMBER 28

Emma Grace Folsom

Born May 6, 2024

Daughter of Charlie & Hannah Folsom

Granddaughter of

Rick & Cheryl Gullickson

Reese Catherine, Claire Elizabeth,

Paige Charlotte & James Dean Belcher

Children of Matthew & Kimberly Belcher



## WESLEY HUGS

My Dear Wesley Family, there are not enough words to thank you for your calls, texts, cards, visits, etc., after my recent back surgeries. I apologize for not being able to personally thank each of you but your outpouring of love and prayers have helped me face unexpected challenges along this journey. I am beyond blessed being a part of such a loving church family and may God bless each of you in the New Year!!! Love and hugs!

Susan Gilbert

## REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM



The act of baptism is a United Methodist sacrament, originating in Jesus' baptism. Baptism is not just a cleansing from sin, it is a sign of discipleship. The water is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. It cleanses us from sin in God's grace, and it also purifies us for a new life of loving God and serving in Jesus' name. Jesus was baptized before he began his public ministry. This tells us something about how Jesus' power originated: as a proclamation from God, identifying him as 'Beloved Son.' So whether your parents wanted to share the joy of Christian identity with you, or if you decided you wanted that yourself, baptism is a mark of who you are.

People often want to be "re-baptized" after a significant spiritual encounter - they want to mark that moment as a renewal of not going back into a sinful life. But in the United Methodist church, we believe God's grace is the one doing the baptizing, not us. So we "remember" our baptism each year, as a way of recommitting our lives to Christ. It is a renewal of life, as we let go of all that has been, and the mistakes we have made, to let Jesus' power of love lead us and the identity we have in Christ become us. This is why we do a renewal of baptism on the second Sunday of each year on "Baptism of the Lord Sunday."

Rev. Alexandra Robinson, Flower Mound UMC

## FAITH In Motion



Join us behind the Evans Library  
to run on Saturdays at 9am.  
Bring a non-perishable food donation!  
5K Run at Wesley on February 21!



REGISTER

*Running to support Columbia County Cares*

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## ADAPTIVE WORSHIP

2:00-2:30 PM | WESLEY UMC

JOIN US FOR A LOW SENSORY  
WORSHIP SERVICE DESIGNED  
WITH THOSE ATTENDING  
IN MIND.

FOR DETAILS EMAIL  
LAUREN@WESLEYUMC.NET

## HOPE ON WHEELS

CHANGING LIVES THIS ADVENT

Wesley Mechanics Ministry repairs and donates vehicles to people in our community who need reliable transportation. Since its inception over 20 years ago, the ministry has given away 470 vehicles. During Advent, it donated five cars!

### DONATION #4

On December 22, Wesley donated a 2003 Honda Accord to a man who fled his home due to domestic abuse from his wife. He now has a safe home and stable employment.



### DONATION #5

On December 22 Wesley donated a 2005 Mercury Montego to two working parents with a child whose only vehicle was broken down, unreliable and unsafe.



## SENIOR ADULT Special Event

MUSICAL SABBATH SERVICE  
CONGREGATION CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

Friday, January 16, 7pm

helen@wesleyumc.net to register.





## COMING UP AT WESLEY

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00p AA Meeting  
7:00p Scout Troop 615

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

10:00a Women's Bible Study  
6:00p Pastor's Bible Study  
7:00p SPR Committee  
7:00p Celebration Choir

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

9:15a Moms Group  
12:00p Senior Adult Luncheon  
7:00p AA Meeting

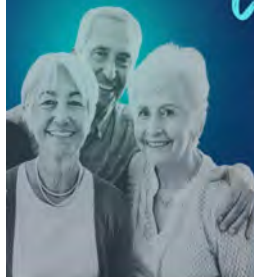
### FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 SENIOR SKI WEEKEND

7:00p Musical Sabbath Service  
Congregation Children Israel

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00a Faith in Motion Run Club

## SENIOR ADULT *Luncheon*



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15**  
**12PM \$8 BRING A SIDE DISH**

Patricia Champion of the Columbia  
County Sheriff's Department  
will help us learn to avoid scams.

[HELEN@WESLEYUMC.NET](mailto:HELEN@WESLEYUMC.NET) TO SIGN UP.

## A Covenant Prayer

I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being. In truth, O God, I am Yours. Make me into what You will. Make me a neighbor with those whom You will. Guide me on the easy path for You. Guide me on the rocky road for You. Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You; whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You; whether I become full or empty, with all things or nothing; I give all that I have and all that I am for You. So be it. And may I always remember that I belong to You. Amen.

## FAITH 5K RUN SATURDAY *In Motion*

**FEBRUARY 21 AT WESLEY**  
STARTING AT 8:45AM

Proceeds support Columbia County Cares.



## moms group

Together, we thrive -  
don't do life alone.

JOIN US FOR  
Fellowship  
Bible & Book Studies  
Playdates  
Lunch Bunch

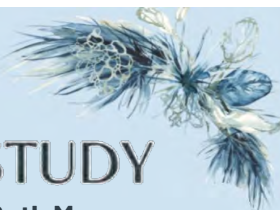
Thursdays  
9:15 - 11:15am  
Connect Room  
Childcare Provided



## Women's WINTER BIBLE STUDY

"A Woman's Heart" by Beth Moore

**BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 10AM**  
**BOOKS AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**



## Parent Night Out SQUISHMALLOW!

**FEBRUARY 6, 5:30-8:30PM**  
**GAMES, CRAFTS, BIBLE & SCIENCE**  
**LESSON PLUS TONS OF FUN!**  
[WESLEYUMC.NET](http://WESLEYUMC.NET) TO REGISTER



## WESLEY CHURCH

Luke Amerson ext 207.....Modern Music Director  
Helen Bissell.....Senior Adult Outreach  
Laura Croft ext 210.....Preschool Director  
Michelle Dodson ext 221.....Evangelism/Program Secretary  
Amanda Ellis ext 203.....Finance Director  
Leslie England ext 214.....Connections Director  
Lauren Fackler.....Access Ministry Coordinator  
Molly Furse.....Children's Music Director  
Ellyn Gilbert ext 224.....Student Ministries Coordinator  
Jose Gonzales.....Custodian  
Mark Haddon ext 206.....Facilities Manager  
Greg Hatfield.....Hospital Pastor  
Willey Lee.....Music Associate  
Greg Porterfield ext 201.....Senior Pastor  
Makayla Rittwage ext 205.....Student Discipleship Coordinator  
Carol Shikle ext 211.....Assistant Family Ministry Director  
Kelley Sleeper ext 202.....Missions Assistant  
Justin Smith.....Custodian  
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](http://wesleyumc.net).

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