

WESLEY WINDOW

OCTOBER 12, 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

OCTOBER 15, 2023

Traditional

8:30AM

Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

11AM

Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

Scripture

Matthew 22:1-14

Modern

9:30AM

Celebration Space
Scott Harris

11AM

Celebration Space
Scott Harris

**Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net**

**Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook**

**Video will be available
to view afterwards.**



**WESLEY
CHURCH**

A Special Gift

Many of you know that for some time now we at Wesley have realized there was an important area of ministry at our church that was not yet as we imagined it could be - special needs. We know that the work of Christ and the redemption it alone provides should be offered wherever there is need. However, the truth is for families who deal with the reality of special needs, it sometimes feels that an experience of church can be as much a burden as blessing. We want to change that. For the last year and more, we have organized a Special Needs Committee at Wesley. This committee has offered support and has researched how we can best reach and welcome families who deal with this reality every day. If the church cannot provide help and hope, who will?

One outcome of the Special Needs Committee was that a grant was written to the North Georgia Conference of the UMC that supports new and innovative ministry ideas. We heard from the Conference with the acknowledgement that this was indeed a good ministry to pursue and as their endorsement they awarded Wesley with a grant that will support the salary of a part-time person who will lead efforts to develop this ministry more fully. It is our hope that what we do here and now at Wesley with this grant will be a source of inspiration and support for other congregations as well. We expect that this grant along with the money this church has collected just before the pandemic might enable our church to extend the reach of God's love a little bit further. It is exciting to imagine.

Throughout October, we will be receiving resumes for this part-time position. Responsibilities will include leadership of the Special Needs Committee and organizing a buddy system which will partner volunteers with people who have special needs so that they may participate fully in ministries here at Wesley. Additionally, we are looking to institute new programs and events that will serve special needs families and adapt other ministries we currently offer so that they may better serve these persons and their families. It is our anticipation that the position would begin January 1 - is there a better way to welcome the new year?

What I have long held at Wesley is that our faith would matter, and it might change lives. We do that in countless ways here at Wesley, and thanks to this grant from the Annual Conference, we are doing it one more time. I just thought you would want to know.

See you Sunday, for truly this is a life changing place.

THIS WEEKEND AT WESLEY - SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS!

**CORNHOLE
NIGHT**



PUMPKIN PATCH



**BLESSING
OF THE ANIMALS**



OUR PRAYERS

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

OUR WEEKLY BREAD

Every good and perfect gift is from above.
— James 1:17

On October 4, World Animal Day was celebrated and also the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis lived in Italy in the 12th century and is remembered, among other things, his love for animals and nature. His devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation. St. Francis preached sermons to animals and praised all creatures as brothers and sisters under God.

The Bible affirms that God designed animals to play a pivotal role in His creation and in our lives. Genesis 1 reveals that after God created all of the earth's creatures, He blessed them and declared that they were good.

Join us this Sunday as our pets are blessed and we give thanks for the beauty of all God's creations.

In Your infinite wisdom, Lord God, when You created the Universe You blessed us with all living creatures.

We especially thank You for giving us pets who are our friends and who bring us so much joy in life.

Their presence very often helps us get through trying times. May they continue to give us joy and remind us of Your power. May we realize that as our pets trust us to take care of them, so we should trust You to take care of us, and in taking care of them we share in Your love for all Your creatures. Amen.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on August 20 were placed in honor of:

Ron & Jan Cross

as they celebrate their 59th anniversary
by Kelley, Noah & Miss Molly

Wesley Extends Christian Sympathy to...

Will Phillips on the loss of his uncle, Bill Wege.

Judy Kaye and family upon the loss of her great-granddaughter, Harleigh May Hurst.

For these families, Lord, hear our prayers.



OUR GIFTS - OCTOBER 8, 2023

• Operating	\$	66,218
• Received Through This Week:	\$	1,662,220
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	2,055,966



FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION

OCTOBER: GRITS, FEMININE PRODUCTS & BLADDER PADS

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



FRIENDSGIVING

Wednesday, November 1, 5pm



Meat provided. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish to share with all your Wesley friends!

WESLEY PUMPKIN PATCH

4-8PM MONDAY-FRIDAY

10AM-6PM SATURDAY-SUNDAY

CLOSES OCTOBER 31



We Need CANDY!

Help us collect bags of individually wrapped candy for the FALL FESTIVAL on October 29!

Bins located in the Narthex & Biscuit Area.

ARE YOU WILLING TO HOST A TRUNK?



TRUNK
OR
TREAT

We need you at the FALL FESTIVAL on October 29!

Decorate your vehicle and give out candy!

Email aaron@wesleyumc.net if you can help with this community event!

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS GROUP

LED BY PASTOR LINDSEY SOLOMON

OCTOBER

15, 22

NOVEMBER

5, 12

6-7:30PM IN ROOM 14



Senior Adult
LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 19, 12PM

Elaine Browning-Erneston
& Robert Browning
Violinists

Wife Saver Chicken
Bring a side dish \$7.50

helen@wesleyumc.net to register.

DISCOVER WESLEY

LED BY PASTOR LINDSEY SOLOMON

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
6-7PM IN ROOM 25

LEARN ALL ABOUT WHAT WESLEY HAS TO OFFER
AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED.

Caregivers Needed for Foster Training Event

Wellroot Family Services is hosting a training event, and they are in need of people to care for the children while the foster parents are being trained. This is a great way to provide assistance to this amazing ministry that helps kids and families in the foster care system. The event will be Saturday, November 4, 8:30AM-2PM, at Aldersgate UMC. Contact Megan Rushing, mrushing@wellroot.org, for more details.



Wellroot
Family Services

THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

Sunday - 15th

8:30a Traditional Worship
9:30a Modern Worship
11:00a Modern Worship
11:00a Traditional Worship
5:00p Blessing of the Animals
5:00p Seasonal Choir Rehearsal
6:00p Wesley Students
6:00p MS Parent Group
6:00p Divorce Care
6:00p Grief Support
6:00p Finance Committee
7:00p Church Council

Monday - 16th

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

Tuesday - 17th

8:00a Men in Mission
7:00p Scout Troop 1615

Wednesday - 18th

10:00a Women's Bible Study
6:00p Pastor's Bible Study
6:00p New Testament Study
6:00p Knit One, Crochet Two
6:00p Confirmation
6:00p Handbells
6:00p Seasonal Choir Rehearsal
7:00p Celebration Choir
7:00p SPR Committee

Thursday - 19th

6:00a Men's Breakfast/Riverwood
9:15a Mom's Group
12:00p Senior Adult Luncheon
6:00p Pickleball

Saturday - 21st

9:00a CPR Training

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
5PM ON THE FRONT LAWN

Pets must be restrained.



NOW HIRING!

Special Needs Ministry Coordinator

Wesley recently received a grant from the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church to provide funding for a 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 resume to lindsey@wesleyumc.net by October 31.



FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 13
6-8PM

Corndogs
& hotdogs
provided.
Bring a side
dish to share!



WESLEY CHURCH

Luke Amerson.....Modern Music Director
Helen Bissell.....Senior Adult Outreach
Rebekah Bryant ext 209.....Worship Administrator
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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FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 29, 5-8PM

TRUNK OR TREAT, MUSIC,
FOOD & GAMES!