

Wesley UMC Vision and Mission Statement

Vision: Embracing Community In Harmony with God

Mission: Respectful Minds, Outreaching Arms,
Loving Each Other, Together with God



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9:30 AM Traditional Worship

August 23, 2026

Hymn Sing

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH 196

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UMH 133

Open My Eyes That I May See

UMH 454

Welcome

Pastor Christine

Prelude

Worship

Sherry Roscoe

Esther Higgins

† Opening Prayer (Unison)

Larry Josefowski

God of history, open our eyes today to the working out of your Kingdom. Release us from the pains in our pasts. Help us to recognize the blessings in our present. Instill in us hope for the future, as individuals and the church, to face our future with wisdom, godliness, and creativity. Amen

† Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

Reception of New Members

UMH 33-39

(selected paragraphs)

† Passing the Peace

Pastor Christine

(Let us exchange signs of God's reconciliation and love.)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

Announcements

Pastor Christine

Special Music

John Clark

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Christine

Prayer for Illumination

Larry Josefowski

Heavenly Lord, meet us on our individual journeys today. Give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and strength to accomplish whatever personal missions you have in mind for us. Amen.

† Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:13-20 NRSVue

Larry Josefowski

This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

† Hymn	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	UMH 399
Old Testament Lesson	Exodus 1:8-2:10 NRSVue	Pastor Christine
Sermon	<i>Through the Deep Waters</i>	Pastor Christine
Offertory *	<i>A Blessing</i> Florence Moody Robertson	Sherry Roscoe
† Doxology		UMH 94
† Hymn	<i>Where Charity and Love Prevail</i>	UMH 549
† Benediction		Pastor Christine
Postlude	<i>Praise the Lord, Ye Nations</i> May F. Lawrence	Sherry Roscoe
Extinguishing the Altar Candles		Leanne Evans

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Please keep the following people uplifted in prayer... Several unspoken, Bill & Barbara, Bill & Ruby, Dennis & Carolyn, Don & Penny, Ed & Iva, Paul & Linda, Ralph & Fran, Ron & Janet, Ted & Yoshie, Terry & Carol, Aimee S., Alex V., Allison B., Anson D., Caroline J., Donald C., Donna H., Doris O, Doris R., Greg G., Jerry C., Judy B., Karen D., Libby H., Linda S., Lou B., Marie M., Nadine B., Pat L., Pat R., Paul H., Rick G., Ricky S., Sally B., Steve G., Suzanne P., Todd R., Tom C., Tom R, Tom S., Tom W.

Help us keep our prayer list current. Keeping a prayer list updated ensures that the community is focusing on its support and intercession exactly where it is needed most.

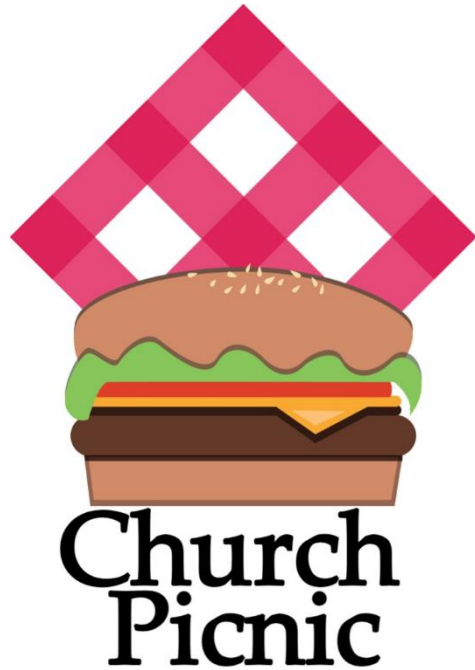
For members who need to reach out, you can contact the church office directly at 302-678-9626 to provide regular updates, share praise reports, or transition individuals off the active list. Thank You!

SAVE THE DATE: Church Picnic - September 13, 2026, at Noon, on the East side of the Education Building. Family Life will serve hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, paper products and ice cream from Mommom's. We ask that you bring an outside picnic dish to serve eight (8) and a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Join us for fun food and fellowship.

Search Class: Won't you join us in Search Class on September 13 at 8:35 AM for a cup of coffee and light refreshments? We will begin a six-week study of *Genesis, A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning*, by Amy-Jill Levine. Rabbi Levine presents *Genesis* as a "living text" as she addresses all facets of the stories and characters including: The Garden of Eden, Cain and Abel, Noah's Ark, Issac, Jacob, and Joseph. As the Old Testament scripture, *Isaiah 43:19* implores us to **"...do a new thing..."**

The Men's Bible Study will start back meeting in the Education Building on September the 22 at 7:00 AM. We will be studying ***The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World.*** by Adam Hamilton.

We meet on the 1st, 2nd, 4th, Tuesdays in the Search Classroom in the Education Building. On the 3rd Tuesdays we meet at Hollywood Diner at 7 am for breakfast. All men are welcome! Come join us! If you have questions, please contact Jim Skeans at (302) 678-0974.



Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 13, 2026,
Noon to 3PM.

Join us for our next adventure at the Welcome-Back picnic on the grounds of Wesley Church, next to the Education building.

Family Life will serve hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, beverages paper products and ice cream from Mommoms.

We ask that you bring a favorite summer dish to share with eight (8) friends, along with a blanket or chairs to sit on.

There will be games and great fellowship.

Ushers and Audio/Visual Servants today:

Ushers: Dan & Tina Cahall, Debbie Devine, Gary Green

Audio/Visual: Beckett Divita, Mardi Spangler, Jim Roscoe

Calendar and Announcements

Sunday, August 23

8:00 AM – Worship Service — St. Paul's Chapel

9:30 AM – Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary

10:30 AM – Coffee Hour — Grace Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 24

9 - 11 AM – Clothing Closet Referrals — Ed Building

6:00 PM – Pickleball — Grace Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 25

10:00 AM – Staff Meeting — Library

6:00 PM – Evening Prayer — ZOOM

Wednesday, August 26

6:00 PM – Evening Prayer — ZOOM

6:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous — Grace Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM – Moving On Adult Studies — Library & Parlor

Thursday, August 27

6:00 PM – Evening Prayer — ZOOM

Friday, August 28

9 - 11 AM – Clothing Closet Referrals — Ed Building

6:00 PM – Evening Prayer — ZOOM

6:30 PM – ACA Meeting — Ed Building

Saturday, August 29

9 AM – 12 PM – Clothing Closet — Ed Building

12 PM Community Meal