

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 30, 2026

Hymn Sing	JoEllyn Beck
<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	UMH 138
<i>Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy</i>	UMH 340
<i>Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult</i>	UMH 398

Welcome Pastor Christine

Prelude	Jesus Joy of Man's Desiring	Sherry Roscoe
	JS Bach/Arr. E.J. Lorenz	

† Opening Prayer (Unison) Robert Lee

Gracious God, as we enjoy the sweet and rich fruit of this season, we thank you for your overflowing care and love for us. As your grace pours into us and through us, we ask that the fruit which we bear as your disciples will also be sweet, rich, and sustaining for lives around us in this world which you love. Amen.

† Hymn	<i>The Summons</i>	UMH 2130
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† 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
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Special Music	<i>In This Very Room</i>	JoEllyn Beck
	Gary McSpadden	

Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Christine
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Prayer for Illumination	Robert Lee
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As we hear your Word today, LORD, claim our hearts completely with the fire of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

† Gospel Lesson	<i>John 15:1-8</i> NIV	Robert Lee
This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.		
Thanks be to God.		

† Hymn	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	UMH 2129
Old Testament Lesson	<i>Exodus 3:1-15</i> NIV	Darlene Wade
Sermon	<i>Afraid to Answer the Call</i>	Darlene Wade
Musical Offering	<i>Who You Say I Am</i> Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan	Josh Bogus CCLI: 7102401
Offertory *	<i>Cheer Thee, My Soul</i> Chorale Harmonized by JS Bach/E.J. Lorenz	Sherry Roscoe
† Doxology		UMH 94
† Hymn	<i>Here I Am Lord</i>	UMH 593
† Benediction		Pastor Christine
Postlude	<i>Mighty Are Thy Works, O Lord</i> Gary Davidson	Sherry Roscoe

Extinguishing the Altar Candles

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Dryda Family for His healing touch, and with sincere thanks to our church family and friends for the comforting prayers, calls, and support that have carried our family through recent/ongoing medical challenges.

The Memorial Rose on the altar this morning is in memory of Doris Rowlinson, a member of Wesley Church whose death occurred on Wednesday, August 19, 2026.

Ushers and Audio/Visual Servants today:

Ushers:

Audio/Visual: Josh Bogus, Beckett Divita, Mardi Spangler

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., Greg G., Jerry C., Judy B., Karen D., Libby H., Linda S., Lou B., 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., and the family of Doris Rowlinson.

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!

Food Pantry Collection Day: The United Methodist Men collect donations once a month on the first Wednesday from 10 - 11 AM at the Preschool portico area. If you prefer to leave your items on Sunday morning or during the week from 9 AM - 3 PM, you may place your donation in the closet under the stairwell leading to the Sanctuary. Thank you for supporting us in this vital ministry.

Calling All Bell Ringers & Singers! The music ministry is back, and we want you to join us! Whether you love to ring bells or lift your voice in song, there is a place for you here. Mark your calendars for our upcoming launch dates: First Rehearsal: Thursday, September 3, 2026. Joyful Noise Bell Choir: 6:00 PM and Chancel Choir: 7:00 PM. Chancel Choir will sing at the 9:30 service on September 13, 2026.

No professional experience is required—just a heart for worship and fellowship! Want to learn more? See Sherry Roscoe after service or call the church office for details. We cannot wait to make a joyful noise with you!

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 3 PM.

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.

Calendar and Announcements

Sunday, August 30

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 31

9 - 11 AM – Clothing Closet Referrals — Ed Building

6:00 PM – Pickleball — Del-Tech Pickleball Courts

Tuesday, September 1

10:00 AM – Staff Meeting — Library

6:00 PM – Evening Prayer — ZOOM

6:00 PM – Security Team Meeting — Library

6:00 PM – DSC Registration — Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 2

6:00 PM – Evening Prayer — ZOOM

6:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous — Grace Fellowship Hall

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

Thursday, September 3

6:00 PM – Evening Prayer — ZOOM

6:00 PM – SPRC Meeting — Parlor

6:00 PM – Parent Orientation — Grace Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 4

9 - 11 AM – Clothing Closet Referrals — Ed Building

6:00 PM – Evening Prayer — ZOOM

6:30 PM – ACA Meeting — Ed Building

Saturday, September 5

9 AM – 12 PM – Clothing Closet — Ed Building

12 PM Community Meal