

# Wesley Witness

Hello, Wesley United Methodist Church! Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. My name is Kolby Golliher, and I am excited and honored to be your pastor beginning July 1st. I graduated with my Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School last month. (Yes, Pastor Ben and I crossed paths and I got to know his heart some while we were both at Duke!) I am also a Florida native, having spent my childhood in Okeechobee and my youth/teenage years in the small town of Sebastian.

My wife Hannah and I also celebrated our third anniversary this last month (May 25). She will be starting her PhD in Bio-medical Sciences at the University of Florida with a focus in genetics this coming fall. Go Gators! We have a 16-month-old Goldendoodle puppy who loves hiking and playing fetch. His name is Karl Bark, after the great 20th century Swiss theologian Karl Barth. If you aren't yet familiar with Barth, don't worry, we can change that!

I have been serving in various ministerial leadership capacities ever since God called me to preach my first sermon in 2014. I am especially interested in collaborating with you all as we discern together where the Holy Spirit is moving in our midst. In what ways is God calling us to make disciples who make disciples? What does it mean for us to be a missional church both locally and globally? How do we best love our neighbors, extending the hands and feet of Jesus out into our community?

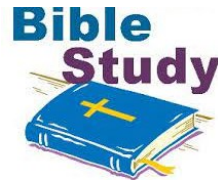
I am also interested in finding new and ancient ways for us to connect more intimately with the triune God and each other. These last couple years of being in a global pandemic have disrupted many of our lives and forced us to shift to a "new normal" that we are continuing to evaluate and adjust to each day. What spiritual practices — what John Wesley called the "means of grace" — is the Holy One inviting us into in this season? I look forward to discerning these questions and more with you!

Blessings,  
Pastor Kolby



# Breaking News

**PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY**—Pastor Kolby plans to restart the Pastor's Class on Tuesday, July 19th at 12:00 Noon. He hopes to see all of you back for this! Watch the bulletin for more information.



Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the  
Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

## *Wesley United Methodist Church*

*Mission Statement:  
Celebrating God!  
Growing in Faith!  
Changing the World!*

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## *Weekly Sunday Activities*

Worship @ 10:45AM  
(Sanctuary)

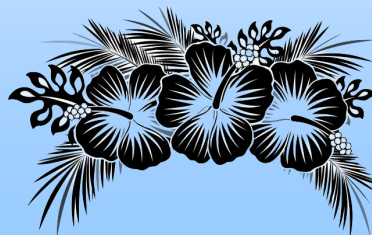


Jim Arnett  
Carolyn Clarke  
Rachelle Hines  
Beth Loehr-Moody  
Clydia Reichert  
Beth Senn  
Doris Welsh

Barbara Baldwin  
Helen Goddard  
Bonniesue Humphlett  
Paula Mathis  
Joe Reichert  
Dale Smith  
Weseman Family

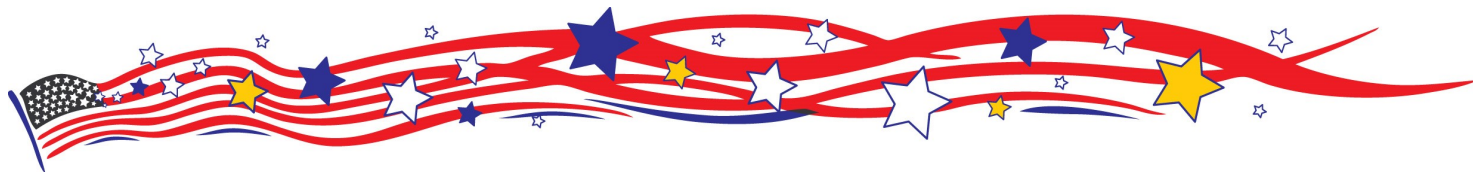
Linda Baldwin  
Mary Harris  
Barb Loehr  
Moring Family  
Margie Sapp  
Linda Smith  
Clarence Witt

*With God*  
**ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE**



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Let's welcome Pastor Kolby and Hannah in  
good ol' Wesley style—with ice cream!  
Wednesday, July 13th at 6:30 PM.  
Don't miss it!



Pastor Ben offered his thanks to the Garden Workers on his last Sunday. He didn't mention them by name but I want to raise one up for some special thanks. Jan Sims saved "Mama Coontie" out in the garden. She researched what was wrong with it, then purchased and applied the fungicide, and prayed over the plant. Then one day (and I do mean one day) it was a foot tall! Like overnight!

Thanks to the other workers whose names I can remember: Pastor Ben, Dale Smith, Ray Thomas, Ron Case, Sharren Gibbs, Nancy Slaydon, and William Strawder.













July 2022

*Most meetings are Wednesdays at 6:00 unless otherwise noted*

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

826 Northwest 23rd Avenue  
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**Pastor Kolby Golliher**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
						
						
						
3 	4  <i>Office closed</i>	5 1:30-3PM Wesley Whittlers	6 6:00 Trustees	7  11:30AM Card Club	8	
10	11 7:00PM Nightingales	12 7:00PM Finance	13 6:30 Ice Cream Social	14  11:30AM Card Club	15 <i>Office Closed</i>	
17	18	19 10:00AM SPRC 10:00AM Morning Stars Noon Pastor's Class 1:30-3PM Wesley Whittlers	20 7:00PM Admin Council	21  11:30AM Card Club	22 <i>Office Closed</i>	
24	25	26 Noon Pastor's Class	27 6:00PM Worship Committee	28  11:30AM Card Club	29 <i>Office Closed</i>	
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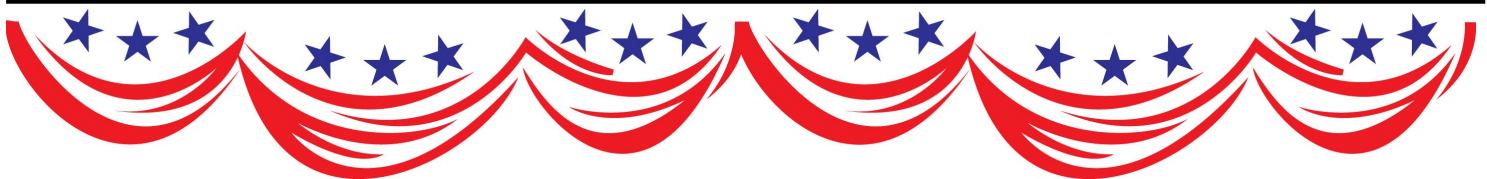


## MISSION OF THE MONTH

We all know they build houses, but that's not all! They also build people! To qualify for home ownership a person must be interviewed by a volunteer Family Selection Committee who looks at issues like a family's financial situation and stability. Prospects must demonstrate a need for safe, affordable housing, have a steady job, and have bills which are less than 40% of their income.

People who qualify for the program then must put in at least 400 hours of sweat equity (200 hours building homes for others and 200 hours building their own homes), must attend classes on home ownership, and must pay an affordable mortgage for 30 to 40 years. Habitat is not a free "give away" program by a long shot!

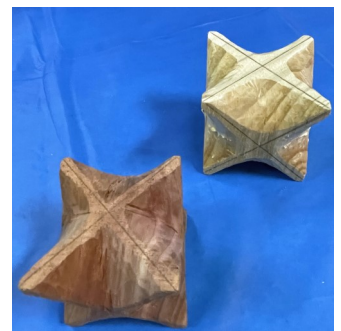
Habitat was established in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller. He was an attorney who gave up his fortune so others could have decent housing, and the initiative has since spread around the world. The Gainesville Chapter started in 1989 and has built more than 100 homes, with more to be finished very soon! Habitat has a Thrift Shop at 2317 Southwest 13th Street and welcomes volunteers in many capacities, not the least of which is financial! The phone number is 352-378-4663 and their website is [www.alachuahabitat.org](http://www.alachuahabitat.org).

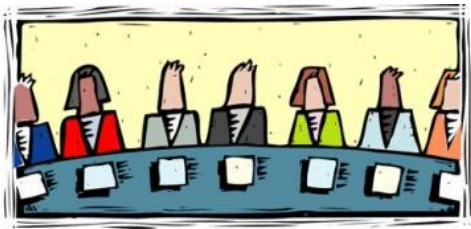


### WESLEY WHITTLERS ARE BACK!

The Whittlers are back, meeting in the Fellowship Hall every other Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Christie Tattersall is now a teacher of the whittling method. She showed me two of the vets' projects, a bird, and a star. (I don't know what happened to my photo of the bird...) The small bird, smoothly carved and only the shape of a bird, is carried in the pocket, and is used as a stress management tool, kind of like a worry stone, only much cuter.

They are still formulating other programs that might join the whittling program, and we will watch to see what comes next. I'm sure Danny Aguila has some things in mind.





## Committee Meetings

7/6 6:00PM Trustees  
 7/12 7:00PM Finance  
 7/19 10:00AM SPCR  
 7/20 7:00PM Admin  
                     Council  
 7/27 6:00PM Worship

## July Birthdays

6<sup>th</sup> Jim Arnett  
 15<sup>th</sup> Cindy Holmes  
       Gary Weseman  
 16<sup>th</sup> Nancy Case  
 17<sup>th</sup> Frank Nosko  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Lindsey Adams  
 30<sup>th</sup> Derek Mallard

## July Anniversaries

3<sup>rd</sup> Karen & Chris Teele  
 14<sup>th</sup> Misty & Thad Martin  
 31<sup>st</sup> Yvonne & John Hodges



Celebrate!

## FUN AND GAMES



Join the Canasta card club at Wesley United Methodist Church! Have fun and meet great people! Invite family and friends, the more the merrier!

When: Thursdays, 11:30 AM (except holidays)

Where: Wesley United Methodist Church  
 826 Northwest 23rd Avenue  
 Fellowship Hall

Call Cindy Holmes at 352-256-9485 for information.

We have wonderful members waiting to teach you Hand and Foot Canasta! **Please have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccination, as well as the boosters!**

### Card Club Guidelines

- Bring a sack lunch and beverage if you wish.
- Please arrive on time if possible.
- Please help clean up after the games end.
- Please give us your email address and phone number in case of scheduling changes.

