



Dear Wesley,

Wow! It is bizarre to think that it has already been a month since Hannah and I stepped out in faith, moved to Gainesville, and I assumed the role of serving as your pastor. Thank you once again for your tremendous hospitality and support in welcoming our little family “just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God” (Rom 15:7 NRSV). Hannah and I feel the power and warmth of your prayers daily, and I hope you are comforted by ours as well.

Some exciting personal news... this past week, our family of three has grown into a family of FIVE. We stumbled into the Humane Society in the thick of kitten season, and Karl is now the proud big brother of two itty bitty sisters: Rosie and Marie! (See picture.) They are 3.5 months old, sweet as can be, and loving exploring their new home. I suggested to Hannah that, since she let me name our dog after a theologian, we should name the kittens after some of her favorite scientists – Rosalind Franklin and Marie Curie. Nurturing our kittens has already been a source of so much joy and laughter over at the parsonage, and it is a wonderful reminder for me that our Heavenly Parent loves nurturing and caring for us too, no matter how distracted or rebellious we often are. How is God nurturing you in this season?



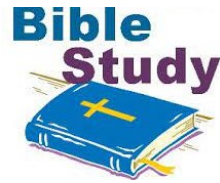
Our “Wesley Whittlers” veterans support group is back up and running in full swing. I have really appreciated engaging in this niche ministry, having the opportunity to meet and hear the stories of dozens of veterans in our community. The whittling group is a space where these folks are able to gather together, share a delicious meal, and practice a new skill. Many of the vets have opened up to me about living with PTSD or severe anxiety. So, they tell me, being in community and having projects to work on is an incredibly life-giving coping mechanism. I am even in the process of completing my first whittling project – a 3D star!

I also write to share with you another exciting missional opportunity this month. Students will be going back to school in just a couple of weeks. Our church has partnered with the faculty and students of Metcalfe Elementary in the past and we are

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Breaking News

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY—Join us for Bible Study this Tuesday from 11:30AM-12:30 PM as we begin our study of *A Grace-Full Life* by Jorge Acevedo and Wes. Bring a friend as we learn together about God's all-reaching, soul-saving, character-shaping, never-ending love for you and me.



Wesley United Methodist Church

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

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Deadline for articles: 15th of each month

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www.WesleyUMCon23.org

Weekly Sunday Activities

Worship @ 10:45AM
(Sanctuary)



<i>Jim Arnett</i>	<i>Barbara Baldwin</i>	<i>Linda Baldwin</i>
<i>Dianne Blucher</i>	<i>Ron & Nancy Case</i>	<i>Liza Case</i>
<i>Carolyn Clarke</i>	<i>Helen Goddard</i>	<i>Blake Harris</i>
<i>Mary Harris</i>	<i>Rachelle Hines</i>	<i>Bonniesue Humphlett</i>
<i>LaRue Landsberry & Darlene</i>		<i>Barb Loehr</i>
<i>Beth Loehr-Moody</i>	<i>Dahlia Mallard</i>	<i>Paula Mathis</i>
<i>Clydia Reichert</i>	<i>Joe Reichert</i>	<i>Sapp Family</i>
<i>Beth Senn</i>	<i>Dale Smith</i>	<i>Linda Smith</i>
<i>David Tattersall</i>	<i>Doris Welsh</i>	<i>Weseman Family</i>
<i>Clarence Witt</i>	<i>Carla, Robert, Molly & Buddy</i>	

With God
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

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excited to continue reinforcing our relationship with them. It's a privilege to follow the Holy Spirit and serve this critical area of need in our community. Please reach out to Cindy Holmes (holmesmc@yahoo.com) or the church office (secretary@wumc.cfcoxmail.com) if you would like to help serve. We are currently looking for volunteers to purchase school supplies (see the complete list below) as well as "reading buddies" to come alongside kids from underprivileged backgrounds. I hope you will ask the Lord for discernment as you consider how exactly you are being called to get involved in these ministries.

I believe God is at work doing new and big things in our community, even greater things than we can fully imagine. Thankfully, we have been invited to follow the Holy Spirit's lead and participate in this work – to have faith as we go out, be the hands and feet of Jesus, and empower others to "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps 34:8 NRSV). We may be a small congregation in number but not in heart, because we worship a mighty God! In a recent discussion I mentioned that Wesley UMC could easily have the attitude of, "We are a small congregation. What can we possibly do?" However, I have been impressed and affirm we are choosing as a faith community to take the leap of faith Christ calls us to do and say instead, "Here we are. What can we do?" The Spirit is moving in and through Wesley UMC. How will you respond?

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Kolby

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Worship Service—10:45AM

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE








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

August 2022

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

826 Northwest 23rd Avenue
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Pastor Kolby Golliher

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00PM Nightin- gales	2 11:30AM Pastor's Class 1:30-3PM Wesley Whittlers	3	4  11:30AM Card Club 6:00PM Sisters in Faith	5	6
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14	15	16 10:00AM Morning Stars 11:30AM Pastor's Class 1:30-3PM Wesley Whittlers	17 6:00PM Care Team	18 10:00AM Property Stewardship Meeting  11:30AM Card Club	19	20
21	22	23 11:30AM Pastor's Class	24	25  11:30AM Card Club	26	27
28	29	30 11:30AM Pastor's Class 1:30-3PM Wesley Whittlers	31 6:00PM Church Wide Nominations Meeting	We're Going Back To School 		



MISSION OF THE MONTH

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

You've seen bits and pieces of these activities all year long, but this month we turn our focus to the ways that Wesley UMC contributes to the well-being of our local community. These are in no special order whatsoever...

- Blessing Bags: Personal care items, snacks, and clean t-shirt are packaged, ready to hand out to those in need
- BOGO food basket for Bread of the Mighty Food Bank
- Neighborhood Thank You Program: Our good cooks bake cookies for nearby schools (JJ Finley, Sidney Lanier, Gainesville High School, Metcalfe Elementary, Glen Springs Elementary, Westwood Middle School, and Stephen Foster Elementary), Fire Station #5, and the police station
- Mentoring students and supporting teachers at Metcalfe Elementary School. See the article on page 6 for ways you can help
- Whitie Tightsies—collection of new underwear and socks for children and adults for Arbor House, St. Francis House, Grace Market Place, and the Stephen Foster Elementary School clinic
- Prayer Shawl ministry: Knitted or crocheted shawls are blessed and given to those in need of a “warm fuzzy”
- Random Acts of Kindness: Small cards can be handed out to let a person know that someone from Wesley UMC has performed an act of kindness for them
- Benevolence Fund: Help both church members and members of community with funds when an emergency occurs
- Girl Scouts of America—one troop had been meeting here for several years; we hope to add more this school year
- Veteran Support Committee—We help provide necessities for veterans transitioning from homelessness, Veteran Moms Support Group, Wesley Whittlers, Neighborhood Garden, with more plans every day

I'm sure I've forgotten something, but the deadline for publication is approaching so I must get this out! Money is *a/ways* welcome. Please give generously!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR METCALFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



There's a box in the Narthex for our Metcalfe collections. This year, we are looking for the following:

Pencils & red rubber erasers

Glue sticks

Bottles of school glue

Hand sanitizer

Dry erase markers & erasers

Notebook paper

Boxes of facial tissue



Dear Wesley Family, thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for your cards, calls, emails, messages, hugs, flowers, food and caring during my recent bout with cancer. All meant so much to me when my tomorrows were so bleak. I love you all beyond words.

Thank you again. *Paula*



Even though Pastor Kolby and Hannah have been here a month already, their welcome party was right on time. Attendees enjoyed an ice cream social, perfect for this hot Gainesville weather. The theme was red, white, and blue to honor our recent national birthday.

Christie Tattersall presented Kolby and Hannah an afghan she crocheted. Beautiful!

Noticeably absent was Karl Barth. I'm sure he was home chewing up their shoes as revenge for leaving him home!





Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

"Moving Forward in Faith"

September 9-11, 2022

Rev. Tiffania Icaza Willets, Facilitator

Warren Willis UM Conference Center

Fruitland Park

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW:

[EVENTBRITE - SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RETREAT 2022](#)

Scholarships are available!
Please ask your District President for details.

The Conference UWF website has a new address: flconfuwf.org. Feel free to share this with your members. Here you will find information about all that is going on at Conference level UWF and the forms you'll need to submit for Mission Study and Mission Today reports.



Spiritual Enrichment Retreat Registration Form Sept. 9-11, 2022

Warren Willis UM Conference Center
4991 Picciola Road, Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Name: _____ Phone (____) _____
As you would like it on your name tag Cell Phone (____) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail: _____ District: _____

\$145 for room (Friday, Saturday nights, double occupancy) and meals (Saturday breakfast – Sunday breakfast)

\$185 for room (Friday, Saturday nights, single occupancy) and meals (Saturday breakfast – Sunday breakfast)

\$85 for room (Saturday night, double occupancy) and meals (Saturday lunch – Sunday breakfast)

\$105 for room (Saturday night, single occupancy) and meals (Saturday lunch – Sunday breakfast)

\$50 for Commuter (Saturday lunch, dinner and day fee)

Make checks payable to: **Florida Conference United Methodist Women.**

A limited number of Scholarships are available. Check with your district president. Scholarship deadline is Aug. 13. Include Registration form with scholarship application.

Registration Deadline: Aug. 15 Check-in begins on Friday, Sept. 9 at 4:00 P.M.

Choice of Roommate: _____

Housing Needs (1st floor, Handicapped) _____

Do you need wheelchair access? _____ Do you need an interpreter for the hearing impaired? _____ Do you need a language interpreter? _____ Language? _____

In case of emergency, please notify:

Name: _____ Relation: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Allergies or Medical Concerns: _____

Health/Dietary Needs/Other _____

Childcare Needed? _____ Number of Children _____ Ages: _____

**PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF COVID-19 VACCINATION CARD TO THIS REGISTRATION.
PROOF OF VACCINATION WILL BE REQUIRED UPON ARRIVAL TO RETREAT.**

Send to Registrar: Donna Spear, 5107 N Seminole Ave, Tampa, FL 33603.

Phone: 813-293-4281 Email: donnaspear.umw@gmail.com



Committee Meetings

8/10 6:00PM Missions
8/17 6:00PM Care Team
8/31 6:00PM Church-wide
Nominations Mtg



August Birthdays

1st Austin Holder
Bradley Omdahl
2nd Edgar Voyles
9th Nancy Slaydon
10th Debbie Taylor
16th Becky Knight
Linda Smith
20th Robbyn Perkins
24th Betty Brand
Jane Nelson
25th Dee Boyle
30th Dale Smith



August Anniversaries

6th Jim & Mary Harris
8th Bonniesue & Paul
Humphlett
31st Nancy & Ron Case



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.

