



The WESLEY WINDOW

“Wesley Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ.”

February 14, 2018

Please check our website for current Wesley information.
www.wesleyumc.net

Worship Services
February 18, 2018

Traditional

8:30
Greg Porterfield

9:30
Greg Porterfield

11:00
Scott Parrish

Contemporary

9:30
Scott Parrish

11:05
Greg Porterfield

Wesley West

10:30
Adam Hilderbrandt

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is a Congregation of
the North Georgia Conference,
United Methodist Church

Dear Friends,

Beginning Wednesday we enter into the holiest season of the Christian year, Lent. It is a sacred season that has been observed by Christians for over a thousand years. Unfortunately with the passage of time, Lent is sometimes misunderstood. Today it is popular to think of this 40-day time as an exercise in self-improvement where we are encouraged to “give up” some small vice. This, however, reduces Lent to the spiritual equivalent of the South Beach Diet plan.

The purpose of Lent is not to make us look good. In fact, it is not about us at all; it is about God. It is about how we can have everything the world can give us and without God, it is pointless and we are paupers. And so I invite you to share in three disciplines observed by Christians for centuries. First, **pray daily** during this holy time. Pick a time during your day and make your prayer begin by thanking God for the privilege of this communication. Your prayers may change in intensity or length of time; however, the daily discipline will bring you closer to God. Second, **give faithfully**. Jesus said it best, “Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also.” Use these 40 days to practice the discipline of tithing and just see at the end of it if you do not feel closer to God. Finally, **worship regularly**. We are encouraging everyone at Wesley to commit to the goal of worshipping four out of the six Sundays in Lent. I know we live busy lives, but as the saying goes - if you are too busy for God, you are, in fact, too busy.

These are not new disciplines, they have, however, stood the test of time for those who desire a closer relationship to God. I encourage your practice of them over these next six weeks. To help you in your effort, you have been mailed a card. Put it in your pocket or display in a prominent place you will refer to each day. Whatever you do, try - really try - to follow these simple disciplines. My promise to you is this: that if you do these things faithfully, when we get to Easter it will mean more to you than ever before. And that, you will find, is the point of everything.

I'll see you Sunday,

Ray

This Lent you are challenged to:

Set a specific time to *Pray*
Worship at least 4 out of 6 Sundays
Set aside a certain amount to *Give* each week



Our Prayers

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| Armed Forces Walter & Sandy Allison Abigail Almon Lynn Arnett Florence Awe Pat Azbell Coston Barber George Bailey J.C. Bible Mayson Bissell Jane Bonner Barbara Bryant Lisa Bryant Vaughn Callaway Glenn & Kristi Cannon Clifford Carey Bobby Collins Mike Cook Warren Cook Patricia Cox Dolores Davis Harvey & Ann Dockal Sam & Barbara Frantom David Fry Walter Gearhart Cliff Gibbs Don & Bonnie Gibbs Kathey Gibbs Travis Gibson Ruth Graffius Jim Griswell Christopher Grubisa Mike Guffin Cindy Gustafson Gerald Handley | Mike Harley Jeff Harris Corinne Heid Dave Hinner Eleanor Hinson Terry Holder Larry Ingerich Kevin Jimenez Shirley Johnson Betty Kizer Jimmy Knight Todd Knoedler Carol Leggio Bob Leicht, Sr. Kay Lord Bryan Luckey Charline Luckey Tom Lyles John Malcolm Pete McDonald Gayle McGee Betty McGlaulin Dorothy McLeod Bob Michael Mont Miller Wilma Miller Joe Mitchell Mae Mitchell Glynn & JoAn Moore Collin Morgan Dominic Myers Bob Newkirk Scot Noss Tiffany Osborne David Padgett Debbie Parker Geraldine Parrish Jennifer Perry Ed Pihl Marshall Pugh | Henry Quinn Susan Rice Fran Robertson Maryanne Roth Sandra Rountree Royal Family Tara Salley Miranda Scales Doris Schatz Liz Schleicher Noah Schmitz Christine Scott Dorothy Scott Traci Simless Herb Smith Irene Smith Doris Standard Earl Staulcup Family Virginia Stutsman Ashby Symms Lamar Tabb Louise Taylor Frank Tobakos Adam Tucker Art Turner Lindsey Turner Herb Washburn Ron Watford Rev. Condie Watters Ron & Cindy Whitaker Callie Wilkes David Williams Ian Williams Lee & Susan Williams Charlie Wilson Jennifer Wiseman Connor Young Marvin Young |
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Our Weekly Bread

Symbols. The rainbow is God's covenant with us that he would never again destroy all creation with a flood (Genesis 9:13). A dove descended on Jesus at his baptism affirming that he was God's son (Mark 1:11). Our baptism is a symbol of our "pledge of a good conscience toward God" (1 Peter 3:21). There are many things we use in worship that symbolize something deeper in our faith. Search out some of these this week to enrich your worship experience. Research the use of candles, the altar, the cross, robes, stoles, communion and the communion elements, fasting, the Apostles' Creed, the Doxology, the Benediction, baptism. The more we understand, the more we can fully take part in worship.

Wesley Extends Christian Sympathy to...

Butch Holley and family in the loss of his father, Jan Holley.

Ellen Ashe and family in the loss of her step-sister, Malley Kelbaugh.

For these families, Lord, hear our prayers.

Wesley Hugs

I want to thank everyone at Wesley for the prayers, cards and delicious meals. I miss everyone, and I'm so blessed to be a member at Wesley where I've met so many wonderful friends. I hope to be back soon when I'm feeling better from my back surgery.

Klyce Scott

Thank you for the prayer blanket. Thank you for all the prayers, calls and visits. I am so thankful to have Wesley as my church family.

Henry Quinn

Our Gifts

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

2018 Operating:

- This Week \$ 57,602
- Received Through This Week: \$ 235,140
- Budgeted Through This Week: \$ 256,191

Building Campaign - (T3):

- This Week: \$ 1,469
- Received Through This Week: \$ 6,068

Our Presence

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

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| Worship | 1,078 | Adult Sunday School | 163 |
| Children Sunday School | | Sunday Night Students | 57 |
| Volunteers | 52 | | |



I have set my bow
in the clouds,
and it will be a sign of
the covenant between
Me and the earth.
Genesis 9:13



Claim Your Free Video Gift

This week Wesley is showing how much we love you by giving you and your family the gift of a free subscription to Right Now Media. This site is like a Christian Netflix and offers you hundreds of free instructional and entertaining videos. You should have received an email invitation. If you have not, contact the church office to confirm your correct contact information. Wesley wants to support you in your faith journey at every step of your family's life so you know you never walk alone.

Faith Notes Needs Singers

Faith Notes is a small ensemble of mostly retired singers that rehearse Wednesdays, 5:45-6:15pm, in the choir room. For 14 years, we have sung at Wesley's communion service at Brandon Wilde the second Thursday of each month at 2pm for its most appreciative residents. Great note-reading and/or great voices are not requirements, but the love of providing music ministry and having fun is! Our anthems are mostly gospel and/or easy 3 and 4 parts. For more information, contact Carol Gage, 706/863-9550, or give us a try on Wednesdays, 5:45pm.



WESLEY UMC
Summer Music Camp

SHREK
THE
MUSICAL JR

AUDITIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1-4PM
AUDITIONS & CALLBACKS: SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 3-5PM

CURRENT 2ND GRADE THRU HIGH SCHOOL

Camp will be June 3-8 with performances
on Friday, June 8, at 3:30 and 6:30pm

Camp Fee: \$125

Rehearsals for leads will be on Sundays, April 15 through mid-May.
Contact Heather at hpeacock45@gmail.com with questions.

Use PUSHPAY for your tithes, offerings and special gifts. Text "wesleyumc" to 77977 for a link to our giving page. Pushpay accepts credit cards and bank account gifts.



Spring into Connection

Connect with others by being a part of "Wesley Cares" - the outreach ministry of giving to congregational family members who are either homebound or have limited capabilities of being involved. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 1, 10am, in the conference room. For information, contact Tami Bernhardt, june2792@aol.com.



Susanna Wesley Circle Invites You

Susanna Wesley Circle will meet Tuesday, February 20, 11am, to take the bus to Tuesday's Music Live. RSVP to Joyce Cook, 706-373-1183, or Lurla Mayne, 706-840-1594, with your lunch reservation by Friday, February 16.

Guatemala Mission: Fund the Pharmacy

The Guatemala mission team is heading to San Lucas in July to provide medical care for rural Guatemalan people who have little access to doctors and medicine. We order medicines at a discounted price for foreign missions, but it is still a costly effort. You can help! In the biscuit area is a board covered with envelopes showing needed medicines and costs. Select an envelope, add your check and put in the church offering. You also can donate online and designate it to the Guatemala Mission Pharmacy Fund.

Evening Beth Moore Study

The Quest is a six-week workbook/video series in which Beth Moore uses questions from Scripture to lead you into intimacy with the One who knows you best. Learn to dig into the Word, respond to the questions of God, and bring your questions before Him. Workbooks available at first session for \$14. Led by Penny Harper. Begins Monday, February 19, 7-9pm, in room 21. Sign up at www.wesleyumc.net or in the connection hallway.

Quick Notes

- **Women's Retreat:** March 9-11, Charleston. Register at www.wesleyumc.net by February 18.
- **Honduras Mission Trip Information Meeting:** Tuesday, February 20, 6:30pm, Conference Room
- **Indoor Soccer for ages 3-5:** Sign up at wesleyumc.leagueapps.com. Cost is \$25. Contact wesley@wesleyumc.net.

Columbia County Cares Food Collection

February: Flour & Sugar

Place donations in the Mission Cart in the Gathering Space.



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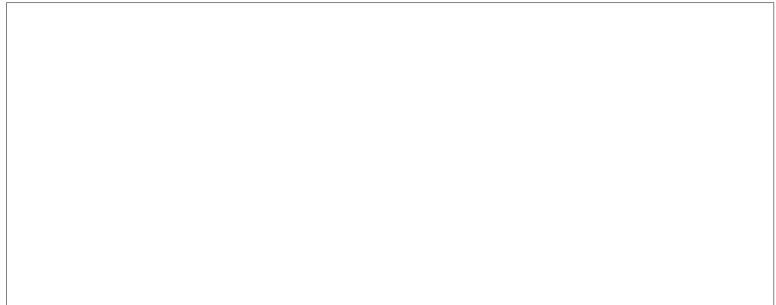
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THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF WHO ASSIST THEM ARE:**

- Ryan Abel.....Contemporary Music
- Ellen Ashe ext 208.....Secretary
- Evan Ashe.....Custodian
- Nathaniel Bell.....Custodian
- Helen Bissell.....Senior Adult Outreach
- David Blackwood ext 223.....Associate Pastor
- Ray Burnette ext 226.....Food Services
- Joanne Cirincione ext 211.....Director of Adult Education
- Wes Daniels.....Recreation Director
- Larry Dinkins ext 206.....Director of Operations
- Michelle Dodson ext 221.....Evangelism Assistant and Program Secretary
- Michelle Duncan ext 209.....Worship Secretary
- Amanda Ellis ext 203.....Finance Director
- Elynn Gilbert ext 210.....Children's Director
- Susan Gilbert ext 220.....Pastor of Care
- Mark Haddon.....Contemporary Music
- Dee Harden.....Custodian
- Adam Hilderbrandt ext 205.....Associate Pastor
- Elaine Maxwell.....Pianist
- Eve Mooney ext 204.....Director of Hospitality
- Nicole Muns ext 224.....Middle School Youth Director
- Heather Peacock.....Music Ministries Assistant
- Greg Porterfield ext 201.....Senior Pastor
- Kelley Sleeper ext 202.....Missions Assistant
- Vicki Starcher ext 212.....Preschool Director
- Aaron Talbott ext 213.....Director of Student Ministries
- Jeff Wickell ext 225.....Director of Music Ministries

For a complete listing of staff contact information,
please see our website, www.wesleyumc.net.
The church office receives mail at office@wesleyumc.net.



This Week at Wesley

Sunday - 18th

8:30a Worship and Sunday School
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11:00a Worship and Sunday School
10:30a Wesley West Worship
6:15p Faith Builders Bible Study
NO WESLEY STUDENTS

Monday - 19th PRESIDENTS DAY

1:00p Intermediate Line Dance
2:00p Beginner Line Dance

Tuesday - 20th

7:00a Men in Mission
9:30a Cross Cultures Study
11:00a Susanna Wesley Circle
5:00p Faith Care Clinic
6:30p Honduras Info Meeting
7:00p Guatemala Team Meeting

Wednesday - 21st

9:30a The Quest Bible Study
12:30p Window Folders
5:00p WOW Supper
6:00p WOW Classes
6:00p Student Small Groups
7:00p Celebration Choir Rehearsal
7:00p Wesley West Band Practice

Thursday - 22nd

6:15a Chicks-fil-A/Brojangles
7:00a Manistry in the Morning
9:15a Wesley Moms
1:00p Pickleball
6:00p WPPK Board Meeting
6:30p Praise Band Practice

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

Children's Ministry Building

15-Passenger Bus

Student Ministry Room Upgrades/ Renovations

Downtown College Student Building

