

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 13, 2018

THIS WEEK AT | WESLEY

Sunday, December 16

- 8:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00am Contemporary Worship (Praise Center)
Sunday School
10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
Choir Christmas Cantata
Sunday School
2:00pm Hearts to Hands Gathering (Room 105)
6:00pm ONE SM Sunday Night Live (Youth Bldg.)
6:30pm Choir Christmas Cantata (Sanctuary)

Monday, December 17

- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Methodist Day School
6:00pm Ladies Monday Bible Study (Parlor)

Tuesday, December 18

- 8:00am Seeds for Needs Workday
9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Methodist Day School
12:00pm Wesley Bookworms at Kim Dolan's house

Wednesday, December 19

- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Methodist Day School
11:00am Prayer Card Ministry (Conference Room)
12:00pm Communion Service (Sanctuary)
5:30pm Dinner (Dining Hall)
6:00pm ONE Students Mid-Week Worship (Youth Bldg.)
6:30pm The Journey Bible Study
Open Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 20

- 9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Methodist Day School
12:00pm Heart Sisters Bible Study (Bride's Room)
Senior Games Day (Parlor)

Friday, December 21

- 9:00am PieceMakers Quilting Group (room 106)

For a complete listing of times, locations and additional events such as recovery meetings and scouts, visit <http://www.wesleyumc.com/calendar/>

FROM THE PASTOR

16 A man approached him and said, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to have eternal life?" 17 Jesus said, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There's only one who is good. If you want to enter eternal life, keep the commandments." 18 The man said, "Which ones?" Then Jesus said, "Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. 19 Honor your father and mother, [a] and love your neighbor as you love yourself." [b] 20 The young man replied, "I've kept all these. What am I still missing?" 21 Jesus said, "If you want to be complete, go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come follow me." 22 But when the young man heard this, he went away saddened, because he had many possessions. Matthew 19:16-23

The season of Advent occurs at the end of the calendar year but is the start of the Christian year. New Year's resolutions may be far from your mind but the call to follow Christ is always before us. I hope and pray that all of us would renew our commitment to Christ and that many would follow him for the first time.

The story of the rich young man displays many of the reasons why people refuse to follow Christ. First, the rich young man was only looking for "good advice" when he speaks to Jesus. He was not seeking a real answer to the most important question we can ever ask, "What must I do to have eternal life?". Instead, he was only looking for a bit of wisdom or some advice he could take or leave. Doubt and deep reflection took the place of the young man following Jesus. The young man goes away sad because he trusts more in his own excuses and problems than he trusts in Jesus.

This time of year will either reveal our deep concern and anxiety for possessions, pleasure and security or fill us with the calm assurance we are following a savior who is leading us to new life and life eternal.

We can only learn how to follow Jesus by following him. Taking up our cross daily and following him is the invitation and call that is always before each of us. Cast aside your excuses and whatever else is keeping you from following and obey him today.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Rick Ivey

OUR | FAITHFULNESS

Attendance

December 9-12, 2018

Sunday Morning Groups

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| 9:00am Children | 14 |
| 9:00am Adults | 85 |
| 10:30am Children | 24 |
| 10:30am Adults | 19 |

Sunday Worship

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| 8:00 Worship | 66 |
| 9:00 Worship | 111 |
| 10:30 Worship | 168 |

Live Stream

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| 9:00am Worship | 12 |
| 10:30am Worship | 7 |

Wednesday

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| Communion | 15 |
| ONE Students | 58 |

Financial News: December 9, 2018

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| 2018 Church Expense Budget | \$1,469,208 |
| Needed for One Week | \$28,254 |
| Received 12/09/18 for Church Budget | \$35,211 |
| Needed Income YTD for Expense Budget | \$1,384,446 |
| Received Income YTD | \$1,229,124 |
| Difference | -\$155,322 |

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

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| Capital Campaign- A/C & Sound | \$1,080 |
| Memorials - All Funds | \$100 |
| Missions | \$2,580 |
| MOSAIC | \$575 |
| Soc. Of St. Stephen | \$100 |
| One Student Ministry | \$140 |
| Building Use | \$67 |
| Choir & Music Fund | \$1,500 |
| Life Supper | \$58 |
| Helping Hands | \$50 |
| Pecans | \$78 |
| Poinsettia's | \$285 |
| Christmas Craft Day | \$995 |

Presented by the Chancel Choir of
Wesley United Methodist Church Beaumont

Joy! Unspeakable Joy!

Sunday, December 16
10:30am & 6:30pm

Powerful songs shaped within an
appealing framework of well-known
Christmas Carols and popular
songs of the season.



**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
December 24**

**4:00pm
Family Service**

**7:00pm
Traditional Christmas Service**

**11:00pm
Casual Christmas Service**

ANGEL TREE/SANTA FOR A SENIOR

Gifts due back by December 16

In Matthew 25, Jesus didn't SPECIFICALLY mention "a child whose family can not provide for them" nor "an elderly person whose family has forgotten them" but I'd BET they are included in "the least of these." Please choose an "angel" and/or a "senior" tag from one of our trees and fill out the card with YOUR information and place it in the basket. Know that you are providing for HIM by providing for THEM. Please wrap your gift and attach the tag and return it to the church by December 16.

SPRING BIBLE STUDIES

Beginning January 16

Have you been looking for a deeper relationship with God? Join us for a Bible Study experience. We have classes and groups for everyone. Be on the look out for a complete list of classes in next weeks Circuit rider. If you have an idea for a Bible Study or Small group contact Ellen Wiemers, ewiemers@wesleyumc.com

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

December 24 - 4:00pm

Is there is anything cuter than a child in a Christmas Pageant? This year you have the chance to see your kiddo in one! ALL ages from birth - 6th grade are welcome to be in the Pageant and older kids are welcome to help out backstage!

Join us for a rehearsal to pick up your costume.

Rehearsals

Monday, December 17
6:30pm-7:30pm

Sunday, December 23
During both Sunday School hours



PECANS

Special Season CASE Price - \$250.00

Great way to say "Thank You"
(teachers, first responders, and special individuals)

24 - 1pound bags

Share a case with a group or a friend & share the LOVE!

Great Ideas: Pecan encrusted chicken or fish.
How about candied or chocolate pecans?

proceeds support United Methodist Men's Mission Fund

Contact Jack George (409.782.8600) or stop by the church office.

HAPPY | BIRTHDAY

December 16

Lainie Banner
Marc Blieden
A. J. Brian
Luis Colon
Danny Gigliotta
Janet Hill
Joshua Lockler
Melissa Lundgreen
Mark McNiel
Kevin Speight

December 17

Lisa Kethley
Dustin Love
Bob Streeper

December 18

Amanda Barrett
John Brian
Gene Broussard
Juli Connolly
Barrett Johnson
Jennifer Justice
Lyn Kennett
Andrew McClary
Ethan Meaux
Doris Melancon

December 19

Blake Beals
Ty Landry
Heath McGallion
Riley Priddy
Ian Quinn
Connor Vershel
Bailey Woodall

December 20

Ty Badon
Cleigh Bushnell Jr.
Billy Canant
Lydia Gregory
Jerit Kethley
William Lucas
Sharon Lytle
Melissa Miller
Whit Outlaw III

December 21

Cooper Floyd
Taylor Kile
Spencer Ribbik
Antonae Sias
Kimberly Sunday
Connie Szuch

December 22

Brian Craig
Ashley Glenn
Louann Holliday
Caroline Rabalais
Betty Roe
Mike Welch

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 16 Choir Christmas Cantata (10:30am & 6:30pm)
- 17 Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (6:30pm)
- 18 Wesley Bookworms (12:00pm)
- 21 PieceMakers Quilting Group (9:00am)
- 23 Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- 24 Christmas Eve Worship (4:00pm, 7:00pm, & 11:00pm)

Church office will be closed December 24-January 1 for the Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

- 1 Office Closed for New Year
- 3 Bunco (6:30pm)
- 4 PieceMakers Quilting Group (9:00am)
- 6 Organ Concert (6:30pm)
- 8 Marion's Bible Study (1:30pm)
- 13 Friendly Beasts at Pelican Bay (1:00pm)
- 15 Wesley Bookworms (12:30pm)
- 22 Marion's Bible Study (1:30pm)