

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 20, 2018

### THIS WEEK AT | WESLEY

#### Sunday, December 23

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

#### Monday, December 24

Office closed for Christmas	
4:00pm	Family Christmas Eve Service
7:00pm	Traditional Christmas Eve Service
11:00pm	Casual Christmas Eve Service

#### Tuesday, December 25-January 1

Office closed for Christmas

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

#### METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

##### January 7 - 6:30am - Dining Hall

You may think a "port" is just a place downtown where some large ships park. Well, it's much, much more. Did you know our very own Port of Beaumont, is the 4th largest by trade in the USA? It also is the busiest military port in the WORLD? There are scores more amazing facts about the Port of Beaumont, and you are invited to hear a presentation by the port Director/CEO, Chris Fisher at the Jan 7th meeting of Wesley Methodist Men.

Everyone (not just men) is invited to come to the meeting, enjoy a great breakfast at 7am, then enjoy the presentation about the port which is a very important part of the economy of SE Texas, and Beaumont.



### FROM THE PASTOR

**"In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago."  
In the Bleak Midwinter UMH 221**

"Why, it is she that has got all Narnia under her thumb. It's she that makes it always winter. Always winter, and never Christmas; think of that!" Mr. Beaver in the Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.

I know Christmas this year will probably be about 70 degrees with a slight chance of rain, but I wanted to quote the verse above for an important reason. The reason is to remind us that even in the "bleak midwinter" we have a powerful hope in Jesus that can bring us joy, hope, peace, and love. Even the darkest of winters is broken by the light and hope of Jesus.

Many of you have friends and neighbors that do not know how Jesus can help them. They imagine that either the gospel of Jesus Christ is either not true or not true for them. You have the fantastic opportunity this time of year to invite them to come hear a message of good news on Christmas Eve or one of the following Sundays. We promise to do our part to help them feel welcome and I know they will enjoy it.

Christmas Eve services 4 pm, 7 pm, or 11 pm. In each service, we will celebrate holy communion and have a candlelight singing of Silent Night. (Yes, of course, we will have O Holy Night as well!)

Grace and Peace,

**Pastor Rick Ivey**

# OUR | FAITHFULNESS

## Attendance

December 16-19, 2018

### Sunday Morning Groups

9:00am Children	21
9:00am Adults	73
10:30am Children	24
10:30am Adults	NA

### Sunday Worship

8:00 Worship	58
9:00 Worship	109
10:30 Worship	310

### Live Stream

9:00am Worship	15
10:30am Worship	2

### Wednesday

Communion	17
ONE Students	66

## Financial News: December 16, 2018

2018 Church Expense Budget	\$1,469,208
Needed for One Week	\$28,254
Received 12/16/18 for Church Budget	\$33,713
Needed Income YTD for Expense Budget	\$1,412,700
Received Income YTD	\$1,262,837
Difference	-\$149,863

## Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Capital Campaign- A/C & Sound	\$225
Memorials - All Funds	\$265
Missions	\$1,675
Soc. Of St. Stephen	\$240
Utila Mission Fund	\$1,000
Animeals on Wheels	\$15
Helping Hands	\$30
Hurricane Harvey	\$500
Pecans	\$143
Poinsettia's	\$30

## 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.

### Rehearsal

Sunday, December 23  
During both Sunday School hours



**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship  
December 24**

**4:00pm  
Family Service**

**7:00pm  
Traditional Christmas Service**

**11:00pm  
Casual Christmas Service**

## SPRING BIBLE STUDIES

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](mailto:ewiemers@wesleyumc.com)

### **Alpha** – 11 weeks + a retreat (starting January 16)

This is an interactive class to discuss life and the Christian faith in an informal, fun and friendly environment. If you have never attended a bible study before, or you are still searching for answers, this is the class for you. We believe everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

### **Nehemiah** – 7 weeks (starting January 16)

This Bible study for women explores the book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah's heart was so broken for those in need that he left the comfort of his Persian palace to help them. Are you ready to let God break your heart for a hurting, lost world and move you in compassion to be the hands and feet of Jesus?

### **Young Adult Bible Study** (starting January 16)

If you are a young adult searching for authentic relationships and a great bible study, this is your class. These folks are passionate about the word of God and truly care about one another as they go through life together.

### **Rick's Class** (starting January 16)

More information on this class will be available soon.

### **Financial Peace University** – 9 weeks (starting March 20)

Start winning with *Financial Peace University*, the #1 proven program that will show you how to master budgeting, pay off debt, build wealth, and give generously.

### **Half Truths** – 5 weeks (starting March 20)

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join Adam Hamilton in searching for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus.

### **Bible Journaling and Crafting** – (starting March 20)

Whether you are brand new at this type of art or you have been doing this awhile, join us for this fun and exciting class while diving into the word of God through art.

## ANGEL TREE GIFT DELIVERY

We got to load HUNDREDS of presents and deliver them to Some Other Place! Thank you to ALL who provided for these special kids! It is a very Merry Christmas!!



# HAPPY | BIRTHDAY

## December 23

Richard Bloss Jr.  
Landon Heniger  
Patricia Morris  
Doris Waldron  
Charley Yust

## December 24

Barrett Besser  
Mike Bienvenu  
Margaret Broussard  
Josiah Fontenet  
Mike Neil  
Jimmy Rippeon  
Ron Spell  
Sandy Trew  
Hudson Walker

## December 25

Emerie Callas  
Amanda Eason  
Malorie Gist  
Robert Jordan  
Starlee Patterson  
David Porterfield  
Bob Schwarzlose

## December 26

Nancy Ahysen  
Lori Blevins-Teague  
Stratton Davis  
Howard Gafford, II  
Tonya George  
Gerry Kirkland  
Jeff Livingston  
Wyndi Padgett

## December 27

Elijah Bardwell  
Keely Hooks  
Susan Lieby  
Declan Rench  
Gretchen Stephens  
Fuller Thillet  
Aaron Tullier  
Danri White

## December 28

Glenn Cummings  
Ella Enderle  
Tony Hayes  
George Owen  
Alisha Prevost  
Ani Prevost  
Jody Slaughter  
Benjamin Streeper  
Anna Temcharoen  
Sarah Thompson  
Karl Wadenpfohl  
Betty Williams

## December 29

Anna Broughton  
Garon Hancock  
Kale Holmes  
Patty McCullough  
Kenneth Wiemers  
Travis Withers

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DECEMBER

- 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)



**PECANS**  
Special Season CASE Price - \$250.00  
Great way to say "Thank You" 24 - 1pound bags  
(teachers, first responders, and special individuals)  
Share a case with a group or a friend & share the LOVE!  
proceeds support United Methodist Men's Mission Fund  
Contact Jack George (409.782.8600)