

WESLEY WINDOW

APRIL 23, 2026

This Sunday!

In seminary I had a professor that once asked those of us sitting in the classroom a simple question. “How will you know if the church you are serving is doing what it should?” “That’s easy,” we collectively said out loud. And then, someone said, “The size of the budget?” “Not it,” came back the answer. Another ventured, “How many people are members of the church?” and again the answer was “No.” We started to squirm a bit. “How about how many people attend and not just on Easter or Christmas?” “Wrong again,” said our instructor. We started to get desperate, “How many people in the choir?” “How much property you have, how many people can your sanctuary seat?” No, no and no again. And then he said, “You will never know the impact of your church if all you do is look at yourself.” The way to know if you are doing what you should is to ask the question, “Would anyone notice if one day your congregation went away?”

I think of that moment often when I consider our congregation. And I know the answer when I think of what goes on here. Space is too small for all that Wesley does, but perhaps these highlights will suffice as a witness for all that we do. We have given almost 500 cars away to those without transportation. Wheelchair ramps are made and installed almost every week - about 40 a year. Beds are built by the hundreds and delivered to those who otherwise would not have rest. We provide for food and resources through Columbia County Cares. We operate the only free health care resource in our area through our Faith Care Clinic. And that’s only some of what we do locally.

This Sunday we will be commissioning over 100 students and adults who will be serving in mission to North Carolina and Guatemala in the next two months. Can you imagine the difference they will make in the lives of those they serve, not to mention the difference it will make in themselves? None of what I mentioned would be possible without your support and encouragement - thank you. The theologian Emil Brunner once said, “The church exists by mission, just as a fire exists by burning.” The evidence of God’s presence in our congregation is always in the lives we touch.



WORSHIP SERVICES APRIL 26, 2026 MISSION SEND-OFF

Traditional
8:30 & 11:00AM
Sanctuary
Greg Hatfield

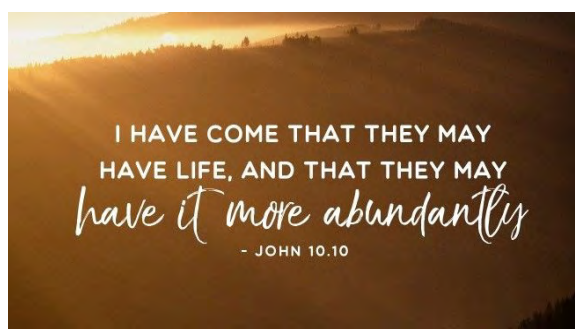
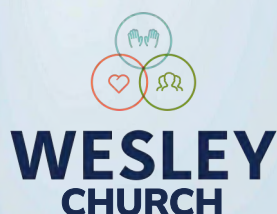
Scripture
John 10:1-10

Modern
9:30 & 11:00AM
Celebration Space
Aaron Talbott

Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



OUR PRAYERS

Kara Alexander	Sue Faircloth	Charlie Rockwell
Charlene Alexander	Mike Fielder	Abby Roney
Heather Beale	Archie Fisher	Clinton Roth
Amy Black	Kimberly Floyd	Dennis Scheyer
John Bradley	Susan Gilbert	Sandy Segrist
Betty Tanner	Debra Inghram	George Shealy
Brady	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	Chuck Smith
Delaine Brown	Pat Jameson	Amber South
Diane Cawood	Anne Jeffers	Heather South
Kimberly D. Cliett	Olivia King	Austin Stacey
Bonnie Devereaux	Wanda Lee	Donnie Strong
Jan Devereaux	Angie Livingston	Lessie Thomas
Cindy Dick	Audrey McGuire	Catherine Usry
Mary Linda Doxzen	Glenda Metts	Ruth Ann Waller
Gene Draisey	Aiden & Liam	Bill Waples
Dolores Eckles	Moultan	Avery Wilkinson
Brian Ellefson	Carol Morse	Bonnie Wilson
Amy Eubanks	Alicia Reeves	Josephine Workosky
	Dierdre Reeves	
	Kelli Reville	

Appreciation from Hillary

Thank you for your support, prayers and words of encouragement in this past year as I started and finished my first year at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Wesley has been a huge part of guiding and answering the call to become a chaplain in the UMC. In January, I made it one step closer and am now a certified candidate for ordained ministry in the North Georgia Conference. As the next 2.5 years continue towards graduation, I am so thankful for each of you that are praying me through and supporting this later-in-life call. Peace be with you,

Hillary Williamson, Director of Care



But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

—2 Corinthians 4:7



OUR DAILY BREAD

"We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."
- 2 Corinthians 4:7

Sometimes it seems like everything is going wrong all at once - as if the world is collapsing around us. When life goes awry, it can be easy to fall into despair, and overeat, binge-watch and neglect our regular prayer time. But Scripture gives us another answer. It tells us that our weakness is made perfect by God's strength. The very fact that we can become distressed by the burdens of life shows that it is not our own strength that helps us endure. Christians do not have more willpower or grit than non-believers. Rather, it is the power of our mighty God that helps us to persist. When we are pressed on every side, are perplexed or paralyzed by indecision, are persecuted for our faith or are rejected and struck down, we need not despair. God promises that we will not be crushed and will never be abandoned. We can persevere in God's strength and stand firm in the power of our loving savior.

All-powerful God, we give you the hardships of this day. We pray that when we feel beaten down by life, we will remember that you are mightier than our problems. Amen.

- Jillian Bell, *The Upper Room*

We are looking for great drivers and kind hearts to join our transportation ministry on Sunday mornings. Several of our members need assistance to get to church. We have a great group of volunteers, but we need more on the first Sunday of the month from 10:30AM-12:30PM to bring members to and from the 11AM services. Email hillary@wesleyumc.net for information.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED CAN YOU HELP?

OUR PRESENCE - APRIL 19

8:30 Traditional	101	9:30 Modern	112
11:00 Traditional	163	11:00 Modern	135
Jr. Church	24	TOTAL	535

OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$	33,437
• Received Through This Week:	\$	715,002
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	788,468

COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES MARCH FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION



**SUGAR
DETERGENT
DOG & CAT FOOD**

If you can donate any non-perishable foods and household staples, place them in the Mission Cart in the Biscuit Area.

FOUNDATIONS

For new visitors & current members - explore the foundations of our faith & how to grow from there!

APRIL 26, MAY 3
9:30AM CONFERENCE ROOM

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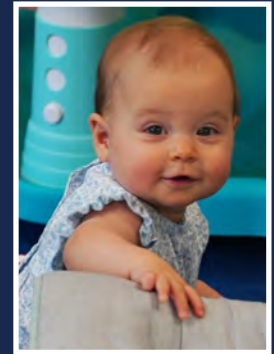
ADAPTIVE Worship

A 30 minute,
low-sensory service

May 3
2-2:30pm
Celebration Space



APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL FUN



1-5 JUNE	RAINFOREST FALLS VBS PRE K4 - 5 TH 9:30AM-12:30PM
16-18 JUNE	DINO/SCIENCE CAMP PRE K4 - 5 TH 9:00AM-1:00PM
23-25 JUNE	ART/SUPERHERO CAMP PRE K4 - 5 TH 9:00AM-1:00PM
7-9 JULY	SUMMER TIME FUN CAMP PRE K4 - 5 TH 9:00AM-1:00PM
13-17 JULY	GROW DAY CAMP ELEMENTARY 9:00AM-5:30PM
20-24 JULY	THEATER CAMP 2 ND -12 TH AUDITIONS MAY 16-17

**SUMMER
SCHEDULE**



www.wesleyumc.net/summer

AMBASSADORS



April 26 6:30pm Program
May 3 6:30pm Party

3RD-5TH GRADES. BRING YOUR BIBLE.



PROGRESS!

Construction of our new mission building is underway! The concrete slab has been poured, and we are awaiting delivery date confirmation for the metal building. Underground electric and plumbing work will start soon, with the water tie-in on May 8. The Building Committee will meet to discuss the balance of the construction schedule on May 12. This structure will provide an on-site home for two of Wesley's vital outreach ministries, Men in Mission and the Mechanics Ministry.

MEMBERSHIP Sunday

You're invited to become a member of Wesley!

MAY 17
DURING ALL SERVICES

Contact leslie@wesleyumc.net.



FAITH In Motion



Join us at Evans Towne Center Park to run on Saturdays at 8:30am.

COMING UP AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

8:30a Traditional Worship
 9:30a Foundations Class
 9:30a Modern Worship
 11:00a Modern Worship
 11:00a Traditional Worship
 11:00a Junior Church
 12:00p Acolyte Training
 5:30p K-2nd Children's Chor
 6:00p 3rd-5th Children's Choir
 6:00p Wesley Students
 6:30p Ambassadors

MONDAY, APRIL 27

7:00p AA Meeting
 7:00p Scout Troop 615

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

8:00a Men in Mission
 7:00p Scout Troop 1615

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

9:00a VBS Prep Day
 10:00a Women's Bible Study
 6:00p Wesley Ringers
 7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

9:15a Moms Group
 7:00p AA Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 1

5:30p Mario Parent Night Out

SATURDAY, MAY 2

8:30a Faith in Motion Run Club



3rd-12th Grade ACOLYTE TRAINING

Sunday, April 26
 12-12:30pm in the Sanctuary

Contact Summer Rhodes at
 sdbeckman@hotmail.com.

MARIO BROS. Parent Night Out

MAY 1
5:30-8:30PM

WESLEYUMC.NET
 TO REGISTER BY APRIL 24

Get Ready for VBS!

Register Now!
Rainforest Falls
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
JUNE 1-5

www.wesleyumc.net/wesley-kidz

VBS Craft Supply Donations

Packing & masking tape	Foam board - DIY Insulation Kit - 14 in x 4 ft
Painter's tape (wide blue)	Great Stuff Expanding Foam Spray - cans
Plastic rectangle tablecloths - lime & dark green	Floral wire
Cardstock & tissue paper - various colors	Large Sharpie markers
Place in bins near worship areas by April 26	Hot glue gun sticks

VBS Prep Days

Wednesday, April 29, 9am - 12pm
 Wednesday, May 6, 9am - 12pm

We will make decorations - flowers, vines, backdrops and stage decorations! Get ready to cut, glue, paint and make a fun mess. No special skills needed - just willing hands!

Meet in the Biscuit Area.
 Childcare available upon request.

Class of 2026
Senior Recognition

SUNDAY, MAY 3



WESLEY CHURCH

Luke Amerson ext 207.....Modern Music Director
 Helen Bissell.....Senior Adult Outreach
 Laura Croft ext 210.....Preschool Director
 Michelle Dodson ext 221.....Evangelism/Program Secretary
 Amanda Ellis ext 203.....Finance Director
 Leslie England ext 214.....Connections Director
 Lauren Fackler.....Access Ministry Coordinator
 Molly Furse.....Children's Music Director
 Elynn Gilbert ext 224.....Student Ministries Coordinator
 Jose Gonzales.....Custodian
 Mark Haddon ext 206.....Facilities Manager
 Greg Hatfield.....Hospital Pastor
 Joel Haywood.....Organist/Pianist
 Greg Porterfield ext 201.....Senior Pastor
 Makayla Rittwage ext 205.....Student Discipleship Coordinator
 Carol Shikle ext 211.....Assistant Family Ministry Director
 Kelley Sleeper ext 202.....Missions Assistant
 Justin Smith.....Custodian
 Aaron Talbott ext 213.....Family Pastor
 Jeff Wickell ext 225.....Music Ministries Director
 Hillary Williamson ext 220.....Care Director

For a complete listing of staff contact information, visit wesleyumc.net.

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