Wesley Window

AUGUST 13, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

AUGUST 16, 2026

RESTART CELEBRATION

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

Scripture
Matthew 15:10-28

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

Scripture
Matthew 15:21-28

Watch live at www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available to view afterwards.

WESLEY CHURCH

Remembering

I saw where former Major League pitcher Tommy John made an announcement that he was in the final stages of a battle with illness. I remember Tommy John. Not as a friend but as a fan. He pitched for the Dodgers through much of my youth. Occasionally I would go to a game and see him on the mound. I liked him because he was pretty good, pitched for my team and happened to be a lefty - something that I could identify with.

That is not how people remember Tommy John the pitcher these days. True enough, he pitched in "the show" for 23 seasons and won 288 games - that still is not what we think of when we say his name. What we remember is the surgery, the Tommy John surgery. It is a procedure that extends the life of a professional pitcher and returns them to almost good as new. Before 1974 when a pitcher tore the ligaments in his arm, his career was over, he was done. Not now. In fact, Tommy John won more baseball games after he had surgery than before. Amazing.

As good as all this sounds, there were some difficult moments during his injury. After all, a procedure like his had never been done before. It took two years and two surgeries to get it right. Then there was the rehab - hours, days, weeks, months of rehabilitation. You know what kept him going? He remembered what his father told him when he began his professional career. "I don't know whether you will make it big or not but remember this, you'll always be Tommy John from Terre Haute, Indiana." The key to the future is always to remember who you are; that's the one thing that does not have to change.

I encourage you to be at church this Sunday as we celebrate the 4,000th bed we've built through our ReStart ministry. You can see what we do and even hammer a nail or two if you'd like. It will be a good day and remind you why we're here and what it is God calls us to do.

See you Sunday,

Our Prayers

Charlene Alexander
John Amarello
Itala Azzarelli
Wilson Barr
Heather Beale
Geena Beyersdorfer
John Bradley
Judy Brannan
Delaine Brown
Gilbert Caride
Tammy & Sarah Carpenter
Penn Clark
Kimberly D. Cliett
Liz Day
Bonnie Devereaux
Jan Devereaux
Cindy Dick
Gene Draisey
Amy Eubanks
Mike Fielder
Archie Fisher
Megan Fumo
Garisto Family
Brenda Goodwin
Jim Griswell
George Harley
Joanie Hollis
Linda Hughes
C. Eddy Ivey Jr.
Susan Jaspers
Angie Livingston
Sierra Mims
Allen Morris
Marcia Myers
Peggy Norred
Roger Plessner
Debbie Poffenburger
Alicia Reeves
Dierdre Reeves
Kelli Reville
Charlie Rockwell
Abby Roney
Clinton Roth
Dennis Scheyer
George Sealey
Simons Family
Chuck Smith
Donnie Strong
Anna Teague
Lessie Thomas
Caleb Townley
Jackie Troupe
Christina Troutman
Catherine Usry
Ruth Ann Waller
Terry Waller
Annaliese Wilson
Bonnie Wilson
Wilson Family
Josephine Workosky

FAITH CARE CLINIC NEEDS INTAKE HELP

Volunteers needed to check patients in & perform other tasks on the second Tuesday of each month, 5:30-9PM. Contact Greg Greenawalt, 484-919-2780.

Our Daily Bread

"Come quickly to help me, my Lord and my savior."
- Psalm 38:22

Do you ever look at the day ahead and wonder where you will get the energy to do it all? King David often found himself in circumstances where he felt he did not have the strength to carry on. And he turned to God for help. He not only expressed his feelings of despair but also his confidence that God would help - he had experienced God's help many times before. Isaiah 40:31 reminds us that "those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary." God knows how we feel. He is with us through every difficult day. Like the air currents that enable eagles to soar, He gives us the strength and inspiration to keep going and now grow weary. God gives us the wisdom to focus our energy on things that matter and to avoid spending time on meaningless or unhelpful activities. God will give us the strength to do what we have to do.

Dear Lord, thank you for hearing us when we cry out to you and for giving us strength and the help we need to make a difference in the world. Amen.

- Wolfgang Bernhardt, The Upper Room

SUNDAY MORNING DRIVERS NEEDED

The Wesley Transportation Ministry needs additional volunteers to help drive church members to church and home on the first Sunday of the month.

Email hillary@wesleyumc.net for information.

Our Presence - August 9

8:30 Traditional	106	9:30 Modern	133
11:00 Traditional	290	11:00 Modern	140
Jr. Church	30	Adaptive	30
		TOTAL	**729**

Our Gifts

- **Operating:** $ 51,052
- **Received Through This Week:** $ 1,319,228
- **Budgeted Through This Week:** $ 1,576,935

COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES
August Food & Supply Collection

Columbia County Cares, Inc. Food Pantry

Salt & Pepper
Shampoo
Dog & Cat Food

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

BEGINS AUGUST 16
6-7pm | Grades K-5

molly.e.furse@gmail.com for information

Wesley Kids

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 21 | 5:30-8:30PM

1 YEAR - 5TH GRADE
BRING SNACK SUPPER & WATER BOTTLE

Mom's Group

Thursdays, 9:15-11am • Connect Room
Childcare Provided • Fellowship • Book Studies
Bible Study • Playdates • Lunch Bunch
Questions? Contact mrs.karenschaffer@gmail.com

WESLEY KIDS

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Required training | Safe sanctuary policy
Vision casting for 2026-2027
Snacks, giveaways & special prizes

RSVP to attend & for child care

AUGUST 16 | 4-5:15PM

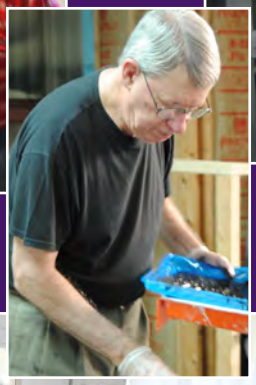
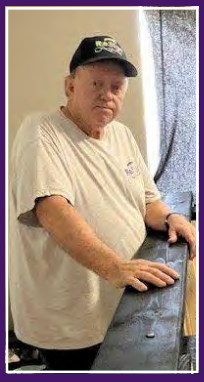
COLLEGE CONNECTION

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Send college students/military enlistees' names, addresses & birthdays to michelle@wesleyumc.net by September 8 so they can receive special mailings during the year.

ReStart has been building and delivering beds since 2014, and this Sunday we're celebrating the 4000th bed delivery! That means that ReStart has made it possible for over 4,000 men, women and children to stop sleeping on floors, couches, futons and chairs and enjoy resting on a brand new comfortable bed. This amazing ministry is run entirely by volunteers and supported by Wesley and community groups who donate bedding and help build beds as service projects. We have the best, most dedicated volunteers who construct the beds (in a hot warehouse), assemble essential linens and kids' gifts for each bed, and deliver everything to homes all across the CSRA - on their own time, most every week of the year. Tremendous thanks to them and to everyone who has supported ReStart's mission with prayers, gifts and service!

ReStart Augusta

Next Week at Wesley

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
RESTART CELEBRATION
8:30a Traditional Worship
9:30a Modern Worship
11:00a Modern Worship
11:00a Traditional Worship
11:00a Junior Church
12:00p ReStart Bed Building
2:00p Grief Support Group
4:00p Kids Volunteer Training
5:00p K-2nd Children's Choir
5:45p 3rd-5th Children's Choir
6:00p Wesley Students

MONDAY, AUGUST 17
6:00p Made for Goodness Bible Study
7:00p AA Meeting
7:00p Scout Troop 615

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
8:00a Men in Mission
9:00a PreSchool Begins
7:00p Scout Troop 1615

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19
10:00a Women's Bible Study
7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20
9:15a Moms Group
7:00p AA Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
5:30p Parents Night Out
6:00p The Bridge (College-age) Pickleball & Prayer

WESLEY CHURCH

Luke Amerson ext 207	Modern Music Director
Helen Bissell	Senior Adult Outreach
Neil Brooks ext 223	Associate Pastor
Laura Croft ext 210	Preschool Director
Michelle Dodson ext 221	Evangelism/Program Secretary
Katy Duncan ext 211	Children's Ministries Director
Amanda Ellis ext 203	Finance Director
Leslie England ext 214	Connections Director
Lauren Fackler	Access Ministry Coordinator
Molly Furse	Children's Music Director
Ellyn 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
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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