

WESLEY WINDOW

AUGUST 6, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

**AUGUST 9, 2026
KIDS & STUDENT
OPEN HOUSE**

Traditional

8:30 & 11:00AM

Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

Scripture

Matthew 14:22-33

Modern

9:30 & 11:00AM

Celebration Space
Aaron Talbott

Scripture

Matthew 14:22-33

Adaptive

2:00PM

Celebration Space
Greg Porterfield

Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY
CHURCH**

A Glass Half Full...or Not

I have long known that success is seldom understood in the event itself but rather in our expectation of the experience. If you walk a mile, you're successful...unless you are with a bunch of other persons on a quarter mile oval and the starter has fired his gun in the air. Then it matters not if you finished but in what place you concluded. You sit in a chair as you've done a million times before...except this time it's the first time since surgery. Success is dependent on a lot of things - never all by itself.

Take, for instance, when Jesus invites the apostle Peter to get out of the boat and join him in walking on water. The scene is from Matthew 14:22-33 and is the subject of the sermon Sunday. As Jesus beckons, Peter gets out of the boat. He takes one step and then another. He's walking...on water! Then reality sets in and he sinks. Traditionally, the scene is interpreted as Peter's failure. But wait a second. He just walked on water and if only for a few steps, he still did it. Do you tell a 12-month-old who takes their first step that they failed because they fell? Of course not. When Peter courageously, foolishly got out of the boat, did he triumph or did he fail? Or was this even about Peter at all? That will be the subject of the sermon on Sunday.

I also want to remind you this Sunday morning, everyone is invited to our Open House for children and students. This is a great time to see all that is going on and meet our leaders for these programs. We have so many great things happening - I want to encourage you to stop by. Additionally, we will again offer ASL interpretation in our 11AM traditional service for those with hearing impairment. Later at 2PM, we will have our Adaptive worship service for families with special needs. This is such a meaningful outreach, and I am grateful that Wesley offers it to all.

Next Sunday, August 16, we will celebrate the building of our 4,000th bed through our Restart ministry. You can even take a turn at building a bed between services, and you will not want to miss hearing more about this important ministry. And in the meanwhile, why not bring a pillow to go on the bed we build? Like everything we do here at Wesley, it makes a difference for those that receive as well as those that give. Thank you for your faithfulness.

- Greg



Kids & Student Ministry

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Stop into the Gathering Space between services to learn about opportunities for kids & students this school year!



Bring a new pillow to donate to Restart!

Join us to build a bed following 11am services!

4,000TH BED CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16



OUR PRAYERS

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

OUR PRESENCE - AUGUST 2

8:30 Traditional	113	9:30 Modern	152
11:00 Traditional	326	11:00 Modern	137
Jr. Church	48	TOTAL	776

OUR GIFTS

• Operating (July 26):	\$	40,173
• Operating (August 2):	\$	38,702
• Received Through This Week:	\$	1,268,176
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	1,527,656

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.

COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES AUGUST FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION



**SALT & PEPPER
SHAMPOO
DOG & CAT FOOD**

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

OUR DAILY BREAD

"We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

- Romans 5:3-4

On car trips, kids often ask their parents, "Are we there yet?" They are so excited to get to the destination that they don't take the time to enjoy the journey. We often ask God the same questions.

We want to know when we will get to the destination we desire. The journey can seem long. Sometimes it's boring. Sometimes it's difficult. And sometimes it's painful. However, it's in the process of the journey that God shapes our character. Each day is a gift from God in which we can commune with our Creator and discover our God-given purpose. Sometimes it's hard to keep going, but God builds us up and strengthens us along the way. We don't need to rush the process. We can trust God's timing and appreciate each step of the journey.

Dear God, when we feel anxious and impatient, calm our spirits and focus our minds on You. Amen.

- Tomeka B. Scales, The Upper Room

**SUFFERING
PRODUCES
PERSEVERANCE
PRODUCES
CHARACTER
PRODUCES
HOPE**
ROMANS 5:3-4 NIV

Sign Up to Be a

— SUNDAY MORNING —
VOLUNTEER

**SERVE AS A GOLF CART
DRIVER, WORSHIP GREETER
OR COFFEE BAR ATTENDANT!**

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR
BEGINS AUGUST 16
6-7pm | Grades 2-5

molly.e.furse@gmail.com for information

NEW MEMBERS



Christian, Sydney & Teddy Hieronymus
August 2, 2026

We commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope and perfect them in love.

WELCOME TO WESLEY!

WESLEY YARD SALE

OCTOBER 17
7am-12pm

FIRST DROP-OFF: SEPTEMBER 30

ADAPTIVE WORSHIP

Sunday, August 9, 2pm
Celebration Space

Creating access. Building belonging.



Wesley Kids

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 21 | 5:30-8:30PM

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





FISH WITH THE BISH

— September 13-14 —

2-DAY PROFESSIONALLY GUIDED FISHING TRIP

Santee-Cooper Lakes in SC
Open to All Ages

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Come for fun, fellowship, food & fantastic fishing led by Bishop Beard & Melissa!





ASL INTERPRETED WORSHIP

Beginning August 9

11am Traditional Worship
Weekly in the Sanctuary

2PM Adaptive Worship
Monthly in the Celebration Space

Redesigned Room Offers Peace and Comfort

The Prayer Room by the Sanctuary was recently redesigned in hopes of incorporating another purpose to better serve our congregation. During the week, the room hosts Bible studies and prayer groups. On Sunday mornings, the space will function as a Mother's Room - a calm and private area for mothers to take antsy children or feed a hungry baby. You'll find comfy rockers, a changing area and even a TV so you can still participate in worship. Thanks to Makayla Rittwage for the vision and decorating talent that inspired this beautiful space!



HELP US STAY UP-TO-DATE!

If you have had a change in contact information (email, phone numbers, address, etc.), notify office@wesleyumc.net.

NEXT WEEK AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

KIDS/STUDENT OPEN HOUSE

8:30a Traditional Worship
9:30a Modern Worship
11:00a Modern Worship
11:00a Traditional Worship
11:00a Junior Church
2:00p Adaptive Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

6:00p Made for Goodness
Bible Study
7:00p AA Meeting
7:00p Scout Troop 615

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00a Men in Mission
5:00p Faith Care Clinic
6:00p The Bridge Interest
Meeting (College Age)
7:00p Scout Troop 1615

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

10:00a Women's Bible Study
7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

2:00p Brandon Wilde
Communion Service
7:00p AA Meeting



The Bridge

A Wesley small group for college-aged fellowship & connection.

Interest Meeting
August 11 | 6pm | Pizza Central



VOLUNTEER TAILGATE PARTY

JOIN US
AUGUST 26
6:00-7:00PM
Celebration Space

RSVP

All volunteers at Wesley are invited to a special celebration! Bring your favorite tailgate dish & come ready for fun!



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



OPERATION PAPERBACK

Accepts new or gently used books, shipping boxes and postage to send to soldiers overseas. Drop off in Biscuit Area year-round.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Discover practical & spiritual tools to cope with grief.

September 20 | October 18 | November 15
December 20 2-3:30pm

Email hillary@wesleyumc.net for information.



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.



WESLEY CHURCH

Luke Amerson ext 207.....Modern Music Director
Helen Bissell.....Senior Adult Outreach
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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
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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
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