

WESLEY WINDOW

JULY 30, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

**AUGUST 2, 2026
PROMOTION SUNDAY
BACK-TO-SCHOOL
BLESSING**

Traditional
8:30 & 11:00AM
Sanctuary
Aaron Talbott

Scripture
Matthew 14:13-21

Modern
9:30 & 11:00AM
Celebration Space
Greg Porterfield

Scripture
Matthew 14:13-21

Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY
CHURCH**

"Retreat"

That is a word of many interpretations. Militarily, in most occasions it is a loathed concept. George Patton said that "Retreat is impossible, to surrender is as ignoble as it is foolish." And Douglas MacArthur, perhaps thinking of his departure under duress in the Philippines, remarked, "We're not retreating, we're just advancing in a different direction." Retreat is seldom a welcomed encounter on the field of battle. Though I will note, if not for the orderly withdrawal at Dunkirk, the second World War might not have concluded as it did. In other words, "retreat" is a complicated concept.

As a pastor I have stood by families as they decide over care of a loved one. "It just feels like we're giving up," they will say. In fact, they are not giving up at all; they are taking control and recognizing the difference between sustenance and life. They are not necessarily the same thing.

Retreating is not surrender, though it necessitates a rebalancing of perspective. Retreat does not forebode defeat. How else to explain its liberal use the Gospels? Did you know that when describing Jesus and his ministry, the Gospels refer to the word 40 times? Something is at work that at first is not apparent to our eyes. It will be the subject of the sermon Sunday; in preparation I encourage you to read Matthew 14:13-21.

This Sunday is "Back to School." It's Promotion Sunday as everyone Moooves on up for another year. And, by the way, we'll have Highland Cows out front for children to see and enjoy. Additionally, children and students will be recognized as they prepare for another academic year. Teachers will receive gift bags, and there will be a place for pictures as families anticipate the first day back to the classroom on August 4.

I hope you will join us for a special day.



OUR PRAYERS

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

WESLEY HUGS

I wanted to thank all the members of Men in Mission for their faithful work in installing a wheelchair ramp for our elderly neighbors earlier this spring.

Witnessing the art and precision of the quality craftsmanship of the ramp, which was built and delivered with such grace and purpose to those in need, is a sight to behold. Once the project was completed, our neighbors were not only gifted with a gorgeous new wheelchair ramp, but also a Bible, signed and prayed over by all the Men in Mission! This group is truly the hands and feet of Jesus in our community, and we are ALL so blessed by your hard work and commitment to sharing God's love! Thank you so very much! Our hearts are full! Blessings!

Jan Wiggins

OUR DAILY BREAD

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoices; and with my song will I praise him.

- Psalm 28:7

This verse depicts a beautiful scene of joy that fills the heart when one relies on God. In the journey of life, we often face various challenges and difficulties.

At such times, we need a power that surpasses our own abilities, a power that can only come from God.

God is our strong support and a firm shield, protecting us from all evil and allowing us to dwell in safety under His care. When we experience God's help and protection, our hearts are filled with gratitude and joy. This joy is not merely superficial emotions but deep gratitude and praise that wells up from within our hearts for God. May we entrust everything to God, and rely on His strength. In His love, we will find true joy, not only because He is our helper but also because He is our sole Savior, deserving of our reliance and praise.

Almighty God, Grant us unwavering faith and protect us from all evil forces, so that we can live peacefully and joyfully under Your care and protection.

May we genuinely rely on You every day, live out Your words, and express heartfelt gratitude and praise to You, recognizing You as our eternal source of strength and shelter. Amen.

- hearthymn.com

OUR PRESENCE - JULY 26

8:30 Traditional	84	9:30 Modern	110
11:00 Traditional	223	11:00 Modern	98
Jr. Church	22	TOTAL	537

OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$	34,907
• Received Through This Week:	\$	1,189,301
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	1,429,098

Altar flowers on July 26 were placed

In memory of
Adelle Haddon
by her family

In honor of
Jim & Carol Shikle
for their 35th anniversary

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.

**THE LORD
IS
MY STRENGTH
AND MY SHIELD.**

PSALM 28:7 NKJV

Top BibleVerses.com



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

molly.e.furse@gmail.com for information

WESLEY YARD SALE
OCTOBER 17
 7am-12pm

FIRST DROP-OFF: SEPTEMBER 30

Wesley Kids
PARENT'S NIGHT OUT
AUGUST 21 | 5:30-8:30PM

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

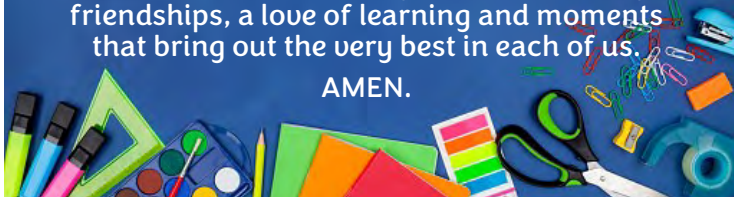




A BLESSING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Heavenly Father, as a new school year begins, we pray for every student, teacher, administrator, staff member and family in our community. Fill our schools with wisdom, kindness, patience and hope. Give teachers strength, students courage, leaders discernment, and every child a place where they can learn, grow and belong. Protect every classroom, every bus, every hallway and every heart that walks through our school doors. When the days are joyful, and the celebrations are plenty, may we be grateful. When the days are difficult, may we show one another grace and be reminded that there's no valley too deep where You do not walk with us. Bless this school year with meaningful friendships, a love of learning and moments that bring out the very best in each of us.

AMEN.




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 Kids & Student Ministry
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY MORNING AUGUST 9

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

"The Little Mermaid Jr." Cast Dazzles with Stellar Performance



Thanks to the Wesley Theater Camp kids for giving us a great show under the sea last week! Our kids and leaders produced this colorful, vibrant musical with less than a week of rehearsals! We're grateful to Luke Amerson and his merry band of volunteers and to all who supported the performance!

NEXT WEEK AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 PROMOTION SUNDAY BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

2:00p Wesley Cares
7:00p AA Meeting

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.



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.



Would you consider serving once or twice a month in our Access Ministry as a Buddy? Buddies support one child during Sunday School so they

can feel safe, included and engaged. No experience is necessary - we'll train and support you. Email lauren@wesleyumc.net for more information.



**WESLEY
ACCESS
MINISTRY**



The Bridge

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

**Interest Meeting
August 11 | 6pm | Pizza Central**

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

VOLUNTEER TAILGATE PARTY

**JOIN US
AUGUST 26
6:00-7:00PM
In the Gym**

RSVP

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



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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