

WESLEY WINDOW

JULY 9, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES **JULY 12, 2026**

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

Scripture
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Modern
9:30 & 11:00AM
Celebration Space
Bishop Frank Beard

Scripture
Psalm 119:105
Hebrews 4:12

Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY
CHURCH**

A Personal Touch

I like to eat. It doesn't take a rocket scientist or nutritionist to know that. Just look at me. Though I practice a regular regimen of exercise every day, there has hardly been a moment in my life when I couldn't stand to lose some weight. When I try to explain all that I do and still look as I am, people inevitably ask "How?" Really, there's no secret to it. I walk about five miles a day and then eat ten miles' worth of calories. When it comes to food, I remember the words of Oscar Wilde, who once remarked, "I can resist anything but temptation." Perhaps nowhere is this more evident than when I am around bread. I like bread, all kinds. Especially a doughnut with a cup of coffee. Is there anything better than a Krispy Kreme, hot off the conveyor belt? For those of you who don't know, you can go to the Krispy Kreme on Washington Road and between the hours of 7-9AM and 5-7PM, see the red-lettered "Hot Now" sign and know there is something scrumptious waiting for you.

The secret recipe came from a chef in New Orleans and is the reason why a Krispy Kreme doughnut when hot has a semblance of a beignet at Café Du Monde. As good as they are, however, Krispy Kreme, the company, not the doughnut itself, has struggled of late. It seems growth has been substituted for quality and what had always made their doughnut special in the first place. A new CEO has been hired, and he said we are going to get back to the basics. Only three things matter - that the doughnuts taste great, look great and are fresh. To do that, he says, means they need a personal touch. When a customer wants a special order, they do it by hand, not by automation or AI. The authenticity of the product is conveyed in the people who serve it.

Well, if it can work for a doughnut, why not a church? We are going back to the basics this summer and looking at parables - the basic way Jesus taught. We begin this week with the parable of the Sower, Matthew 13. Biblical scholarship contends that to understand any of Jesus' parables, you must first understand this one. Why would they say that? It will be the subject of the sermon Sunday.

I'll see you then,

P.S. I hope you will welcome Neil Brooks, our newly appointed pastor, this Sunday. Neil and his wife, Chloe, and their children Skylar (5), Olive (2) and Elise (1), are a great addition to our family. I know you will enjoy meeting them.



OUR PRAYERS

Charlene Alexander	Brenda Goodwin	Abby Roney
John Amarello	Jim Griswell	Clinton Roth
Itala Azzarelli	Mildred Hammer	Dennis Scheyer
Heather Beale	Joanie Hollis	George Sealey
Geena Beyersdorfer	Debra Inghram	Sandy Segrist
John Bradley	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	Simons Family
Delaine Brown	Pat Jameson	Chuck Smith
Cliff Cawood	Susan Jaspers	Donnie Strong
Diane Cawood	Jetter Family	Anna Teague
Kimberly D. Cliett	Victor Jones	Lessie Thomas
Bonnie Devereaux	Kobert Family	Caleb Townley
Jan Devereaux	Wanda Lee	Jackie Troupe
Cindy Dick	Angie Livingston	Christina Troutman
Mary Linda Doxzen	Sierra Mims	Catherine Usry
Gene Draisey	Allen Morris	Ruth Ann Waller
Amy Eubanks	Marcia Myers	Terry Waller
Mike Fielder	Peggy Norred	Avery Wilkinson
Archie Fisher	Debbie Poffenburger	Paige Williams
Megan Fumo	Alicia Reeves	Annaliese Wilson
Garisto Family	Dierdre Reeves	Bonnie Wilson
Dot Gleason	Bob Reitz	Wilson Family
	Kelli Reville	Josephine Workosky
	Charlie Rockwell	

OUR DAILY BREAD

*"Love one another, as I have loved you."
- John 15:12*

If you study the subject of "separation" in the Old and New Testaments, you'll discover that the weight of Scripture lies in the direction of fellowship rather than separation. What is the great overwhelming evidence that we have passed from death unto life? It is love! Jesus Christ clearly was speaking of visible unity, such as can be seen by the world. His motive for praying was that the world might believe and the world might know. He prayed for unity among believers. God, who wills our unity in Christ, is a God of variety. So often we want everyone to be the same - to think and speak and believe as we do. Many Scripture passages could be called to witness that love is the real key to Christian unity. In the spirit of true humility, compassion, consideration and unselfishness, we are to approach our problems, our work and even our differences.

In a world needing Your love, let me not judge those who love You too. You have made us all so different, Father. teach me, by Your loving Holy Spirit, compassion and true unity. Amen.

- billygraham.org

We are looking for caring volunteers to serve as Buddies for children with disabilities during Sunday School, Parents Night Out, Saturday Play Days and summer camps. Choose the days and times that work best for your schedule! Buddies are paired one-on-one with a child to provide support, encouragement and friendship so every child can fully participate and feel included. Buddies should be at least 15 years old, but no special experience is needed - only a willing heart and a desire to make a difference. We'll provide guidance and support every step of the way. Contact lauren@wesleyumc.net to be a Buddy and make a powerful impact!



WESLEY
ACCESS
MINISTRY

OUR PRESENCE

JUNE 28			
8:30 Traditional	97	9:30 Modern	92
11:00 Traditional	217	11:00 Modern	98
Jr. Church	16	TOTAL	520
JULY 5			
10:00 Worship	300		

OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$	41,802
• Received Through This Week:	\$	1,117,202
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	1,379,818

COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES JULY FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION



**KETCHUP
MAYONNAISE
DOG & CAT FOOD**

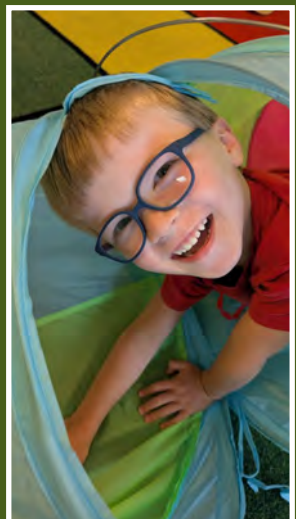
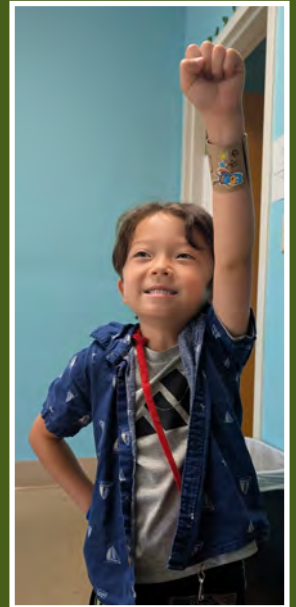
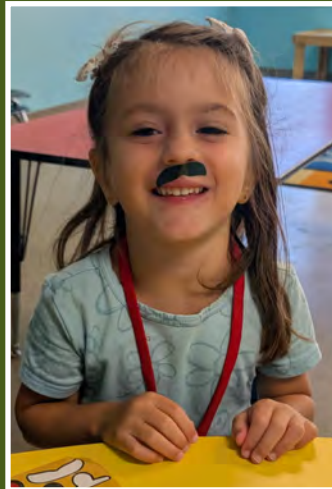
If you can donate any non-perishable foods and household staples, place them in the Mission Cart in the Biscuit Area.

AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU
John 15:12-17

HELP US STAY UP-TO-DATE!

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

Superhero / Art Camp Fun



NEXT WEEK AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, JULY 12

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

MONDAY, JULY 13

9:00a GROW Day Camp
6:00p Forgiveness Bible Study
7:00p AA Meeting
7:00p Scout Troop 615

TUESDAY, JULY 14

8:00a Men in Mission
9:00a GROW Day Camp
7:00p Scout Troop 1615

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

9:00a GROW Day Camp
10:00a Women's Bible Study
7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, JULY 16

9:00a GROW Day Camp
1:00p Wesley Cares
7:00p AA Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 17

9:00a GROW Day Camp



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Join our support group and receive practical and spiritual tools to cope with grief.

July 19, August 16

2-3:30pm

Email hillary@wesleyumc.net for information.



BECOME A WESLEY KIDS VOLUNTEER

Help us connect kids to God's love and purpose!

Current Volunteer Needs:

9:30 PreK-4 Teacher 9:30 2nd Grade Teacher

11:00 Large Group Adult Assistant Adult Assistant for Various Rooms

email carol@wesleyumc.net to get involved!

Red Kool-Aid Not Allowed



After almost 31 years, the Celebration Space now has beautiful new paint and carpet!



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!

AUGUST 2
MOOOVE ON UP!
PROMOTION SUNDAY

VISIT THE HIGHLAND COWS
10-11AM!



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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