

# WESLEY WINDOW

MAY 21, 2026

## WORSHIP SERVICES

**MAY 24, 2026  
PENTECOST**

### Traditional

**8:30 & 11:00AM**

Sanctuary  
Bishop Frank Beard

### Scripture

Acts 2:1-12

### Modern

**9:30 & 11:00AM**

Celebration Space  
Greg Porterfield

### Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

**THE CHURCH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, MAY 25,  
FOR MEMORIAL DAY.**

Watch live at  
[www.wesleyumc.net](http://www.wesleyumc.net)

Livestream on  
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available  
to view afterwards.




**WESLEY  
CHURCH**

## Pentecost Sunday

It has taken me over forty years to figure it out, but I think I finally got it. How do you observe Pentecost Sunday? When I first started out in the ministry, I observed Pentecost with a birthday cake. After all, Pentecost is the birth of the church, transforming a few followers into what is today over 2.5 billion believers. The problem with that became immediately apparent. How do you put 2,000 candles on a cake? And even if you could light each candle, how would you ever blow them all out? There has to be something else, I said to myself. Then it struck me: release helium-filled balloons. If Pentecost is about the work of the Spirit, what better way to signify such a thing than a balloon release? It worked out great...until. After one of the releases someone said, "Preacher, did you know that when those balloons burst they can lodge in the blow holes of whales and dolphins and kill them?" I said I had no idea. Not a good look for the six o'clock news: "Local church responsible for the extinction of amphibious mammals." Oh well, back to the original dilemma - how do you observe Pentecost? Too little and you make it trite, too much and you can miss the point.

Last year, and for the first time, I think we finally got it right. Thanks to our church member John Fazio, we released dozens of white doves (the traditional symbol of the Holy Spirit) in front of the sanctuary. It was breathtaking as the birds alighted and then circled over us before taking off towards their home. It was a special moment and so we thought we should do it again for Pentecost this Sunday.

The dove release will occur at 10:45AM in front of the sanctuary. There will be some refreshments (after all, it is the birth of the church we celebrate) on the patio outside the sanctuary and then we will gather for the event. John will even have one of the doves for children to see up close. It is a beautiful way to commemorate what on that day was an ethereal experience. I encourage you join us for it.

I'll see you Sunday, 

**PENTECOST**  
**MAY 24**  
**DOVES RELEASE 10:45AM**  
Lemonade & cookies on the patio  
*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. Acts 2:1*



Register Now!  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!  
JUNE 1-5  
RAINFORREST FALLS  
Exploring the Nature of God  
[wesleyumc.net/summer](http://wesleyumc.net/summer)

## OUR PRAYERS

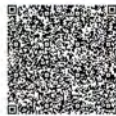
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John Amarello	Dot Gleason	Clinton Roth
Itala Azzarelli	Jim Griswell	Dennis Scheyer
Heather Beale	Debra Inghram	Sandy Segrist
Amy Black	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	George Shealy
John Bradley	Sharon James	Chuck Smith
Delaine Brown	Pat Jameson	Austin Stacey
Diane Cawood	Anne Jeffers	Donnie Strong
Cliff Cawood	Wanda Lee	Lessie Thomas
Kimberly D. Cliett	Angie Livingston	Caleb Townley
Bonnie Devereaux	Glenda Metts	Catherine Usry
Jan Devereaux	Jim Milburn	Ruth Ann Waller
Cindy Dick	Marcia Myers	Avery Wilkinson
Mary Linda Doxzen	Peggy Norred	John Willis
Gene Draisey	Debbie Proffenburger	Bonnie Wilson
Dolores Eckles	Alicia Reeves	Josephine Workosky
Amy Eubanks	Dierdre Reeves	
Mike Fielder	Kelli Reville	
	Charlie Rockwell	

## BAPTIZED MAY 17

**Joseph Landry Shelnett**  
Son of J.R. & Melanie Shelnett



## HOSPITALITY TEAM LUNCHEON



If you serve as or are interested in serving as an usher or communion server in traditional or modern services, join us for a time of fellowship and training on best practices.

**JUNE 14**  
AFTER 11AM SERVICES  
**STUDENT MINISTRY ROOM**  
PLEASE RSVP

# PENTECOST

AND THIS IS  
HOW WE KNOW  
THAT HE LIVES IN US,  
BY THE SPIRIT  
HE GAVE TO US.

1 JOHN 3:24

## OUR DAILY BREAD

“...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”  
- Acts 1:8

After the resurrection, when Jesus reappeared to His followers, He promised them that when He was gone they would receive power, but that they must wait. So they waited and waited until the day of Pentecost when the promise was revealed. The Holy Spirit came upon them, giving them the power to evangelize like never before. Those who heard them speak were amazed. The Holy Spirit began to work in the hearts of the people when they heard the Truth of Jesus and thousands were brought to Christ. The work of the Holy Spirit is still active in the hearts of believers today, empowering us to be bold in speaking truth wherever we are and using whatever method He chooses. When we invite Jesus into our lives, the Holy Spirit takes up residence in our hearts, forever sealing us in Christ. He has many additional roles besides giving us the power to speak: He is the revealer of Truth, our Helper, Comforter, Counselor and Gift-giver. He is also the Fruit producer, growing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control in our hearts. Knowing that the Holy Spirit of God lives in us gives us many reasons to thank the Lord for His Gifts. **The Spirit is alive in us!**

At Pentecost, may we rejoice and give thanks to You, Lord, for the precious gift of Your Holy Spirit that is alive in our hearts. May we be mindful every day of Your presence by honoring, yielding, trusting, learning and drawing from Your power. Amen.

- Marsha D. Richards, [devotionsforallreasons.com](http://devotionsforallreasons.com)

## OUR PRESENCE - MAY 17

8:30 Traditional	95	9:30 Modern	89
11:00 Traditional	207	11:00 Modern	98
Jr. Church	25	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>514</b>

## OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$	55,146
• Received Through This Week:	\$	889,399
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	985,585



## MAY FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION

**JELLY      DISHWASHING LIQUID**  
**DOG & CAT FOOD**

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



# WESLEY SUMMER CAMPS

WESLEYUMC.NET/SUMMER TO REGISTER.



## DINOSAUR CAMP

JUNE 16-18  
9AM-1PM

PRE K4 -  
KINDER

DINOSAUR DEVOTION,  
SCAVENGER HUNT,  
CRAFTS, EXCAVATION,  
GAMES, PAINTING.

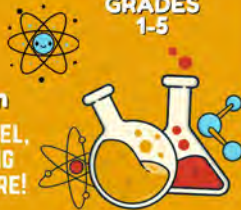


## SCIENCE CAMP

GRADES  
1-5

June 16-18 9am-1pm

EXPERIMENTS: WIND TUNNEL,  
SOLAR BALLOON, BOUNCING  
BUBBLES, BALANCE & MORE!



## SUPERHERO/ ART CAMP

June 23-25 9am-1pm

SUPERHERO PAINTING,  
PORTRAITS, SHIELDS, GAMES,  
ICE PAINTING, OBSTACLE  
COURSES & MORE!



PRE K -  
5TH GRADE

## SUMMERTIME FUN CAMP

PRE K -  
5TH GRADE

July 7-9 9am-1pm

OUTDOOR FUN - GAMES,  
BACKYARD OLYMPICS,  
WATER DAY, CRAFTS,  
SNOW CONES & MORE!



## THEATER CAMP

July 20-24

GRADES 2-12



# Congratulations CLASS of 2026



Lexie Elaine  
Aliff  
Westminster



Caitlynn  
Grace Atkins  
Evans



Ryan  
Ayres  
Greenbrier



Owen Merritt  
Brigham  
Lakeside



Emme  
Bull  
Lakeside



Ellie  
Clemente  
Lakeside



Emery  
Elizabeth Dent  
Grovetown



Maslin Elida  
Durham  
Lakeside



Wyatt Jennings  
Foster  
Lakeside



Leonard David  
Gallagher  
Greenbrier



Caroline  
Grace Hardy  
Lakeside



Joseph Tabb  
Hinson  
Lakeside



David Gray  
Hollan  
Lakeside



Adelyn Kate  
Huntley  
Lakeside



Campbell  
Rose King  
Lakeside



Robert Hays  
Ledford  
Lakeside



Jason Taylor  
Lowery  
Harlem



Meredith  
Kathryn Meador  
Evans



Carter David  
Rosenthal  
Evans



James Clements  
Rousseau IV  
Lakeside



Andrew  
James Russell  
Greenbrier



Sarah  
Scheyer  
Greenbrier



Miles Jason  
Severing  
Evans



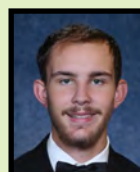
Connor John  
Shehorn  
Greenbrier &  
Augusta Tech



Ruth Ann  
Shelnett  
Lakeside



Kaylee Ann  
Weatherman  
Lakeside



Jordan Scott  
Williams  
Lakeside



Jacob Dale  
Wilson  
Augusta  
Christian



Madison  
Raelynn  
Young  
Evans

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## Saturday Play Day

JUNE 20 | 9AM-12:30PM

WEAR CLOTHES THAT CAN GET WET!  
BRING A SACK LUNCH.  
1 YEAR TO 5TH GRADE



REGISTER EARLY AT WESLEYUMC.NET/SUMMER

## COMING UP AT WESLEY

### SUNDAY, MAY 24 PENTECOST

8:30a Traditional Worship  
9:30a Modern Worship  
10:45a Dove Release  
11:00a Modern Worship  
11:00a Traditional Worship  
11:00a Junior Church

MONDAY, MAY 25  
MEMORIAL DAY  
OFFICE CLOSED  
7:00p AA Meeting

### TUESDAY, MAY 26

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 28

7:00p AA Meeting

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

Soup Kitchen

## Yard Sale Grant Benefits LeaderDogs

Wesley Family, thank you so much for your generous grant. Because of these funds we are able to continue teaching about blindness and guide dogs throughout our community and beyond.

We have been blessed beyond measure BECAUSE of our blindness. It has allowed us to meet countless generous people, educate the young and old, and travel across the USA to fundraise for LeaderDogs for the Blind. This is the non-profit organization that provides free white cane training and guide dog training to the vision impaired across the US, Canada and other countries.

Your grant recently helped us travel to Michigan and spread the news of how God, through our blindness and guide dogs, has changed our lives. We visited about 30 inmates at a correctional institute who raise puppies for LeaderDogs For The Blind to support the mission. These inmates are trying to do something good in this world and are very passionate about helping transform these adorable puppies into life-changing LeaderDogs.

Again, thank you for your incredible support. God Bless.

Joey Johnson and Walker Jones  
(And Tucker and Loki)



## MASTER'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteer Opportunities  
May 29 • June 12 • July 17  
Register at wesleyumc.net.



## Summer Book Study BEGINNING JUNE 8

For anyone who is seeking healing, emotional peace and a deeper understanding of the forgiveness process. Led by Hillary Williamson on Mondays, 6-7:30pm.

Order your book ahead of time & register at wesleyumc.net.



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

June 21, July 19, August 16 2-3:30pm

Email hillary@wesleyumc.net for information.



## 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  
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  
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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## VBS SNACK DONATIONS

Leave donations in the marked bins  
outside worship areas.

- Kellogg's Cinnamon Bug Bites (grahams)
- Square pretzels
- Froot Loops
- Fruit Roll-Ups
- Candy gummies - frogs, butterflies, bugs, worms
- Veggie straws
- Goldfish crackers
- Dried banana chips
- Bags of plain M & M's
- Animal crackers (cookies)
- Individual chips & cookies
- 12-oz Gatorade
- Mini sodas
- Small bottled water