

WESLEY WINDOW

OCTOBER 1, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

**OCTOBER 4, 2026
WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

Traditional

8:30 & 11:00AM

Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

Scripture

Matthew 21:33-46

Modern

9:30 & 11:00AM

Celebration Space
Bishop Frank Beard

Scripture

Matthew 26:26-39

Matthew 27: 50-51

Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY
CHURCH**

With a Little Help from a Friend

It is October...finally. The weather is cooler and leaves are just beginning to fall. It's a nice time of year, and it's also time for MLB playoffs. The Braves have won one and lost one. The series will be a nail-biter. After all, they had beaten the Phillies handily in the regular season. The team that surprised me the most was the Chicago White Sox. Last year they were as bad as bad can be. They lost a hundred games! It was in keeping with White Sox tradition. I'm old enough to remember when Bill Veeck owned the team. He didn't have as much money as other MLB owners, so he substituted hype for talent. It was Bill Veeck that invented the modern-day scoreboard with fireworks and noise. It was Veeck who sent a three-foot-tall pinch hitter to the plate and dared the pitcher to throw a strike. One night, he even sponsored Disco Demolition Night - I'd have liked to have been there for that. According to news reports, it got out of hand and created pandemonium in the city of Chicago. My only question is how is that different than any other day in Chicago? Veeck would try anything - except field a winning team. It is in that tradition that the White Sox are in the playoffs - you could say, "It's a miracle!"

And maybe you'd be right. Turns out on the day of their first playoff game, the team received a letter in the mail. It was postmarked September 9 but received on September 29. Anyone acquainted with the mail will not be surprised by that. What was unusual was the return address. There was no street number or post office box of origin. It simply read "Vatican City." It was from Pope Leo, a lifelong White Sox fan (preachers and apparently pontiffs tend to root for the underdog, it's a Jesus thing). His note expressed appreciation and gratitude for the team. And they won that day. Did the Pope's letter have anything to do with it? I doubt it, but can you ever really know?

One thing I do know is that we can all use a little help from our friends. In this last week, and in fact every week, we have been a place where friendship for others has been demonstrated. Not simple casual conversation friendship but deep friendship where labor is expended and sometimes tears are shed. We do this because Jesus called those who follow him no longer his followers but his friends. It will be the subject of the sermon Sunday.

I'll see you then,

OUR PRAYERS

Charlene Alexander	Cindy Dick	Roger Plessner
John Amarello	Walter Dodson	Alicia Reeves
Nolan Angellette	Gene Draisay	Dierdre Reeves
Itala Azzarelli	Gwen Edgar	Kelli Reville
Wilson Barr	Amy Eubanks	Charlie Rockwell
Patsy Battle	John Fazio	Abby Roney
Heather Beale	Mike Fielder	Dennis Scheyer
Philip & Lois Beery	Archie Fisher	George Sealey
John Bock	Brenda Goodwin	James See
Lora Bohannon	Jim Griswell	Davis Shikle
John & Darlyn Bradley	Beth Guerreri	Chuck Smith
Delaine Brown	Tonya Hambrick	George Snowden
Donnie Burch	Mildred Hammer	Donnie Strong
Diana Butler	Thomas Hodges	Anna Teague
Gilbert Caride	Linda Hughes	Lessie Thomas
Francis Chandler	Debra Inghram	Caleb Townley
Penn Clark	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	Catherine Usry
Kimberly D. Cliett	Patrick & Katheryn Keene	Ruth Ann Waller
Barbara Cofer	Nancy Leonard	Terry Waller
Liz Day	Bill & Glenda Mallard	Cindy Wilkes
Jane DeLoach	Charlie & Megan Moyer	Avery Wilkinson
Bonnie Devereaux	Gray & Campbell	Jona Willis
Jan Devereaux	Moye	Billy Wilson
	Marcia Myers	Bonnie Wilson
		Josephine Workosky

OUR DAILY BREAD

*"And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world...
- Matthew 24:14*

We are stewards of the Gospel. The power to proclaim the greatest news in Heaven or on earth was not given to the angels. It was given to the redeemed. This was addressed to humble laypeople. Some think that only ministers are to preach, but that is wrong. Every Christian is to be a witness; every follower of Christ is to preach the Gospel.

We can preach by sharing our experience with others. We can preach by exalting Christ in our daily lives. Sermons which are seen are often more effective than those which are heard. The truth is: the best sermons are both heard and seen. They are a sort of audiovisual testimony. We can also preach by giving to others, so they may preach. Missionary gifts, church offerings and charitable contributions all speak eloquently of your unselfishness and Christian generosity. In all these things, we are partners with God. We are helping by His grace to redeem the world. God needs our time, our talents, our witnessing, and our money, today more than at any other time in history. Become a full, working partner with God.

Wherever I go today, make me conscious of the people I meet. They need Your love. So whether I can speak of You to them, say a kind word or minister in any way, I would be like You, Lord - ever loving, ever giving. Amen.

- billygraham.org

OUR PRESENCE - SEPTEMBER 27

8:30 Traditional	93	9:30 Modern	119
11:00 Traditional	352	11:00 Modern	91
Jr. Church	42	TOTAL	697

OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$	31,351
• Received Through This Week:	\$	1,578,858
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	1,921,890

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

Charlie and Megan Moyer and Charles and Lisa Nagle upon the loss of their son/grandson, Hudson Moyer.

For this family, Lord, hear our prayers.



BAPTIZED SEPTEMBER 27

Hattie Bea Macky

Born September 25, 2026
Daughter of Dillon & Paige Macky
Sister of Kit Macky

Matthew 24:14 KJV

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

COLUMBIA COUNTY CARES OCTOBER FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION



**GRITS, FEMININE PRODUCTS,
BLADDER PADS
DOG & CAT FOOD**

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

**SENSORY FRIENDLY
FALL FESTIVAL**

OCTOBER 25 | 2:00-3:30PM

This is a trick-or-treating event
for children & adults with disabilities
& their families.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
EMAIL LAUREN@WESLEYUMC.NET

WESLEY T-SHIRTS



\$25

V-NECK SHIRTS
ALSO AVAILABLE

ALL PROCEEDS
SUPPORT THE
WESLEY ALTAR GUILD

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CANDY DONATION

**FOR LOW SENSORY
FALL FESTIVAL**

Red Dye Free Candy
Small Prize Toys



**FOR EVENING
FALL FESTIVAL**

Multipacks of
various candy

**DROP OFF IN BINS OUTSIDE WORSHIP SPACES
OR AT THE DONATION STATION**

**FAITH
In Motion**

RUN, JOG OR WALK WITH US AT LADY A PARK
SATURDAYS AT 9AM starting October 3
wesleyumc.net for full schedule & RSVP

**MAINTENANCE BUILDING
GRAND
OPENING**



JOIN US AS WE CONSECRATE & CELEBRATE
A BUILDING THAT WILL SUPPORT
MISSIONS FOR YEARS TO COME!

OCTOBER 18
FOLLOWING
11AM SERVICES

Aging Well Seminar

Thanks to Volunteers & Presenters!



FALL FESTIVAL

TRUNK OR TREAT
MUSIC-FOOD-FUN

OCTOBER 25 4:30-7:30PM
WWW.WESLEYUMC.NET

OPERATION PAPERBACK
Accepts new or gently used books,
shipping boxes and postage to send
to our service members. Drop off in
Biscuit Area year-round.



NEXT WEEK AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:30a Traditional Worship
9:30a Modern Worship
11:00a Modern Worship
11:00a Traditional Worship
11:00a Junior Church
3:00p Yard Sale Drop-Off
5:00p K-2nd Children's Choir
5:45p 3rd-5th Children's Choir
6:00p Wesley Students

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:00p AA Meeting
7:00p Scout Troop 615

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:00a Women's Bible Study
3:00p Yard Sale Drop-Off
6:00p Pastor's Bible Study
6:00p Handbell Choir
7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 STUDENT ROOM PAINTING

9:00a Moms Group
2:00p Communion Service at
Brandon Wilde
6:00p Special Needs Support
7:00p AA Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00a Faith in Motion

The Five Means of Grace

EXPERIENCE
GOD'S
LOVE THE
WESLEYAN
WAY

BEGINS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Four spaces are available in this spiritual formation group which meets monthly on first Tuesdays at 10:30am. Contact Mary Carolyn Thigpen, 706-829-3076 or marycarolyn1@comcast.net.

Through open discussion of questions provoked by our reading, this group focuses on changes we can make to live a more Christ-like life in our broken world.



LIKE TO PAINT?
ALWAYS WANTED TO INSTALL FLOORING?

Volunteer Opportunity!

We are looking for 5-6 people to help us repaint & lay flooring in the old Student Ministry Room as a part of our ongoing efforts to update the church.

October 8: Priming & painting
October 29: Begin laying the flooring

If you are interested in these opportunities,
email neil@wesleyumc.net

Thanks to the wonderful team of Amanda Huntley, Emme Polur and Andrea LePine for helping at the Columbia County Parks and Recreation Sensory Friendly Craft Night for individuals with disabilities and their families. We got to be crafty and spread the word about Wesley's Access Ministry.



WESLEY YARD SALE



October 17
7am-12pm

Volunteers needed!
wesleyumc.net for info.

Drop Off Dates:

Sunday, October 4: 3-6pm
Wednesday, October 7: 3-6pm
Sunday, October 11: 12-6pm

Friday Pre-Sale

Shop early on Friday, October 16, 5-7pm. \$20 tickets available at drop-offs and in church office.

Furniture Pick-Ups

Service offered only for those without trucks to move furniture. Text Sam @ 706-495-7337 to schedule.



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
Rick Massengale.....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
Tim Taylor.....Custodian
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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