

WESLEY WINDOW

OCTOBER 8, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

OCTOBER 11, 2026

Traditional

8:30 & 11:00AM

Sanctuary
Bishop Frank Beard

Scripture

Hebrews 9:24-27
Mark 14:24

Modern

9:30 & 11:00AM

Celebration Space
Greg Porterfield

Scripture

Matthew 22:15-22

Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY
CHURCH**

"I Never Heard That Before"

We were in Bible Study the other day and that's what someone said as we were examining one of the parables of Jesus. I was glad for the comment. They were not remarking about the passage of scripture itself. They had heard and read that before. It was a parable well known to many. What surprised them was that after study they saw something new. The Bible does that. The problem usually is that we treat scripture as "one and done." Meaning if we read it once or heard it at all that must be all there is. Not so fast. The qualifying attribute of scripture is that it speaks to every person and every age. To understand the Bible we must rely on more than what other people say. That's not study, that's hearsay. The Bible speaks to us in proportion to how deeply we study it.

Ann Lammott once wrote that "you can safely assume you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do." The reason her statement is true is this: God does not condemn - we do, and redemption, not objugation, is the work of Jesus. (John 3:16). The problem is not the Bible. As Kierragard observed, "there is not a lack of information in the land, something else is missing." What is the missing piece? The worship of God and the study of scripture. No other institution provides these two resources as does church.

It's never too late to start again. Find a regular place to worship and pursue once more the study of scripture. See for yourself all that God can do. And just maybe you'll say to yourself, "I never knew that before." Once you say it, you'll find yourself in a whole new and better place, for you will be closer to God.

I'll see you Sunday,



OUR PRAYERS

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

OUR DAILY BREAD

*"To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven."
- Ecclesiastes 3:1*

The fall season brings change. The weather cools, the leaves fall, and the world around us transforms. Change can be unsettling, but it's also part of God's plan. Just as nature changes with the seasons, so do we. Embracing change means trusting that God has a purpose in every shift. It can be difficult to accept change, especially when it's unexpected or uncomfortable. But, when we trust in God's timing, we see that every season has its purpose. Autumn is a reminder that we don't have to hold on to the past. Letting go of old things allows room for new growth. Whether it's a change in our personal lives or spiritual growth, change brings opportunity. Trust that God is using the season to shape you.

Dear God, thank You for the changing seasons. Help me embrace the changes in my life with faith and trust in Your plan. I know that every season has a purpose, even when I can't see it clearly. Give me the courage to let go of what no longer serves me and to make room for the new things You are bringing. Help me trust in Your timing and know that You are always with me, guiding me through each transition. When change feels difficult, remind me of Your constant love and faithfulness. I place my worries and uncertainties in Your hands, knowing that You are working all things for my good. Thank You for being my strength in every season. Amen.

- devotionalsfortoday.com

WESLEY HUGS

For our Wesley Family: thank you for all of your prayers and support during my recent hospital procedure. The outpouring of love and support from everyone was just phenomenal. The cards, flowers and group and individual prayers helped carry us through. Gordon and I will forever be thankful for this special church family.

Love, in Christ, Linda Thomas

OUR PRESENCE - OCTOBER 4

8:30 Traditional	99	9:30 Modern	125
11:00 Traditional	248	11:00 Modern	79
Jr. Church	21	TOTAL	572

OUR GIFTS

• Operating:	\$ 69,886
• Received Through This Week:	\$ 1,648,742
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$ 1,971,169



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.

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

FALL FESTIVAL
TRUNK OR TREAT
MUSIC-FOOD-FUN

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

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**

WESLEY T-SHIRTS



\$25

V-NECK SHIRTS
ALSO AVAILABLE

ALL PROCEEDS
SUPPORT THE
WESLEY ALTAR GUILD

WESLEYUMC.NET

**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

Women's Ministry Mahjong Night









**SENIOR ADULT
Events**

LUNCHEON: THE STATE OF THE COUNTY, OCTOBER 15
12PM \$8 BRING A SIDE DISH

OUTING: MEPKIN ABBEY CRECHE FESTIVAL, NOVEMBER 17

TRIP: BILTMORE HOUSE AT CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 7-8

HELEN@WESLEYUMC.NET TO SIGN UP.

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 11

8:30a Traditional Worship
9:30a Modern Worship
11:00a Modern Worship
11:00a Traditional Worship
12:00p Yard Sale Drop-Off

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

10:00a Women's Bible Study
5:00p Pumpkins Arrive
6:00p Pastor's Bible Study
6:00p Handbell Choir
7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00a Moms Group
12:00p Senior Adult Lunch
7:00p AA Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

5:00p Yard Sale Pre-Sale

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00a Yard Sale
9:00a Faith in Motion Run Club
1:00p Yard Sale After Sale

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.



Volunteer Opportunity!

Help us install new flooring in the old Student Ministry Room as a part of our ongoing efforts to update the church.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

Email neil@wesleyumc.net.

RUN, JOG OR WALK WITH US
AT LADY A PARK

SATURDAYS AT 9AM
wesleyumc.net
for full schedule & RSVP

FAITH
In Motion

RELIEF AND RECOVERY TRIP

Week of January 24, 2027

Wesley's Relief & Recovery Team will return to Western North Carolina to assist with storm recovery. All skill levels are welcome.

Contact Dan Armstrong at armstrongdw@gmail.com.



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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