



Dear Friends,

"Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him, and receives them for His sake- not choosing nor refusing, liking or disliking, anything, but only as it is agreeable or disagreeable to His perfect will."

~John Wesley

This Thanksgiving, take the time to pray. Pray with a grateful heart. Pray to offer praise to God for life and for loved ones. Pray for God to lead you in the path of God's choosing.

People have been so deeply affected this year by disasters and violence in our world. Pray for healing and work that must be done to restore lives and property. Pray to help people who are hurting. Pray so that the prayers are not words only, but turned into action.

God provides us with true blessings in abundance. We have joy and laughter; we have courage in the face of fear, hope where there is doubt, comfort when we have tears and sadness. God is with us in all things. John Wesley believed in the love and blessings of God. Even on his death bed, he said, "Best of all, God is with us."

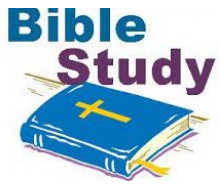
Pray for our faith community as we seek to strengthen and grow in Christ. Pray for the staff and leaders who work to make ministry meaningful. Pray for all the people who serve and provide resources for ministry to take place. Say a prayer for yourself as you consider how you can use the gifts of time, talent, and treasures entrusted to you by God to be a witness for Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer. Give thanks to God, always with a grateful heart. I am thankful for you and our church. I am thankful for all that God is doing among us as we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us into the future.

Wishing all a blessed Thanksgiving!

Blessings,
Pastor Kolby

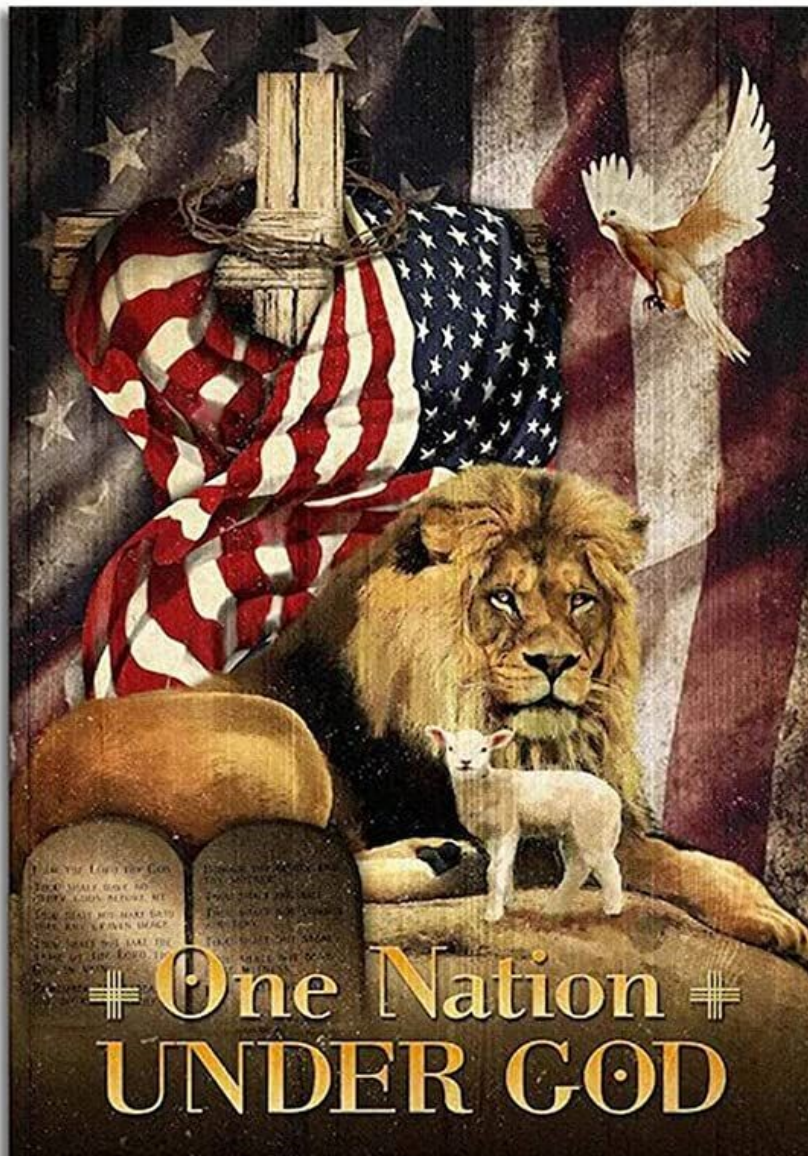
Breaking News



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY—TIME

Please join us every Tuesday from noon to 1PM for Bible Study as we continue our study of the book of 2nd Samuel.

ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Let your voice be heard!



Wesley United Methodist Church

Mission Statement
Celebrating God!
Growing in Faith!
Changing the World!

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Weekly Sunday Activities

Worship @ 10:45AM
(Sanctuary)



Teresa Alfieri

Helen Goddard

Betty Holder

Barb Loehr

Clydia Reichert

Joan Siegel

Donna Weseman

Linda Baldwin

John Hodges

Cindy Holmes

Beth Loehr-Moody

Joe Reichert

Dale Smith

Carla, Robert, Steve, Molly & Buddy

Carolyn Clarke

John Hodges Jr

Rosie Leggett

Frank Nosko

Beth Senn

Christie Tattersall

With God
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Learn the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference He makes in our lives this Christmas. Be Transformed this Advent Season!

His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh.

In *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth.

This Advent season, we'll come together to remember what's important. The four-week study will under-gird our focus in worship each week of December. Two meeting times will be offered so please pick the one that works best for you: Tuesday afternoons 12-1pm (in-person) or Thursday evenings 6:30pm-7:30pm (both in-person and on Zoom). The book can be purchased anywhere books are sold, or call the office to sign up **as soon as possible** and we can order a copy for you.



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Rev. Kolby Golliver, Pastor

November 2024

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Worship Service—10:45AM

WEDNESDAYS
WW Supper 2nd Wed. 5:30PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <p>All Saints Sunday</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Noon Pastor's Class 1:30PM Wesley Whittlers</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>11:30AM Card Club</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00PM Young Adult Meeting</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Office Closed</p>  <p>VETERANS DAY 6:30 Nightingales</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Noon Pastor's Class</p>	<p>13</p> <p>DAR 5:30PM WWS 6:00PM SPRC</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>11:30AM Card Club 6:30PM Book Club</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30AM UWF Brunch and General Meeting FH 12:30PM Fill Blessing Bags FH</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00AM Morning Stars Noon Pastor's Class 1:30PM Wesley Whittlers 6:00PM Leadership Board</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00PM Worship Committee</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>11:30AM Card Club</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:30AM YAHs covered dish @ Weseman's home RSVP 11/17</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30AM Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Noon Pastor's Class</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Office Closed</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>30</p>



BLESSING BAGS

For several years, this was a project near and dear to Cindy Holmes. She purchased most of the elements for each bag and assembled them at her home. As you know, she is no longer able to do this.

I hope you have been saving your little guest soaps and shampoos and such—**we will gather on Saturday, November 16 at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall** (after the UWF Unit meeting) to stuff our goodies into Zip-Lok

bags. Each bag will contain a new t-shirt, pair of socks, comb, razor, toothbrush, toothpaste, bottle of water, Vienna sausage, cheese crackers, and what-ever else we can cram in a gallon Zip-lok bag. There is a collection area for Blessing Bags in the Narthex!

I think Cindy would be so pleased.



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

EVERY THURSDAY 9:30-11:30AM

11/7 - Baloo's - 1130 NW 23rd Ave

11/14 - 108 Vine - 3735 W University Ave

11/21 - Wyatt's - 202 SE 2nd Ave

11/28 - Happy Thanksgiving!

Join Pastor Kolby for coffee or your favorite alternative beverage at the listed coffee shops on the listed dates.

Come with a question for him about the Bible, prayer, church activities, or church discipline. Whatever.

These should be some interesting and informative discussions and we all should learn something!



PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED FOR TELEPHONE

PRAYER CHAIN: Some might ask, "What is the telephone prayer chain and how does it work?" When someone has a prayer need and they need it right now, just pick up the telephone and call Yvonne Hodges (352-262-7398). She will pray a short prayer and then put the chain in action. If you don't get an answer, call Irma Hales (352-376-7222) and she will also pray a short prayer and then put the chain in action.

Responsibilities of Prayer Warriors: when called: take down the information accurately, pray a short prayer, and then immediately pass it on to the next person on the list. If you don't get an answer, you must pass it on to the next person on the list. We want to keep the chain going and every prayer request is important.

If you want to have your name added, or have it removed, please give me a call or text at (352-262-7398).

In His Name,

Yvonne Hodges

DON'T THROW AWAY THOSE PLASTIC BAGS OR PLASTIC FILM!

Hurray! Southwest UMC's bench is ON ORDER—we have collected over 1,000 pounds of plastic films through our multicenter recycling group. Next to be ordered when we reach our second 1,000 pound goal will be Wesley UMC! So keep these items coming. Plastic films must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue. Please note that we **cannot** take water bottles, cracker trays, plastic utensils, or berry-box type plastics. If it crackles when you squeeze it, it's not the Right Stuff.

Thank you so much for your tremendous response to this project. I think the spot where the gazebo used to be would be a good place for the bench. And some flowers, too!

The planet thanks you.



UWF

Nominations for 2025

We know that it is early to be thinking about this, but somebody has to. 2025 will be here before we know it, and we need to be ready. We would like to hear from anyone interested in being PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, or TREASURER of the Local Unit. Remember that GOD DOES NOT CALL THE EQUIPPED, HE EQUIPS THE CALLED. District will also offer training in January. Please pray about this and if interested in any area, please give one of us a call or text. Thank you for any consideration that you give this request.

Sincerely,
Yvonne Hodges (352-262-7398)
Nancy Slaydon (352-317-6858)



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UWF Unit Meeting

All ladies of the church and friends—please join us on Saturday, November 16th, at 10:30 AM for a brunch in the fellowship hall. We will begin with a business meeting, then the program “World Thank Offering.” The brunch will be a covered dish affair, with food offerings from different countries.

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Caring for Your Soul Retreat and Workshops

CONNECTING IN SISTERHOOD: ABOUNDING IN HOPE

Rev. Dr. Mary Mitchell, Guest Speaker

Epworth By The Sea, St. Simons Island, GA - March 7-9, 2025

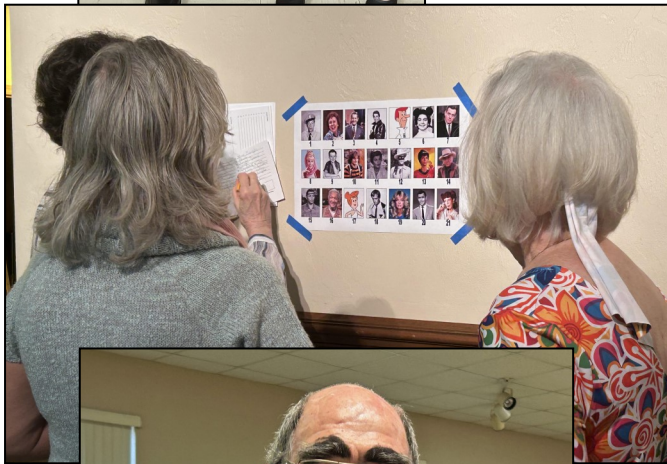
Rev. Mary L Mitchell has been a guiding light as the Senior Pastor of the Bartley Temple United Methodist Church in Gainesville, FL., for the past twelve years. Rev. Mitchell’s unwavering commitment to her primary goal in life and ministry, to make disciples for Christ, is truly inspiring. She passionately teaches others how to apply the Word of God in their everyday lives, a testament to her dedication.

Rev. Mitchell's extensive educational background is a testament to her knowledge and expertise. She graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity Degree and received a Doctor of Ministry at Emory University. Her ordination as a provisional Elder in the United Methodist Church in June 2011 and as an Elder in Full Connection in the United Methodist Church in 2016, further solidifies her position as a respected leader.

Workshops include: How Is It with Your Soul?; Pampering for Your Soul; Gardening for Your Soul; and Movement for Your Soul.

Deadline for registration: February 3, 2025

Watch your email for more information and registration forms



Our Halloween-themed Covered Dish Dinner and Game Night was a big success. Pastor Kolby and Hannah had the best costume, with Cowboy Jim a close second. The games were fun, with Hannah winning the cup-stacking again, and the food was good. One of the presentations was, however, a little bit, um, off-putting...



Halloween Fun at Wesley UMC





The YAHs bounced back from our hurricanes with lunch at Cedar River Seafood in October. Around the table from the left are Paula, Nancy S, Pastor Kolby, Barbara, Mary, Jim, Bill, Donna (who is taking the photo) and two of her granddaughters, Riley and Charlotte. Join us again next month at the Weseman home for a covered dish luncheon.

Happy Thanksgiving





MISSION OF THE MONTH

GAINESVILLE COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Thanksgiving is coming soon! GCM needs your help in collecting the items listed below for our holiday boxes. Each year we receive more requests for food during the holidays, but we can't meet the need without your help. Items needed:

Gift certificates for meat (\$10.00)

Canned Pumpkin Pie Filling

Evaporated Milk

Canned Fruit

Canned Vegetables

Dry Milk Envelope

Rice

Peanut Butter

Sugar

Stuffing Mix

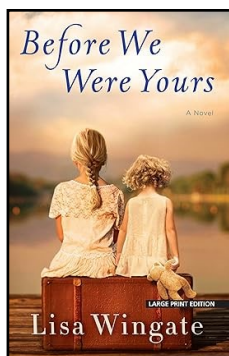
Flour

Boxed Jell-O

Collection containers are provided in the narthex and fellowship hall.

HISTORY OF GAINESVILLE COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: For over 40 years GCM has provided emergency help and hope to families and individuals in crisis. Early in their history (when they were located in a little house behind First Baptist Church), a number of local churches (Wesley included) decided to unite to provide as much support as possible to GCM, in money and goods, with the plan that they would be the distribution site for services instead of each church separately trying to provide on-site services. This coordination helped considerably with prevention of duplication of services. Participating churches are invited to have a representative on the GCM Board. Throughout the year and particularly in the month of November, when GCM is the Mission of the Month, we encourage your wholehearted support. And, as always – thanks!

PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR CONTRIBUTION BY NOVEMBER 20TH!



BELOVED COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB

Our Book Club will FINALLY meet to discuss "Before We Were Yours" on November 14th at 6:30pm. A Zoom option is available; email Kolby if you need the link. I know it's been a while since we've had to reschedule twice due to hurricanes, but hopefully the discussion questions will help jog your memory!

WESLEY WEDNESDAY SUPPER

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



Our next regular Wesley Wednesday supper will be on November 13th at 5:30 PM. In addition to a salad bar and dessert selections, we will serve a plated dinner consisting of a protein, vegetable, and starch, and a roll for only \$7.00 per meal. And for a family of three or more, you get a special price of \$20 max. We need at least 25 people to sign up for this to happen, so come and a meal, either take-home or dine-in, but we hope you'll stay to eat with your faith family and enjoy the fellowship. After all, this *is* our FELLOWSHIP dinner!

Please RSVP to the office by November 10th.

Donna Weseman



CHRISTMAS DINNER CORNBREAD DRESSING

I know you aren't ready to think about this yet, but we need to. We need ten bags of baked and crumbled cornbread in order to make our usual cornbread dressing for our December holiday dinner, and we need it by November 3rd. Please bake your cornbread in a 9x13 pan, then when cooled, crumble up and put in a gallon Zip-lok bag, and write your name on the bag. We would prefer the non-sweet variety, since our dressing is on the savory side.



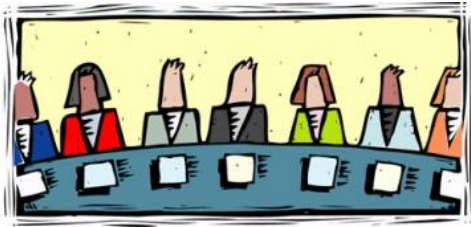
YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR FELLOWSHIP



Young at Heart
Senior Fellowship

Here are the upcoming dates and places through the next few months. As always, we meet at 11:30 AM for this fun and purely social event. Also, as always, you need to RSVP to me the Tuesday before the meeting on Friday so I know how many tables and chairs to reserve. Join us!

DATE	WHERE	RSVP BY:
November 22	Covered Dish at the Weseman Home	November 17
December 6	Christmas Covered Dish at Weseman's	December 1



Committee Meetings

11/19 6:00PM Leadership Board



November Birthdays

- 1st Matt Alday
- 4th Antoinette Jean Pierre
- 5th Wyatt Alday
- 9th Austin Sapp
- 10th Lisa Tatum-Alday
- 17th Jim Carlin
Pam McCormick
- 19th Jordan Newstadt
- 23rd John Easter
- 27th Helen Tate

November Anniversaries

None!



Election Day—Tuesday, November 5th

FUN AND GAMES

Join the Canasta card club at Wesley United Methodist Church! Have fun and meet great people! Invite family and friends, the more the merrier!

When: Thursdays, 11:30 AM (except holidays)

Where: Wesley United Methodist Church
826 Northwest 23rd Avenue
Fellowship Hall

We have wonderful members waiting to teach you Hand and Foot Canasta!



Card Club Guidelines

- Bring a sack lunch and beverage if you wish.
- Please arrive on time if possible.
- Please help clean up after the games end.
- Please give us your email address and phone number in case of scheduling changes.