

Dear Wesley Family,

In just a few weeks, Summer will be upon us... woohoo!!! You'd be hard pressed to find something I looked forward to more while growing up than hearing that final school bell ring, the one that marked the beginning of Summer Break. It's the season of travel, adventure, and new experiences. It's a time when families pack up for vacations, children run barefoot through sprinklers, and we all take a breath from the busy rhythms of the year. But what if, wherever we go this summer, we also took Jesus with us in a new and intentional way?

Inspired by the beloved *Flat Stanley* children's books – where a boy, flattened by a bulletin board, is able to travel the world by mail – we'll be launching a fun and faith-filled summer worship series called "*Journeying with Jesus*." Just like Flat Stanley shows up in photos all around the world, we're imagining what it would be like to carry Jesus with us wherever we go, not just in spirit, but in practice.

Each week, we'll follow in the footsteps of Jesus as we explore the literal and spiritual journeys Jesus took with his disciples. From dusty roads in Galilee to stormy boat rides across the sea, from quiet garden moments to crowded city streets, we'll ask the question: *What does it look like to walk with Jesus today... through airports, road trips, cookouts, and even quiet evenings at home?*

Just like Flat Stanley, we'll provide small "Flat Jesus" cutouts that you can take with you. Snap a photo of "Jesus" on your adventures – whether at the beach, the mountains, the backyard, or the grocery store – and send them in! We'll share them in our services and online to celebrate all the ways Jesus goes with us.

One of my hopes this Summer is that we remember that Jesus walks with us. Jesus isn't confined to Sunday mornings, he travels with us into the mess, the joy, the quiet, and the chaos. He journeys with us every step.

So whether you're traveling far or staying close to home, I invite you to lean into this series and rediscover the presence of Christ in your everyday life. Let's make this a summer of transformation, connection, and holy adventure.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Kolby

Breaking News

Bible Study



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY-TIME Join us for an insightful Bible study as we explore the timeless parables of Jesus. Through simple yet profound stories, Jesus reveals deep truths about God's Kingdom and our Christian walk. Each week we'll discover how these teachings speak to our hearts today and how we can apply them to our daily lives. Come ready to listen, learn, and reflect on the wisdom Jesus shared through his parables. No preparation required.

Pentecost June 8th



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)



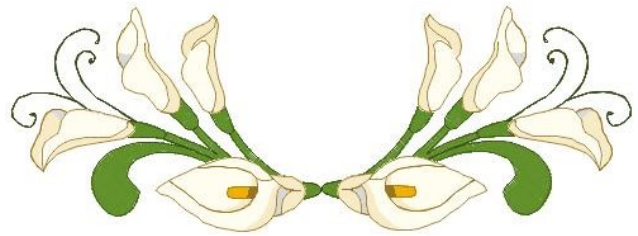
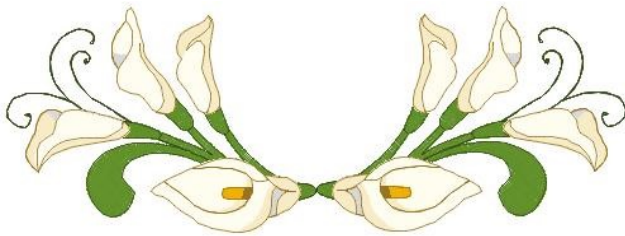
Linda Baldwin
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John Hodges
Paul Humphlett & family
Barb Loehr
Clydia Reichert
Beth Senn
Christie Tattersall
Scott, Judy, Anne & Arden

Diane Blucher
Helen Goddard
John Hodges Jr
Carolyn Joiner
Beth Loehr-Moody
Joe Reichert
Sonya Stack
Carla, Robert, Steve, Molly & especially Buddy

Harley & Pamela
Christiansen
Betty Holder
Rosie Leggett
Frank Nosko
Chris Robinson
Dale Smith



With God
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE



Dear Wesley Family:

Thanks to those of you who were kind enough to take the time to send a card or a message of condolence on Bonniesue's passing, especially the donations made in her honor and memory. She loved Wesley but was unable to attend the last few years due to her failing health.

Blessings, Paul Humphlett and family.



To my dear Wesley family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, emails, and texts you sent during my brother Mike's Hospice care and passing. He fought the good fight, and I learned just how much his family adored him. He left really big holes in a lot of hearts!

Blessings, Sharren Gibbs

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Worship Service—10:45AM

WEDNESDAYS
WW Supper 2nd Wed. 5:30PM

June 2025

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
826 Northwest 23rd Avenue
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Rev. Kolby Gollmer, Pastor

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Noon—Baby Shower	2	3 Noon Pastor's Class 1:30PM Wesley Whit- tlers		5  11:30AM Card Club 6:00PM Sisters in Faith	6	7
 9	9 6:30PM Nightingales	10 Noon Pastor's Class	11	12  11:30AM Card Club	13	14
 16	17 10:00AM Morning Stars Noon Pastor's Class 1:30PM Wesley Whit- tlers		19 Juneteenth 9:00AM C9ffee with the Pastor 11:30AM Card Club	20	21	
22 Noon Leadership Board	23	24 Noon Pastor's Class	25	26  11:30AM Card Club	27	28
29	30					

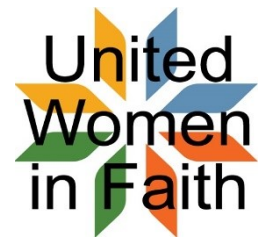


Thank you, intrepid Chefs of Wesley! After listening to us tell them to “burn the hotdogs” for several weeks and the night of the big do, a pan full of crispy black hotdogs was indeed on the kitchen serving counter. And the hamburgers were just as good, but of course, they weren’t burned of course...

Thank you Pastor Kolby, D.R., and Ron for your barbeque expertise!



At the UWF-sponsored Women’s Brunch in April, we collected and donated \$417 to the Food 4 Kids backpack program!



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR



Join Pastor Kolby this month at Coffee Culture for some spirited conversation, good coffee (other libations are available) and good company. We will gather at 2020 NW 13th Street. See you there!



WESLEY WEDNESDAY SUPPER

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



Thank you for a wonderful year with our fellowship dinners. It was great to have the numbers increase each month, and to see you all visiting with each other! I look forward to another year with you beginning in September.

Donna Weseman



MISSION OF THE MONTH

Grace Marketplace

MISSION: Our mission is simple: to end homelessness. We achieve that goal by removing the typical barriers that keep people from getting help and providing them with safe shelter, effective services, and permanent housing solutions.

VISION: Our staff, volunteers, and donors work together to make GRACE the best-choice shelter and service center for our guests, volunteers, and donors, and to earn widespread community support.

Our comprehensive services meet people where they are and cover the basic necessities of life, including housing, healthcare, and employment.

There are no requirements and no barriers to getting help here. Our campus gives people the space and security to get back on their feet and on with their lives.

TRAUMA-INFORMED: At GRACE, we treat everyone with safety and respect. We know that each person has different needs, and we have a variety of different services for every stage. We are there for immediate needs, comprehensive help over the long haul, and support even after a person has found housing.

PROGRESS: In just under 10 years, GRACE has had unprecedented success helping people experiencing homelessness recover. Since we opened, we've helped reduce homelessness in Alachua County by 40%, down to just over 700 people on any given night.

Our progress is encouraging, but there is always more to do.

You can help by joining the ranks of GRACE donors and volunteers. Without the support of everyday people like you, we could not do what we do. Volunteering at GRACE is just one of the rewarding ways to give back and help people who need it most.

From planting a garden to retrieving basic needs items for guests, compassionate volunteer work is essential to our operation. You can make a donation or sign up as a volunteer to contribute to our cause. Every donor and every volunteer at GRACE helps us make positive and lasting changes in our community and put an end to homelessness in Gainesville.

For more information, visit <http://gracemarketplace.org/>



Flat Jesus is hard at work in — looks like the Carribbean, or maybe Egypt, or even Israel!

Get your Flat Jesus, color him in, cut him out and paste to the provided handle (having the stick in a position to support as much as possible) and then ... Go somewhere! Do something! And be sure to take Jesus with you wherever you are!



And—you might even get the chance to share him with someone.

GARDEN WORKDAYS

1st and 3rd WEDNESDAY 9:00 – 10:00

NEXT GARDEN DAY JUNE 4TH

Pull dead stuff.

Prune things that stick out.

Spruce up.



Questions?

Call Jan:

321-427-5760

We have tools, or bring your own. Water provided.

Hat, gloves, seat or kneeling pad recommended.

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

We've been enjoying our bench out in the Memorial Garden, but it still looks kind of plain. It needs flowers, or some gnomes, or mushrooms, or SOMETHING around it. And I'm betting the Garden Committee is thinking the same thing. Wonder what they will come up with?

Now that we have met our goal, we are working to help other churches in the group meet theirs. The next on the list is Temple Shir Shalom. Their excitement level increased a lot after we started putting our plastic toward their bench—just like they and the other churches did for us. So don't stop bringing in that plastic!

Plastic films must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue. Please note that we still **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... You've been doing a great job bringing in your plastic film waste. Thanks!



The planet thanks you, too!



These eight bags held a whopping 69.25 pounds of plastic film. Well done, Wesley!





Let's shower Baby Boy Golliher with our love!

Sunday, June 1, 2025
12:00 Noon
Fellowship Hall
Wesley United Methodist Church

Registered at:
[https://my.babylist.com/
hannahandkolby](https://my.babylist.com/hannahandkolby)

RSVP to office 352-372-2845
by Sunday, May 25th



Bring a package of diapers for the baby (in addition to your gift)
and get a raffle ticket. Win a prize!





COMMITTEE MEETINGS

6/22 Noon Leadership Board



Have you had your photo taken for our new directory yet? If not, please contact Kerry or Terry Faunce right away and make arrangements to have that precious photo made! It's fast and painless, and they have been taking them on Sundays before and after church.

Let's git 'er done!

June Birthdays

- 1st Chuck Adams
- 9th Sam Adams
Kristopher Robinson
- 17th Robert Loehr
- 19th Jeffrey Carlin
- 23rd Linda Crenshaw
- 24th Pastor Kolby
Golliher
- 25th Janis Bishop

June Anniversaries

- 1st D.R. and Diane Sapp
- 2nd Sherry & Chuck Adams
- 16th Donna & Gary
Weseman



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.