

Wesley Witness

Pastor's Thanksgiving Message



"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

Hello friends,

I hope you will take time this Thanksgiving 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.

A disheartening number of folks 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 be in solidarity with our siblings around the world who are hurting. Pray so that the prayers are not *only words but turned into action*.

God provides us with true blessings in abundance: we have joy, and we have laughter. We have courage in the face of fear... hope where there is doubt... comfort when we are overcome with tears and sadness. God is with us in all things. John Wesley believed in the love and blessings of God. Etched across the wall right outside Goodson Chapel at Duke Divinity School is one of my favorite Wesley quotes. They are the final words he spoke while on his deathbed, **"Best of all, God is with us."**

Pray for our community as we seek to strengthen and grow in Christ. Pray for our staff and leaders who work diligently to make ministry meaningful. Pray for all the people who serve and provide the financial resources for ministry to take place. Pray for our church as we continue to discern creative, bold, and Spirit-filled channels for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer. Give thanks to the Lord *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.*

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Kolby

Breaking News

Bible Study



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY—Join us for Bible Study this Tuesday from 11:30-12:30PM. We will be studying the book of Jonah between now and Advent.



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)



Jim Arnett

Carolyn Clarke

Bonniesue Humphlett

Beth Loehr-Moody

Joe Reichert

Linda Smith

Nick Tattersall

Carla, Robert, Steve, Molly & Buddy

Barbara Baldwin

Helen Goddard

LaRue Landsberry

Paula Mathis

Beth Senn

Janice Smith

Doris Welsh

Linda Baldwin

Rachelle Hines

Barb Loehr

Clydia Reichert

Dale Smith

David Tattersall

Clarence Witt

With God
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

NEW BIBLE STUDY

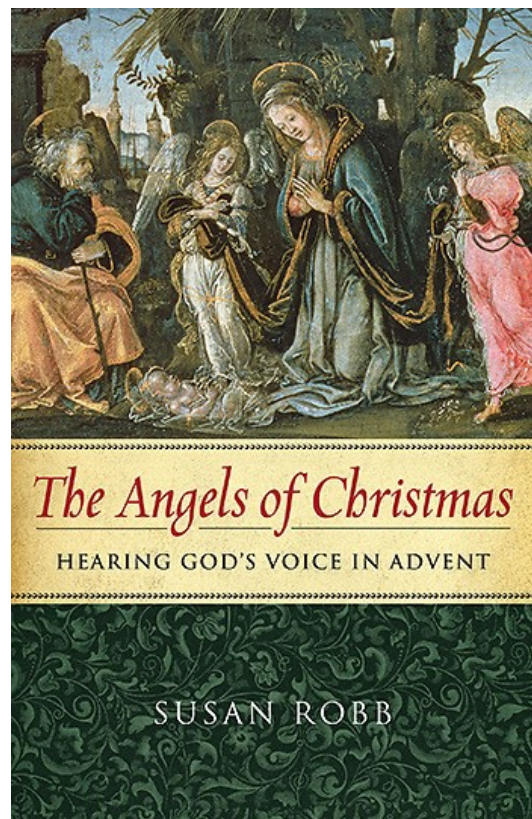
Hey, Folks,

Advent is right around the corner and will be here before we know it! I am hoping to facilitate a study this year on Susan Robb's new book, *The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent*. I would like to offer two group meeting times each week so the most people are able to participate -- one in the morning (our regular Tues. Bible Study Group) and one in the late afternoon/evening (either Tuesdays or Thursday, depending on when the most people are free). If this sounds interesting to you, please fill out this [form](#) so we can select a day/time to meet during the four weeks of Advent!

Here's a short blurb for the book and a link to purchase: "Explore the angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus! In this 4-week Advent work, Robb considers the interactions of God's messengers with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds; dives deep into the history of the angel Gabriel in the Old Testament; and discusses God's presence in history and our lives today."

<https://www.cokesbury.com/The-Angels-of-Christmas>

Rev. Kolby Golliher, Pastor



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service—10:45AM

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

2nd Wednesdays—WWS at 5:30 PM






Most meetings are Wednesdays at
6:00 unless otherwise noted

November 2022

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

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Rev. Kolby Golliver, Pastor

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:30AM Pastor's Class	2 8:30AM Garden Work Day 6:00 Trustees	3  11:30AM Card Club	4	5
6 Communion Sunday All Saints Sunday Noon—Worship Committee and friends	7 7:00PM Nightingales	8 11:30AM Pastor's Class 1:30PM Wesley Whit- tlers	9 11:30AM DAR Luncheon 5:30PM WWS 6:00PM SPRC	10  11:30AM Card Club	11 Veteran's Day 11:30AM YAHs Covered dish RSVP by 11/6	12
13	14	15 11:30AM Pastor's Class 10:00AM Morning Stars	16 8:30AM Garden Work Day	17  11:30AM Card Club	18	19 10:00AM UWV Gen- eral Meeting FH
20	21	22 11:30AM Pastor's Class 1:30PM Wesley Whit- tlers	23 5:30PM—Pot luck Thanksgiving dinner	24 	25 Office closed	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent	28	29 11:30AM Pastor's Class	30 7:00PM Admin Council			

What We Need:



Items for DFG hygiene kits include

- ☆ • Colorful cotton panties—girls size 14 or 16, or women's size 5, 6, & 7 (bikinis or briefs)
Panties are always the most needed items!*
- ☆ • Cotton washcloths (The thinner ones are better than heavy ones—colors better than white)
 - Soap (small, hotel size)
 - Grosgrain ribbon— 5/8" wide—pretty colors
 - Thread (polyester, darker colors, regular & serger)

Fabrics* needed:

- 100% cotton flannel for liners
- 100% cotton calico or quilting fabric for shields
- Blend fabrics are OK for bags

*Fabrics should be bright colorful cheerful busy patterns to hide stains. Avoid animal, people, cartoon, pop culture, camouflage, or food patterns. Ideal fabrics are floral or geometric designs in darker or bright colors.

alachuafl@daysforgirls.org

Radha Selvester 352 316 6113 & Michelle Belanger 352 318 1164

ESTIMATE OF GIVING COMMITMENT CARDS

We recently took action to change our lives by setting specific personal goals to work toward over the next year using a Personal Goals Worksheet. Note that one of these commitments is your estimate of giving for the coming year. This week, you will be receiving an Estimate of Giving Commitment Card in the mail. On a practical level, we ask our members to turn in Estimate of Giving Commitment Cards each year so that our Finance Committee is able to set an accurate ministry budget for the coming year. This allows us to make the most of every dollar given to the church. On a personal level, the commitment card is an opportunity for you to spend time in prayer and reflection, considering what offering you will make to God through our church in the coming year. Please be watching for the mailing; then fill out the card and bring it with you to worship next Sunday, where we will consecrate these commitments for the coming year.

Grace and Peace,
Kolby

A church-wide United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith meeting will be Saturday, November 19th at 10:00AM in the conference room. All are welcome to attend. The following is the agenda for the morning:



- Days for Girls Speaker – Program coordinator Michelle Belanger will share about the Days for Girls Ministry. You will find a list of the items needed by Days for Girls in this newsletter. All who attend are asked to bring items needed for this ministry to the meeting. Please plan to attend to learn more about this wonderful ministry and help support them in their mission to women and girls around the world.
- World Thank Offering will be collected. The World Thank Offering is a way for members of United Women in Faith to show gratitude for God's blessings and find creative ways to raise funds to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. Some women drop a coin in a box each day to give thanks for their daily blessings, while others add coins and dollars on special occasions in their lives. Through the World Thank Offering, you support the total program of mission carried on through United Women in Faith's national office in the United States and around the world. To learn more about United Women of Faith/United Methodist Women, check out their website: [United Women in Faith | Love in Action \(uwfaith.org\)](http://UnitedWomeninFaith.org)
- 2023 Budget and Officers to be approved



MAGGIE TRAN—PIANIST

Maggie Tran was born in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, and raised in sunny Saint Petersburg, Florida. She is starting her sophomore year at the University of Florida, majoring in piano and organ studies. When she's not playing music, she loves to garden and practice weightlifting.

Note: The Finance Committee requested an article on Maggie—this was copied from our website's Staff tab.



The YAHs are back! We will dine at The Weseman's home on November 11th at 11:30AM. This is a covered dish luncheon and Donna will provide ham and chicken and drinks, so please let us know what side dish you plan to bring! Please RSVP to the church office by November 6th.

Donna



From the left around the table: Paula, Helen, Sharren, Jim, Mary, Donna, Joan, Sonny, Mary Jo, Nancy, and Barbara.



Our November fellowship dinner will be on Wednesday, November 9th at 5:30PM—it's a favorite meal—baked chicken strips with rice and gravy! Please let me know if you will attend, as we need at least 25 people signed up to be able to have this dinner each month. Just call the church office and let Terri know.

Donna Weseman

UPDATING OUR DIRECTORY

Yvonne Hodges is taking care of updating the church directory. If anything changes – address, phone number, cell phone, or e-mail – please contact Yvonne to let her know. This will make things so much easier when we create a new directory and will also give the office real-time information about changes. Thanks and a hat-tip!



Come join us!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd AND 16th

8:30—10:00

For Garden Work Day



Use the church's tools or bring your own.

Remember your hat and sunscreen!



Susie Aguila and Sharren Gibbs work with Pastor Kolby and other volunteers from SW United Methodist Church to prepare and serve a spaghetti dinner to students at the GatorWesley campus fellowship. Watch for more opportunities to participate!



Days for Girls coordinator Michelle Belanger works with volunteers to make the small packets that hold the absorbent material for their main project—reusable feminine hygiene products. The list of needed donations elsewhere in this issue will help you make your mission dollars count!



About 100 people showed up for the grand opening of the Days for Girls space at Wesley. They have rented two classrooms that were no longer in use and refitted them with large tables and sewing machines to accomplish their mission. Stop by some afternoon for a visit!

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER

There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby this Sunday for a Thanksgiving potluck here at the church on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd for those staying in town this year. The Kitchen Fund is providing meat, so please RSVP by Friday, November 19th so they know how much to cook. I'm excited to share my delicious Grape Salad recipe with y'all! Start thinking about what sides, desserts, and/or drinks you'd like to bring.

Pastor Kolby



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary Sunday, December 4th. If you would like to purchase 1 or more poinsettias for Christmas, please fill out the information below and place along with your check in the collection box, or bring it by the church office on or before Sunday, November 28th. The cost is \$13.00 per poinsettia.

NAME _____ PHONE# _____

NUMBER OF POINSETTIAS _____

IN MEMORY

OF _____

IN HONOR

OF _____

Please make check out to Wesley UMC and indicate for Poinsettias on your check in the memo section, then attach to order form.



Committee Meetings

11/2	6:00PM	Trustees
11/6	12:00PM	Worship Comm.
11/9	6:00PM	SPRC
11/30	7:00PM	Admin Council

November Birthdays

- 1st Matt Alday
- Kitty Manasco
- 5th Wyatt Alday
- 7th Alex Reeves
- 9th Austin Sapp
- 10th Lisa Tatum-Alday
- 12th Ernest Muhammad
- 17th Jim Carlin
- Pam McCormick
- 18th Harley Christensen
- 19th Jordan Newstadt
- 23rd John Easter
- 27th Helen Tate
- 30th William R. Dees
- Clarence Witt

November Anniversaries

None



Celebrate!



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

Call Cindy Holmes at 352-256-9485 for information.

We have wonderful members waiting to teach you Hand and Foot Canasta! **Please have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccination, as well as the boosters!**

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.

