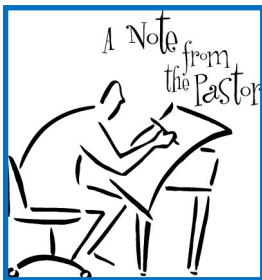


October 2023

Wesley Witness



Here we are, zooming ahead into the fall! Isn't it amazing how time seems to get faster and faster? As someone who appreciates math, I have a totally unscientific brain theory on that: as we get older, each year becomes a smaller and smaller percentage of our stored memory, making it seem faster and faster. Regardless of the validity of my theory, we are here – already – heading toward cooler weather and holidays.

As our year marches on (whether we want it to or not), it's easy for us to feel like we are out of control. It's easy for us to become overwhelmed with all that happens and lose the ability to enjoy the journey on the way. This may be why some years we just don't feel like celebrating much or just wonder where the time has gone.

At times such as this, I think it's helpful to refocus. Psalm 100 puts things into a pretty clear perspective. It's the Lord, and the Lord only, that's worthy of focus and therefore praise. If we keep our focus on God, then the distractions of our lives hold less power over us and we can more fully appreciate and celebrate the wonder and glory of the Almighty.

May our fall be full of opportunities to celebrate God our Father. May our hearts be full of the love of God's son. May our spirits be calm and aligned with the Holy Spirit. May we, as God's people, share all of this with the world around us as THE REASON for our celebration in the midst of ailment and political strife. May we be a beacon of hope and encouragement to the community. "We are his people and the sheep of his pasture... Give thanks to him; bless his name!"

Blessings,

Pastor Kolby

Breaking News

Bible Study



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY—Join us for Bible Study every Tuesday from 11:30 – 12:30PM. We are studying *Delighting in the Trinity* by Michael Reeves.

FUNDRAISER—As part of our Maui-North Florida fundraiser program on October 14th, we need volunteers to make homemade desserts that don't require a fork to eat, like brownies, blondies, bar cookies and cupcakes. In addition, we will hold a silent auction that evening, and need donations for that (it can be an item or a service). Contact Nancy Case if you have questions.

When my arms can't reach people who are close to my heart...

I always hug them with my prayers.



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Weekly Sunday Activities

Worship @ 10:45AM
(Sanctuary)



Jim Arnett
Carolyn Clarke
Rachelle Hines
Clydia Reichert
Beth Senn
Clarence Witt

Barbara Baldwin
Helen Goddard
Barb Loehr
Joe Reichert
Dale Smith
Carla, Robert, Steve, Molly & Buddy

Linda Baldwin
Hardee Family
Beth Loehr-Moody
Sonny Robertson
Christie Tattersall

With God
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE



MISSION OF THE MONTH

Florida United Methodist Childrens' Home

Since 1926, the home has opened its doors to children with a variety of special needs. Some children are victims of abuse. In other cases, the justice system requires troubled youths who have broken the law to live at the home. Others at the home were abandoned and tried to survive on their own. Fortunately social services stepped in to place them in a safe environment, the United Methodist Children's Home. You have been told this story before, but it is a never-ending story, and Wesley United









Methodist Church continues to dedicate its time, resources, money, love, and prayers for these children.

This month, October, is a month of five Sundays, as is December. Your donations for the children will still be welcomed any time! In addition to our change (or checks), we at Wesley dedicate October as our month to open our hearts and our pocketbooks to help these precious children of God.



October 2023

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Worship Service—10:45AM
WEDNESDAYS
www Supper 2nd Wed. 5:30PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 11:30 AM Pastor's Class 1:30PM Wesley Whittlers	4 8:30AM Garden Workday 	5  11:30AM Card Club 6:00PM Sisters in Faith	6	7
8 12-4PM Sewing Center Open House	9 6:30PM Nightingales	10 11:30 AM Pastor's Class	11 11:30AM DAR 5:30PM WWS 6:00PM SPRC	12  11:30AM Card Club	13 Office Closed 10:00AM YAHs Picnic RSVP 10/8	14 UMCOR Benefit Event
15	16	17 10:00AM Morning Stars 11:30 AM Pastor's Class 1:30PM Wesley Whittlers	18 8:30AM Garden Workday 	19  11:30AM Card Club	20	21
22	23	24 11:30 AM Pastor's Class 7:00PM Leadership Board	25 6:00PM Charge Conference @ Trinity	26  11:30AM Card Club	27	28
29 Noon UWF Executive Committee	30	31 11:30 AM Pastor's Class				

YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Yes, it's almost time to get back to our monthly lunches out around town—are you ready? I surely am. Here are the upcoming dates and places through the end of the year. As always, we meet at 11:30 AM for this fun and purely social event. Also, as always, you need to RSVP to me before the meeting so I know how many tables and chairs to reserve. Join us!

DATE	WHERE	RSVP BY:
October 13, 10:00AM	Picnic at Weseman's lake place	October 8
November 17	Covered dish at Weseman's home	November 12
December 1	Covered dish at Weseman's home	November 26

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



It's here, it's here! Oh, happy day!!!

"What's here?" you may ask... Wesley Wednesday suppers are back! But we need your help. We must have at least 25 people sign up to come and get a meal, either take-home or dine-in. Meals include a salad bar and dessert selection and only cost \$7.00 per meal. For a family or three or more, you get a special price of \$20 max. Our first supper of the season is coming up on October 11th at 5:30PM. We need at least 25 people to sign up for this to happen. We will have a baked potato bar that night. Yum! Please RSVP to the office by October 6th.



GARDEN WORKDAYS

We meet every first and third Wednesday of the month at 8:30AM for about one hour. Feel free to come earlier or later -- whatever works best for your schedule. We would love your help pulling weeds and helping us make the *outside* of our church as welcoming and hospitable as the people *inside*! It's not difficult work, but you'll want to bring gloves to protect your hands and a water bottle, as it can get hot!

Hurricane Relief Benefit

To help the people of Maui and N. Fla.

Join us for a night of FUN,
featuring music, stories, homemade
desserts and even a hula dancer! A
silent auction will be held, too!

When: October 14th at 7 pm

Where : Wesley UMC

826 NW 23rd Ave.

Gainesville, Fl.

Tickets: \$15 donation or 2 for \$25

On sale now and at the door

100% of all money will go to hurricane relief

Contact Nancy Case for more info at

PASTORCASENL@GMAIL.COM



Around the table from front left:
Joan, Cindy, Stan, Roy, Sonny, Jim,
Mary, Barbara and Sharren

The Young at Heart Senior Fellowship group is back to dining out. Here we are on September 29th at Applebee's. What a great turnout!

This month we are in for a special treat—a trip to the Weseman's lake house for a picnic! Donna is providing fried chicken, and we need to bring side dishes. Please let Donna know what you plan to bring so we can better coordinate. Also, some group transport is leaving from the church parking lot at 9:30 AM, so if you need a ride, contact Donna.

Special thanks to Donna who keeps this group together. She is so gracious with her time, talents, and even her home. We don't thank her enough...



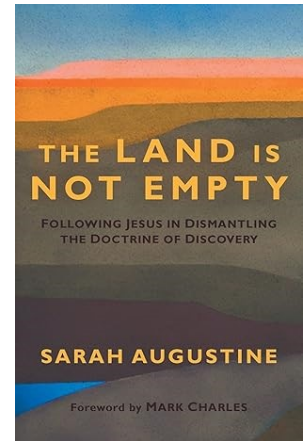
Nancy and Becky

THE BELOVED COMMUNITY BOOKCLUB

Dear Wesley,

Our final Beloved Community Book Club gathering for 2023 will be on November 9th at 7pm. This month we are reading *The Land Is Not Empty* by Native American author Sarah Augustine. You can purchase the book on Amazon, Cokesbury, or wherever books are sold. If you have any questions or need help purchasing the book, please reach out to Pastor Kolby at kolby@gainesvillewesley.org

Pastor Kolby



Join us at Trinity UMC Sunday, on October 22nd for our mission study led by Jo Anna Hallman and myself from Trinity, as well as Margaret Steptoe and Norma Courtney from First UMC. Social time and refreshments start at 1:45 PM. The study will begin at 2:00 PM and should end by 4:00 PM. Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Marie Samec—352-317-6729

There will be a meeting of the UWF Executive Committee on Sunday, October 29th at noon in the conference room following the morning service.

All UWF members, please mark your calendar for the Unit meeting on Saturday, November 18th. More information on this meeting will be in the next newsletter.

United
Women
in Faith

MISSION
STUDY



Join us!

Sunday, October 22, 2023

1:45 to 4:00 p.m.

Room 232

Trinity United Methodist Church



Living the Kin-dom

Exploring the Lord's
Prayer as a Spiritual
Practice for Social
Transformation



Committee Meetings

10/11	6:00PM	SPRC
10/24	7:00PM	Leadership Board
10/25	6:00PM	Charge Conf. at Trinity UMC
10/29	12 Noon	UWF Leadership Committee

October Birthdays

- 8th Susie Aguila
 13th Misty Jacquin Martin
 Jim Harris
 21st Richard Yaxley, III
 Beth Senn
 23rd Sharon Easter
 28th Linda Baldwin
 29th Kelly Crenshaw

October Anniversaries

- 13th Ashley & William
 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

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

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.

