

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH

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Circle Meetings

Bass Beck will meet Tuesday, Sept. 10th at 1:00 in the Parlor

Mary Martha will meet Tuesday, Sept. 10th at 10:00 in the fellowship hall.

Wesley Friendship Circle will meet on Monday, September 16th at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall.



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SEPTEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2  Office Closed	3	4 Wesley Adult Fellowship @ 12:00 FH	5 Book Study 1:30 PM	6	7
8	9	10 Bass Beck 1pm Parlor Mary Martha 10am FH	11	12 Book Study 1:30 PM	13	14
15	16 Wesley Friendship Circle 5:00	17	18	19 Book Study 1:30 PM	20	21
22	23	24	25  Hot Dog Lunch 11:30-1:30	26 Book Study 1:30 PM	27	28
29	30					



The Wesley Messenger

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Dan Money, Pastor

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*Welcome to Worship
at Wesley Memorial!*

8:50 AM Early Worship

11:00 Traditional Worship

(also find our worship services
online)

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord! Can you believe that we are already starting a new school year? I know this time of year can be exciting and at the same time very stressful. We often worry about what's ahead. There have also been a lot of changes at Wesley Memorial not to mention that we are in an election season. That in and of itself can cause all of us to worry about the future. Anytime we worry about the future it is good for us to consider Abraham and Sarah of the Old Testament. I invite you to read their story starting in Genesis, chapter 12. God chose to start a new nation by which all people would come to know God. God built this nation from two faithful people, Abraham and his wife, Sarah who for all practical purposes had no future. The problem was that Abraham and Sarah had no children and they were past the child-bearing years. This didn't matter to God. God promised them a child and in God's time and God's way Isaac was born when Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90. Although not perfect, Abraham was considered righteous because he believed that God would come through. Over and over again in his life Abraham trusted God to work things out. We should trust God as Abraham did.

Trust is not always easy. I bet you have trusted someone to do something for you and then for whatever reason that person let you down. I have a close friend that I would trust with my life. If he says that he is going to do something, you can rest assured that he will. Several years ago, we decided to meet for lunch. We agreed on a day, time and place. After he was 15 minutes late, I thought that something must have happened. It was not like him to forget. However, that's exactly what he did. He forgot about our lunch date. Do you know that he is still apologizing for that today? He felt terrible about it because he prides himself on being trustworthy. I don't think forgetting lunch is a big deal and I still think he is very trustworthy. Of course, like all of us, he is only human and we all are very capable of forgetting. God on the other hand, never forgets, never runs late, and never stops caring about our problems. There is nothing too big or too difficult for God to handle. Abraham and Sarah probably thought God had forgotten about God's promise because over twenty years had gone by since God had first promised them a child and there was still no baby. But when the time was right, God came through with His promise in a miraculous way!

If you are struggling with something and it doesn't seem like God is answering your prayers, try looking for the bigger picture. Maybe the time is not right yet or maybe God has something even better in mind. Maybe God just wants you to learn to be patient. The Bible tells us in Romans 8:28 that God works all things out for our good. Even when we can't see or feel God, we can rest assured that God is with us and everything that happens is under God's control. Abraham and Sarah lived to see the promise God made come to fruition. Furthermore, when God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, Abraham's promised child, his key to the future, Abraham did not doubt. Hebrews 11:19 tells us that Abraham trusted God to raise Isaac from the dead if necessary. Now that is trust! I hope we can grow in our own personal struggles to arrive at that same level of trust. No matter how bad it looks, God is always with us working every situation and circumstance to benefit us. Trust Him today!

Pastor Dan



September

3-Cecelia Bissonette
7-Elizabeth Coleman, Tracy Benfield
10-Regis Barnhart
11-Laura Snoddy, Paige Wooten
15-Joe Sinclair
19-Cheryl Pierce, Donna Thomas, Diane Benno
22- Kim Cloer
25-Andy Pierce
26-Dalton Melillo
27-Luke Porter
29-Ann Campbell
30-Paul Blackwell, Susan Brooks

Wesley UMYF

Starting on Sunday, Sept. 15th, the Youth will be meeting from 4:00 to 6:00 every other Sunday. The Youth will spend time worshipping, playing games, and learning more about Jesus. A meal will be provided.

Serving the Month of September

Head Usher - Sylvia Day, Bill Thompson
Greeter Coordinator - Renee Mauney
Acolyte Coordinator - Linda Stikeleather
Paraments - Linda Stikeleather, Pat Snider
Nursery Coordinator - Eileen Fowler
Trustee - John Stikeleather

Notes about the Newsletter

If you have anything that needs to be put in the newsletter, please notify the office no later than the 20th of the month. If you receive the newsletter in more than 1 form, please contact the office to make your choice of media. Hard copies are available at the church or can be mailed. You can also receive it by email. Email is the most efficient way to receive the newsletter, so please consider calling the office to take yourself off the mailing list.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

January 1, 2024 - August 18, 2024
Contributions Year To Date - \$174,606.99
Total Projected Expenses YTD thru June - \$173,517.84

September & Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Members: Leslie Prichard, Angela Lackey, Susan Brooks, Robert Moore, Jean Wilson, David Locke & family, Barbara Anthony, Richard Holshouser, Bill Willett, Gattton Family, Barbara Phillips, Jaclyn Nichols, Pam Aman, Carolyn Lamberth, Blanca, Cheryl Pierce, Kay Holshouser, Linda Ervin, Shirley Cowan
Non-members: Gay Park, Carolyne Sharpe, Patti Gilreath, Peggie Jordan, Kim Hutchens, Renee Matetzschk, David Keller, Jerry Adkins, Linda Boan, Ruby Locke, Randy Dabbs, Roger Anderson

Gifts given in honor of:

- Joe Phillips** Katie Barker
- Janice & Garland Pardue** Bill & Sara Thompson
- Linda Gladden** Ann Campbell
- Phyllis Hadley** Ann Campbell
- Nancy Benfield** Tim & Mary Thompson
- Chloe Owens** Tim & Mary Thompson

Gifts given in memory of:

- Ruth Creedmore** Bass Beck Circle, Karen Luther, Johnny & Linda Stikeleather, Donna Thomas, Family Ties SS Class

Looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to fix meals for the Youth on alternate Sunday nights, beginning on Sept. 15th. Please call the church office if you are willing to help out and serve our Youth.

Thanks!



Boston Butt Fundraiser is available for preorders only. The price is \$45 by Oct. 14 and are to be picked up on Sat., Oct. 26th. BBQ sandwiches will also be available on the Oct. 26th in the fellowship hall from 11-1. Checks or cash can be brought to the church office or given to anyone selling tickets. If any questions, please call the church office at 704-873-8701.

Ushers Needed

We are going back to passing the plate during the service in September and we need volunteers to be ushers. Please sign up in the hall by the flower calendar, if you are interested.

Thanks

Flower Calendar 2024

Our new flower calendar has been placed in the foyer outside the sanctuary. Please take a moment to select a day to honor or memorialize a special person or event with flowers on our church altar.

Sept. 1	Phil & Eileen Fowler
Sept. 8	Available
Sept. 15	Available
Sept. 22	Pam Case
Sept. 29	Available



Stay Informed

Minutes from the most recent Administrative Council Meeting are now available in the commons area: Pick up a copy from the Administrative Council bulletin board. Future minutes will be posted there also. Thank you!
Joe Sinclair, Chairman

Thank you Notes

Thank you to Makayla, Bryan, and Lincoln for cleaning up my yard where Debby had showered me with sticks, limbs, and leaves. I asked the youth workers if they could spare youth from the car wash. I needed help with my yard. Thank you again for all your help.

Love, Katie Barker



Dear Church Family,

There are not enough words to express how thankful I am for your kindness and support shown during Mom's sickness and death. The calls, cards, prayers, and support were all so comforting and will always be remembered.

With love,

Jane Frederick



To my church family,

I just wanted to say a quick thank you for all the support you have shown me all these years. This church has been there to raise me since the day I was born, and I always look forward to coming home for the summer. I am going to miss you all and look forward to seeing you over the holidays.

Love,

Chloe Owens



Greetings everyone,

This time I am sending greetings from Coldwater, MI, affectionately known as Laver Landings. Among my memories this year is riding in a boat ride which included ordering pizza to enjoy as we had a beautiful ride!

Love to all!

Edna Laver



Thank you so much for all the Back to School supplies. East Middle was so appreciative for all the supplies. For all those that donated money, we bought a lot of book bags which was the biggest need. Thank you for reaching out and making a difference in the life of a child. Thank you so much!!!

Mission Committee and East Middle School



Thank you for the support of our youth group. We had a great turn out for the game night with a lot of people saying we need to do it again. It was such a fun night. Thanks to all who came for the fun!!

The car wash had a terrific turn out of people needing vehicle washed. We appreciate all the support of those that made a donation. The youth seemed to have a time getting wet and washing cars.

Thanks to our church family for the support of the youth and their projects.

Kitchen

Korner

Welcome to the Kitchen Korner!
Here is the latest from the Kitchen Crew:



Things NOT needed in the kitchen:

Dish towels and/or dish cloths

Cleaning rags

How you can help us:

DO NOT leave leftover food in the refrigerators unmarked or un dated

After ANY event, **please** before disposing of plastic cups or bottles, empty liquid into the sink before placing them in the recycle can located in the fellowship hall. Spread to the word... help us recycle! All other paper cups can be placed in regular trash can **after** emptying liquids.

Thank you!