



Wesley United Methodist Church

The Circuit Rider

**July
2017**

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Upcoming Sermon Texts

-July-

7/2/17

"Water, Prophets & Welcome Mats"
Matthew 10:40-42

7/9/17

"Come Away"
Song of Solomon 2:8-13

7/16/17

Romans 8:1-11

7/23/17

Psalms 139

**Deadline for the
August
newsletter is July 22nd**

"Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need."
~Acts 4:32-35

Grace and peace to each of you!!

I hope you are all well and I look forward to worshipping God together with you at Wesley UMC this coming Sunday! This is an exciting time in the life of Wesley UMC! I am writing to you on the third day of Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is *Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!* It is a blessing to see how many kids are participating in VBS and learning about what it means to trust God and to serve God. We have amazing servants that are leading music, crafts, science, snack and many other parts of VBS!! A huge thanks to Kathy Coalson for serving as the VBS director and to the Education Team!!

In the scripture above from Acts 4:32-35, we read about the early church and followers of *The Way* being of one heart and soul and of sharing everything in common. People testified to the resurrection and grace was upon them all. This week during VBS it has been wonderful to see how people are working together in one heart and soul to help kids in our community grow in faith. Teens and adults have stepped up to serve selflessly and to love these kids.

My prayer is that we can continue to look to the early church as we reach our community. There are many needs in Harlingen and God invites us to look closely, see those needs and respond. As you continue to reach out in love to your neighbors, trust that God is guiding you! How can you use what God has given you to reach those whose paths cross your own?

One thing has been very obvious in my year here at Wesley: there are lots of kids and youth that live very close to the church! At VBS, we have one class that has about five boys that are going into sixth grade! What a perfect age to invite these young people to build relationships with people in the church. We also have older teenagers who are serving and it would be wonderful to continue connecting with them throughout the year. On the first night of VBS we had 37 kids! This is a singing group! They love music and it is a joy to listen to them sing with our music leaders!! How amazing would it be to continue to encourage them in singing and learning more about how much God loves them!

We cannot do this without trusting in the great power of the resurrection and responding to God's call to go and love our neighbors! How will you act and respond to this call?

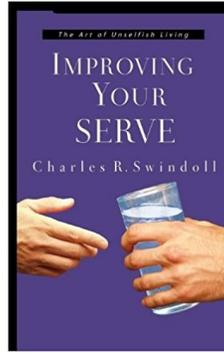
Blessings,
Pastor Jeana



In Our Prayers

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| ✘ Belinda Zamora | ✘ Celeste Teran |
| ✘ Frances Gillette | ✘ Bert Allen |
| ✘ Allen McKee | ✘ Myron Van Horn |
| ✘ Larry & Nan Eunice | ✘ Lester Williams |
| ✘ Peggy Stewart | ✘ Laura Gomez |
| ✘ Archie & Deloria Connell | ✘ Jerry DeMars |
| ✘ Suzanne Hagemeyer | ✘ Jim Verner |
| ✘ Claire Taylor | ✘ Pat Hansen |
| ✘ Tim Thornblade | ✘ Avery Castillo |
| ✘ Sergio & Lisa Pena | ✘ Michael Spear |
| ✘ Patsy Johnson | ✘ Tina Taylor |
| ✘ Carolyn Adams | ✘ Geri Itami |
| ✘ Anita Kurtz | We remember those in
the Military & Nursing
homes. |
| ✘ Zenrol Paguinto | |
| ✘ Kathy Ayers Jackson | |
| ✘ Family of Brandy Perez | |

Small Group Study opportunity



The Monday Night Bible Class will start a new book July 17th based on the classic written by Charles Swindoll, "Improving Your Serve." Rev. Swindoll said this book is a guide to "becoming more like Christ Himself." Please join us **Monday, July 17, at 6 PM** in the foyer. You may also speak to Gordon Plunkett for more information.

Altar Rail Offering for the month of July will go towards Christmas Boxes



Caroling in July



Wesley Church invites everyone to go caroling on **Tuesday, July 11th**. We meet in the church parking lot at 6:00 pm and carpool to local nursing homes. This is a great ministry, please join us. For more information please speak to Cheryl Reed or Wilson Heacock.

June Worship Attendance

Date	Worship	S.S.
4	64	9
11	58	12
18	63	5
25	69	8
June Avg.	64	9

June Stewardship Update

General Fund Contributions

June 4	\$	4,233.00
June 11	\$	3,158.00
June 18	\$	8,656.00
June 25	\$	2,319.00
Total:	\$	18,366.00

Percent of Apportionments paid.....54.9%

Praise the Lord for your faithfulness in financial stewardship.

Missions Giving for June

Hogar de Ninos Ministry	\$	130.00
Progreso Ministry	\$	409.00
Backpack Ministry	\$	200.00
Prayer Shawl Ministry	\$	81.36

Total missions giving to date \$ 15,491.30

Rio Texas Annual Conference 2017

What an honor it was to serve as your lay delegate to our 2017 Rio Texas Annual Conference from June 7th through June 10th in Corpus Christi, Texas. The focus on Fruitfulness was the theme for this year's annual conference lead by Bishop Robert Schnase.

We experienced great preaching and teaching. On the opening night worship service Rev. Lupinda Villalpando Stewart from San Antonio, preached from Joshua 14:12-14 and shared the story of Caleb who followed the Lord God of Israel Wholeheartedly. Her sermon title was "What voices do we listen"? Some of the questions Rev. Villalpando asked were:

What sound is your church hearing? What sound is your church projecting?

What are you and I doing to inform others of our relationship to Christ?

What about your worship surprises you?

What about your worship which inspires you ?

What about your worship which moves you ?

The United Methodist Church is a movement. We are called to Be The Church, not a church. How are we supporting our ministries and our pastor(s)? These are good questions for all of us to reflect upon.

Our own Pastor Jeana gave the opening prayer for the first Teaching Session lead by Rev. Adam Hamilton who serves as the Senior Pastor for Church of The Resurrection.

Rev. Hamilton Lead 3 teaching sessions titled Leading Beyond the Walls

Session 1: What Leaders Do and Why

Session 2: Effective Worship and Preaching

Session 3: Mission, Evangelism and Methodism

There were 14 Workshops for delegates and pastors to attend. Pastor Jeana helped lead the Workshop Titled: The Fruitfulness of Wesleyan Small Groups where we are called to share, encourage, exhort and disciple.

We passed an updated Child Safety Policy. This is to help make sure we provide a safe and secure environment for all children.

On Friday morning, a Celebration of Retirement was held to honor 33 pastors from the Rio Texas Conference who's combined years of ministry was over 1,000 years. Well done good and faithful servants...!

On Friday evening we attended The Order of Commissioning, Recognition, and Ordination. Seven clergy were ordained, and seven clergy were commissioned as provisional elders. We heard a great sermon from Bishop Gregory V Palmer of the West Ohio Conference. Bishop Palmer preached from 1 Samuel 3:19-4:1 on Trustworthy Prophets.

This was a great Rio Texas Annual Conference...! In closing hear this message which was shared in our closing session:

This confers great privilege; it also lays on us all a solemn responsibility. May we rise in body or spirit and commit our lives and ministries once again to the Grace of God.

Grace and Peace
Wilson Heacock

Building Use Scheduling Form

The new scheduling form is available in the church office. If you will be utilizing the building or would like to, please call or go by the church office to fill out a form. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Preschool Charities

The Wesley Preschool Board has adopted the charities **Blue Sunday and Blessings From Friends** as their mission project. There is an area in the Preschool office where you may drop off donated items. You may also bring them by the church office. Both of these charities work with Child Protective Services and meet the needs of abused and foster children in our area. There is a list of items requested on the desk in the entry of the church and also at the preschool. Included on the list for children are gently used children's clothing of all sizes infants to teens, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby wipes, baby bath soap, diapers (all sizes), crayons, color books, colored pencils, stickers, toys of all kinds, infant and baby items of all kinds, overnight bags (carry on luggage size), children's snacks. Cash and checks are always welcome. Thank you so much for helping as we reach out to meet the needs of these special children.



Thank you to all of our heroes for making VBS a success. We couldn't have done this without you!

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Friday, July 28th

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Join in the fun of game night!

Snacks & drinks provided!

All ages & everyone is welcome.



Our Children's One Room Sunday School class is in need of volunteers for teachers during the summer months of July and August. Miss Marilyn is taking a well-deserved summer off. If you can teach any Sunday in July or August, please contact Kathy Coalson at (956) 245-4194 or the church office at (956) 423-6156.

Sunday School is Cool



July 2017 Bible Reading Plan

Acts

July 1st Acts 1	July 11th Acts 9:1-31	July 21st Acts 18:1-19:31
July 2nd Acts 2	July 12th Acts 9:32-10:16	July 22nd Acts 20
July 3rd Acts 3	July 13th Acts 10:17-48	July 23rd Acts 21
July 4th Acts 4:1-31	July 14th Acts 11	July 24th Acts 22:1-23:30
July 5th Acts 4:32-5:11	July 15th Acts 12	July 25th Acts 23:31-24:27
July 6th Acts 5:12-26	July 16th Acts 13	July 26th Acts 25
July 7th Acts 5:27-42	July 17th Acts 14	July 27th Acts 26
July 8th Acts 6	July 18th Acts 15:1-35	July 28th Acts 27:1-20
July 9th Acts 7:1-8:3	July 19th Acts 15:36-16:40	July 29th Acts 27:21-44
July 10th Acts 8:4-40	July 20th Acts 17	July 30th Acts 28:1-15
		July 31st Acts 28:16-31

Barbara Sue Tucker and Linda Krabill will be leaving on **July 6** on a pilgrimage to Israel. While there they will be visiting the Western "Wailing" Wall and would be happy to take a prayer request for you to be inserted in the cracks in the wall. This is a special way to remember or lift up someone special in prayer at the site of the old Temple. They will also be visiting the Holy Sepulcher, the site where Christ was crucified and buried. Here they will be able to light a candle in remembrance of someone special to you. It is at this site that pilgrims from all over the world come to light candles from the single flame that is believed to be lit by God each Easter morning. Please drop your prayer requests off either at Worship or in the church office. We asked that they be written on paper no larger than half of a 3x5 card, you may seal them closed if you'd like. A basket and sign up sheet have been placed in the back of the sanctuary for you to fill out. If you have any questions, please see Barabara Sue or Linda.

Depression & Anxiety Support Group

The depression and anxiety support group will be held at Wesley UMC. Meetings will take place the 2nd Monday of the month. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 10th at 7:00 pm in the library.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you know someone who would be blessed by a prayer shawl? If so, please write their name on a prayer card and pass it to the usher during worship service or call the church office at (956) 423-6156.

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Mark Your Calendars!

- ➔ Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am
- ➔ Depression & Anxiety Support
Group Monday, July 10th, 7:00 pm
- ➔ Caroling at Nursing Homes
Tuesday, July 11th, 6:00 pm
- ➔ Monday Night Study Class
July 17th, 6:00 pm
- ➔ Game Night
July 28th, 6:00 pm

