

The Outlook

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Anne Schlesinger, Pastor

April 10, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship on Facebook and In-Person

April 14: 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36-48, "We Purify in Hope"

April 21: 1 John 3: 16-24; Psalm 23; John 10: 11-18. "We Abide in Christ"

Rev. Anne Schlesinger, preaching

Native American Ministries Sunday Offering, April 14

The Native American Ministries Sunday offering develops and strengthens annual conference Native American ministries, equips Native American rural and urban congregations, ministries, and communities and educates Native American seminarians. Offering envelopes will be available this Sunday. Checks may be made payable to Wesley Church, designated *Native American Ministries* or give online. Thank you.

Bring Your Own Craft & Beverage (BYOC & B)

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024

Time: 9:30-11:30 AM

Place: The Gathering Place at Wesley

Who: Everyone

Event: Bring your favorite craft to work on while we visit. If you are not "crafty," please come anyway.

Bring your own beverage.

Lunch follows at Huckleberry's Restaurant, 2673 Mt. Vernon Ave.

Organizer: June Braun



♪ A Note from the Pastor

***Train children in the way they should go;
when they grow old, they won't depart from it.***

-Proverbs 22: 6

Happy Easter!

What a glorious season! Many of you already know this; Easter is not just a day, it is a season. We do celebrate gloriously on one special day, but that is the first Sunday of Easter, a season that lasts until Pentecost. Our worship series that began last week is from Discipleship Ministries and is entitled, "How Shall We Live?" We focus of the Johannine letters to consider what difference Christ's resurrection really makes in our day-to-day lives.

I am excited that Wesley will begin a new Confirmation class this coming Sunday. It will be a small class, but I am hoping that means we can cover the material quickly. A larger class would have brought more points of view—always a learning experience—but fewer students may make the class time go more quickly. Due to Safe Sanctuary guidelines, I am not permitted to drive a child to or from the class, so parents, please remember to supply transportation for your younger family members. We will be using a resource called Confirm. I have purchased the material for the students who have signed up. If you have a student interested, you may purchase the student, parent and mentor books from Cokesbury.com.

The postponed 2020 General Conference begins this month on April 23 and runs through May 5 in Charlotte, NC. It will be live-streamed. More information and the live stream link are here: <https://www.umc.org/en/who-we-are/structure/general-conference>. Church officials have determined that another General Conference will be needed in 2026 because some momentous decisions may be made this year. Please keep this process and the delegates, bishops, and the many others involved in your prayers.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Anne

*Thank you! \$338.30 was collected in coins for our Lenten Coin Project.
Funds will be donated to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
for Ukraine.*

Prayers

We pray for our friends and family serving in the military

We pray for those in need of healing—body, mind and spirit:

• Pam—recovering from a “mini stroke”
• Shyann—and prayers for all who support and care for her • Danny, Jenifer and Barbara and Ronnie • Alex
• Linda T • Ruth • Stan • Baby Persia • Gary • Lea • Bill B. • Jerry L—trouble with her “good” leg • Rita S • Ruth S—she has returned home, but needs continued prayer for strength and healing • For Beth Davisson’s brother-in-law, Selmer Peterson, who is being treated for pneumonia, possible sepsis and blood clot

We pray for those who are grieving:

• Janice, the sister of Anne’s friend Susan. Janice lost her 24-year old granddaughter due to a head injury and one week later her 41 year old son after being hit by a car. Her grief is now overwhelming. Please pray for Janice and her whole family. • The friends and family of Rev. Doug Williams, former pastor in Laguna Woods Community UMC

We pray for other needs:

• Linda needs prayer regarding a meeting to determine where she might move • We pray for PEACE • All children in foster care • An end to fighting in the Middle East and in Ukraine, and discernment for all in leadership to bring justice and a lasting peace
• Krysten’s training at the Mayo clinic
• Melinda—discernment & peace

• Sage cannot go to Camp Keep because Lea cannot get doctor’s approval to take him. • Shawn’s sermon for the Bishop and appointive cabinet

We pray for travel mercies:

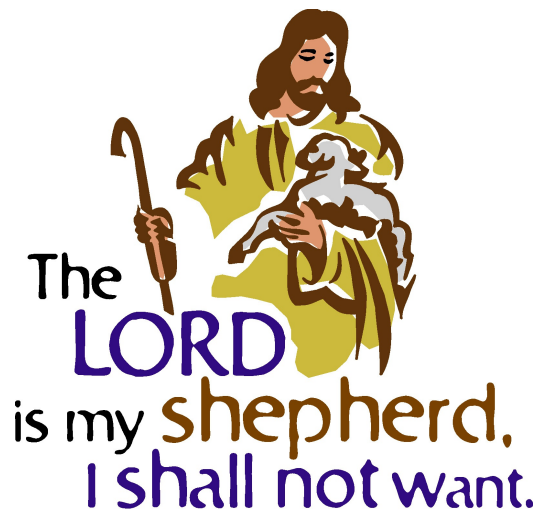
• For all who are traveling to experience the total eclipse, including the Ludeke family and Nick and Lisa S
• Cousin Vance—had a safe trip to North Carolina, travel mercies coming home

In gratitude, we remember and praise God for our abundant blessings...

• The joy of Easter • Brenden made the football team! • Friendship and “small” joys of doing things together • Family time • Mandi’s visit with Kristyn and Genevieve • Terry’s trip with her cousin for a celebration & Mandi’s support
• Balthazar’s help with Linda’s car trouble • The joy of spring break and the joy of the children’s return to school
• Griffin’s ability to see Leona
• The hard work of the Trustees removing a downed tree at the parsonage, and gratitude that prayers for their safety were answered
• The hard work and fellowship for Ernestine, Rose and Barbara as they prepared for Easter • Dan M’s recovery and continued improvement
• Barbara’s sister Carol’s birthday
• Denise (Corby’s Mom) had successful surgery

Ashram Family Camp

It's not too early to think about summer vacation. The Redwood Christian Ashram is an interdenominational, intergenerational camp located in the beautiful Santa Cruz mountains. It begins on Sunday, June 30th and ends on Friday, July 5th. A great faith experience for individuals as well as families: there is programming for adults, children, and youth as well as plenty of free time and activities. The Bewleys, Sabas, Edee Ellenberger, and Donna Sanders from our congregation have all been to Ashram and feel blessed by it. There is a \$100 discount for new campers and further scholarships are available. For more information, visit redwoodchristianashram.org or contact one of the above mentioned folks.



Psalm 23:1

The Outlook Deadline

The next newsletter deadline is April 19.

April Birthday addition.... Travis Santos, April 19.