

The Outlook

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Anne Schlesinger, Pastor

July 24, 2024

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

July 28: Acts 10: 28-37, Mark 1: 1-15; "Changed From the Inside Out"
August 4: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20, John 12: 20-26; "Everything Changes"
Rev. Anne Schlesinger, preaching

Church Directory 2024 - 2025

The new directory is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex for any corrections. If you have changes since the last directory, please call Terry at (661) 872-8741 or email at office@wesleybakersfield.org. Thank you.

I can do ALL THINGS
through Christ
who STRENGTHENS *me.*
-Phillippians 4:13



♪ A Note from the Pastor

It was good to see Dan O'Dell in church last Sunday. He moved to the Seattle area last year and was back for a family reunion. He told me that when he got off the plane in Fresno, he exited the airport and felt the Central Valley temperature and sighed, "I am home!" I don't think I have ever had the same reaction to triple digit temperatures. Because Dan lived in the Bakersfield area most of his life, he hasn't yet acclimated to weather in the Pacific Northwest. I said I would like to share a bit of our heat for a bit of their cool, but neither one of us knows how to arrange that. We would have liked to have even a tiny bit of cooler weather at our food distribution last Friday!

In the last Outlook I announced that I was looking for people interested in reviving bell choir, and I have not had one response! It seems that the announcement was a bit premature anyway, because details have not been worked out about how it would happen. But if there is any interest, please let me know so I have your input into the discussion. I will meet with our choir director Doug Carothers on August 2 to discuss plans for the upcoming choir season. I will have more information for you soon afterwards.

We continue our "Re-Shaped" worship series for another three weeks. After that we will spend sometime considering Awe, based on a book by Dacher Keltner called Awe: The New Science of Everyday Wonder and How It Can Transform Your Life. I was inspired to consider this series by an award given at Annual Conference this year to Los Altos UMC for having the most membership growth by confessions of faith. (Meaning new members are received not from transfers from another UMC or another denomination, but by confessing in public for the first time their faith in Jesus Christ.) Rev. David Samuelson gave credit to the book for bringing so many people to faith. He has not responded to my inquiry about how to construct that kind of worship series, but my plan is to use the book to inspire me. If you would like to join in this quest, the book is available from Amazon or other on-line booksellers. (It is not available at the local Barnes and Noble store, but they can order it. However, it is less expensive from Amazon.)

As always, I remind you to please stay hydrated! Blessings, Pastor Anne

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Prayers

We pray for our friends and family serving in the military

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

pray for other needs:

- Toby in ICU, and peace for his wife Gina with the stress of trying to maintain two businesses while her husband is ill
- Mary, the wife of pastor B.J. in Laguna Community UMC, who has COVID
- Susan M. • Linda T • Bill B • Ruth S
- Bonney F • Lea—peace & ease of worries • Danny, Jenifer, Barbara • For Libby—for a safe delivery & healthy baby • Steven B: peace in his hands, heart & mind • Stella—peace of mind
- Rev. Robin Matthew-Johnson—healing—and peace and comfort for her husband Marty and their daughters, Tara and Lydia & extended family. Prayers also for Fresno Wesley as pastor Robin is on medical leave
- President Biden—COVID
- Sherry—peace • Shawna—for health, strength and calm • for comfort and healing for Stella's neighbor, Ed, who has just been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis and is in a great deal of pain.

We pray for all who grieve:

- Rita and Ronnie's family • Mark Buenafe and Norms

We pray for travel mercies:

- Barbara D • Nick and Lisa • For Jerry, Scott, Patty and all who are traveling to Camp Mather (near Yosemite) • Charlie Rous-traveling home from bicycle trip in

Ireland • Marv D • All people traveling for vacation

We pray for other needs:

- David and June B preparing to move
- All people suffering from heat, especially those without housing, people without airconditioning, people who work outdoors—especially fire fighters
- All people who are unhoused • All pastors in new appointments, especially Sherry's nephew Jeff Hall and his wife Jennifer • All churches adjusting to a change in leadership • Mary Maaga asks for prayer as she begins the job as Central Valley's District Superintendent. She is pleased that Wesley prays each week for the DS, Bishop & all churches in the conference. • For the political climate in the US and elsewhere • For peace • We pray for all the Bishops: those retiring, those remaining, and those newly consecrated. The Bishop who will be leading our Conference beginning September 1 is Bishop Sandra Olewine as Bishop Carcaño retires. • For the people in The Orchards Post Acute—the air conditioning is broken and are running smaller units which aren't properly cooling the facility In gratitude, we remember and praise God for our abundant blessings... • The Ashram experience • Laura had a fun weekend with Mike's family celebrating his sister's 80th birthday

Happy August Birthday to.....

- 6 Cindy Wilson
- 9 Jerry Smith
- 10 Carolyn Ashlock
- 12 Kristyn Gonzales
- 14 Ashley McCaslin
- 18 Beth Davisson
- 21 Parker Rous
- 22 John S. Rous
- 25 Marilynn Barnes
Terry Gonzales
- 27 Adrian Bateman
- 30 Berkeley Hanley
- 31 Rose Lester

Happy Anniversary to ...

- 5 Jerry Smith & Carolyn Ashlock
- 12 Nick and Lisa Strobel
- 13 Bob and Lisa Neath
- 20 Bill and Cindy Wilson
- 24 Scott and Kacey Pipkin



If we have missed your special day,
please let Terry know at (661) 872-8741
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you.

*Next Outlook deadline is August
12th.*

