

# The Outlook

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"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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Cindy Lawler, Pastor

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

July 13: Philippians 2:1-30, Matthew 7:15-20, "The great? stone face"

July 20: Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42, "A Song of Love"

Rev. Cindy Lawler, preaching

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## *Annual Conference 2025*

Nick Strobel's report from the Annual Conference Session 2025 is now posted on the church's website: [www.wesleybakersfield.org](http://www.wesleybakersfield.org)

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## *Coffee Bar*

Thank you to the volunteers who host the coffee bar on Sunday mornings. There is a volunteer sheet on the coffee bar if you would like to host an upcoming Sunday in July and/or August.



The Wesley family expresses their sympathy to Marlene Moore in the death of her father, **Stan Moore**, on June 13, 2025. Stan was a member of Wesley since 1959. He will be greatly missed.

## Steps

Until I ended up in the wheelchair I did not think much about steps. Even my 96-year-old dad can walk up a short flight of stairs and I am 30 years younger than him so why should I think about steps? Then God said slow down! And my Doctor said sit down!

Last Sunday was my first Sunday as your Pastor and I had to think about steps, as I could not approach the altar or the communion table. But I learned a valuable lesson when I was in the hospital this spring, God will come to us when we need him to. Communion Tables can move and prayers will be heard where ever they are spoken. So, we adapted. Adapting to one another is how we will become a stronger family in Christ.

Speaking of Family, I would love to introduce you to some more of my family. I have 9 chickens. 3 dogs and two cats. My youngest dog, Clifford has just turned three and he will be training to be my therapy dog. He will make hospital visits and office visits and just personify the ministry of presence. He is an Irish-doodle so he does not shed and is so calm and sweet. He looks like a red poodle.

I wish you all an amazing Summer, If you are traveling, please stay safe

With Christ's love and blessings,  
Pastor Cindy \_\_\_\_\_

### *Deadline*

The next deadline to submit articles to the newsletter, *The Outlook*, is Monday, July 21.

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### *United Methodist Women's Retreat*

Landscapes of CHRISTIAN FAITH  
Saturday, July 26, 2025, 9 am - 4 pm  
First United Methodist Church,  
4600 Stockdale Hwy., Bakersfield

Guest Speaker is Rev. Dr. Mary Maaga,  
\$10 registration fee  
To register, there are brochures  
available in the Wesley Narthex (lobby)  
or you may call  
First U.M.C. at (661) 325-1267