

The Outlook

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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Cindy Lawler, Pastor

November 12, 2025

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

November 16: Mark 6:30-44, Genesis 1:1-2. Message: When time stands still.

Mary Maaga preaching, Charge conference

November 23: Christ the King Sunday, Mark 6:30-44, Mark 10:46-52.

Message The Strength of Empowerment

Rev. Cindy Lawler, preaching

Annual Charge Conference This Sunday

November 16th will be our Charge Conference. It will be right after church. We will have some snacks and birthday cake for the church with our friends from First church and Saint Mark's. Then we will celebrate the Year we have had and elect leaders etc to help us start a new year. Please, it is only once a year so plan to stay, share fellowship, and support the church.

Our District Superintendent watches over the central valley of California, a rich agricultural area. It is also an area where many workers are afraid to go to work for fear of ICE raids. Mary travels this district with an open heart and would love for us to help her keep the trunk of her car full of food that she can share as she travels. Please bring donations to Church with you on the 16th.

Parsonage For Rent

The Wesley parsonage, 3119 Christmas Tree Lane, is available for rent, \$2200.00.

Gardener is included, no cats or dogs, first and last months' rent. For more information contact Terry at (661) 872-8741 or the church office 871-3030. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Eve, November 26

Disciple Bible Study and Choir will not meet.

What Child is This?

Advent begins on Nov. 30, yes even before our turkey leftovers have been eaten! We will follow one song, one theme throughout Advent. In 1865, William Chatterton Dix penned a poem that would become the beloved Christmas-time favorite, "What Child Is This?" During Advent, we will dive into this question that is much more complicated than the lilting lullaby tune, "Greensleeves," conveys. We will see the story of the time leading up to the birth of Christ in its historical trauma-informed fullness. The story of humanity and its recurring themes of oppression and corruption run right through history and into our own narratives. Yet, we can rely on the assurance of the carol to confirm that God is "present with us" in powerful ways that continue to be the Word of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love even and especially in the midst of hard times. Please plan on joining us!
Pastor Cindy

Prayer

Healing for Linda Tilton for pain in her leg and inside of her nose due to the oxygen hopefully she won't need the oxygen that much longer (oxygen level needs to be 87 or higher).

Deadline

The next deadline to submit articles to the newsletter, *The Outlook*, is Monday, November 24.

Reminder

If you are the last one to exit any of the church buildings, please set alarm and close doors completely. Make sure doors are closed by pulling on them.
Thank you.

Thanksgiving Eve Dessert and Hymn Sing

Wednesday, November 26, 6:30 p.m.
First UMC, 4600 Stockdale Hwy.

Wesley, St. Mark's, and Taft UMC's are invited for a time of hymn singing, sharing stories of gratitude and sharing our favorite holiday desserts. Join First UMC and tell of all the wonderful things God has done for you this last year. Thanksgiving blessings!

--Pastor Jason