

The Outlook

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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Cindy Lawler, Pastor

November 26, 2025

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

November 30, First Sunday of Advent: Lamentations 3:46-57, Luke 2:1-5,
"What Child Is This? He is The King of Kings"

December 7, Second Sunday of Advent: Luke 1:5-25, Luke 1:57-80,
"What Child Is This? He is The Silent Word"
Rev. Cindy Lawler, preaching

United Methodist Student Day

On this day, we come together to invest in the future of our church by supporting students' education and their journey of faith. Education opens doors and creates opportunities for leadership, service, and faith development. By supporting United Methodist Student Day, we celebrate the power of learning and the important role education plays in developing faithful, thoughtful Christian leaders (umc.org).

Offering envelopes will be available in this Sunday's bulletin or you make a donation online. Thank you.

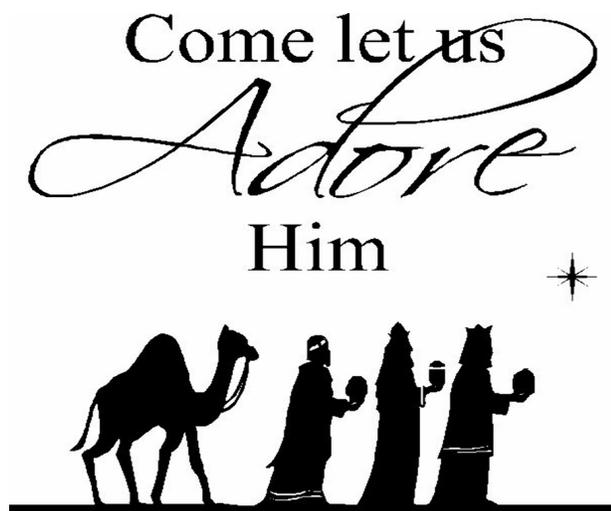
Christmas Caroling

Wesley will go caroling for folks who are not able to come to worship. We will be singing Sunday afternoons, December 7th and 14th. Please call Barbara Dethlefsen, 872-1530, if you or someone you know would like us to come caroling.



Sitting on the couch listening to my granddaughter doing her piano practice I can not focus on anything but family. But that is what this time of year is all about isn't it? Family. Can you imagine the thoughts Mary and Joseph had about starting a family? They were in a difficult time politically, we presume they had no house yet, and Mary was way outside the law being pregnant before the wedding. All they had going for them was God and family, That was all they needed, to start a family that would change history. I ask that this advent, this time of preparation you think of those two things, God and Family. Make them your focus each day, no matter how busy life gets with decorating, cooking , shopping, etc, remember God and Family. Mary and Joseph are headed towards Bethlehem, lets make that our focus too.

Pastor Cindy



Christmas Schedule

Blue Christmas Dec 21, 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Dec 24, 5:30 p.m.

Wanted Liturgists for 2026!

Before the pandemic closure, Wesley Church had a group of people who would cycle through being the liturgist for Sunday worship. Each person was the liturgist one Sunday a month or every two months, depending on how many folks volunteered to be liturgists. We stopped the liturgist cycle when we had to worship solely online and had to limit the number of people meeting together during the pandemic. Well, we're long passed the pandemic and we want to revive the liturgist program starting in January! Is God calling you to help lead worship by reading scripture and leading prayers? You do not have to lead singing the hymns—our music director or a choir member will do that. Please let Nick Strobel or Pastor Cindy know! Thank you!



The Wesley family expresses their sympathy to Rose Garcia in the death of her husband, **Arnold (Arnie) Garcia**, on November 5, 2025. He will be greatly missed. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m. at Wesley Church.

Pledge Sunday Celebration December 14

We began our stewardship campaign this month. Please return your pledge card by December 14 to prepare Wesley's 2026 budget. On December 14 we will celebrate with a finger foods potluck in the lobby after worship. Regardless of your ability to pledge, let us celebrate together!

Missions at Wesley

Monetary contributions to KWESI total \$884.58 so far. Thank you to all donors. The number of detainees is increasing. The KWESI card writing group wrote 132 cards in November & will gather again on Dec.10th at Wesley.

Dream Center bins need filling for the Holiday Season.

KWESI

KWESI Christmas Letter Writing
to Detainees at California City ICE
Detention Facility
At Wesley UMC in the Gathering Place
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
10:00-11:30 AM
Bring favorite pen and beverage
Paper and envelopes provided
Contact Person:
June Braun (661) 205-4587
Postage stamp donation helpful

December Deadlines

The December deadlines to submit articles to the newsletter, *The Outlook*, are Monday, December 8 and Friday, December 19. Thank you for your cooperation.

In The Military

Please keep those serving in the military in your prayers.

Chris Armantrout - Navy
Nathan Ashlock - Marines
Nick Buckridge - Army National Guard
Mark Andrew Caldwell - Marines
Alex Campbell - Navy
Josh Caughran - Navy
Megan Dexter - Army Reserves
Bradley Delacruz - Army
Jerome Garey - Air Force
Dan Hanel - Air Force
Greg Hanel - Air Force
Kaylyn Dane-Kulland - National Guard
Anthony Mitchell jr. - Air Force
Kenneth Oberg - Navy
Rebecca Oberg - Air Force
Ellis Redmond - Marine Corp
Carsten Strobel - Army
Spring Walden - Air Force
Joel Watson - Navy
Josephine Wells-Ashley - Marines
Laura Yoon - Navy
David Yoon - Navy

The pillar candle on the altar is to remind us of our prayers for them.

Happy December Birthday to...

4	Alice Oberg
10	Sarah Strobel
13	James Dethlefsen
16	Mike Hurry
18	Bertha Chavez
30	Jennifer Armantrout

Happy Anniversary to....

15	Chris and Cindy Curtis
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