

# The Outlook

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"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

September 14: Psalm 14, Luke 15:1-10, "Our Hope is just before the 'But'"

September 21: Psalm 79:1-9, Luke 16:1-13, "God knows our pain"

Rev. Cindy Lawler, preaching

The hills are alive with the sound of music and so is our Wesley Church! Yeah welcome back choir. First thing when I wake up I thank God for the Son and the sun. I share a few thoughts that are heavy on my mind and then I can get up. I always have a song in my head as I get up. Normally it is a hymn, that I can hum or sing that day, to help me through the tougher times, but once in a while it is a country song too. Today I woke up to "I will Sing Praise to the Lord" which the choir sang last week. I and We should truly appreciate and thank Patrick and Doug for their talents and the way they share them. For me, they help and inspire all week long. Next time things seem daunting, hum a bit of an inspiring song.

Have a blessed September,

Pastor Cindy

## Church Directory 2025 - 2026

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](mailto:office@wesleybakersfield.org). Thank you.

## KWESI

will host a fundraiser at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (2216 17th St., Bakersfield) on Saturday, September 27, 2025, 4 to 6 PM. The theme is "Love Your Neighbor." Delores Huerta will be the keynote speaker. Purchase tickets at [www.kwesi.org](http://www.kwesi.org). Tickets are \$30 which include music, appetizers, and soft drinks. Wine and tickets for raffle baskets will be for sale. Contact June Braun for more information.

## ***The Pumpkins Are Coming Sunday, October 12, 2025***

The pumpkins are scheduled to arrive at noon, Sunday, October 12, 2025. We will need your help to unload pumpkins and set up the patch. We have again reached out to the local high schools to offer community service hours for the students help with unloading. The truck will most likely arrive while we are in church or shortly thereafter, so please plan to stay awhile and help us. Be sure to bring "pumpkin unloading clothes" to change into if needed. If you are unable to help unload pumpkins, don't worry because we will have other activities that you can help with; like: packaging pumpkin poop; assembling coloring packets; cutting stickers; making goodies bags; or painting signs. We will have hot dogs, chips, dessert, and water to keep up your energy. We will also need help setting up, decorating, or selling during the rest of the day as we will be selling pumpkins until 8 PM. In the past, we have even sold pumpkins during unloading.

Our hours of operation will be Monday-Friday 4 PM-8 PM. Saturday 10 AM-8 PM, and Sunday 12 Noon-8 PM. Sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex and you can sign up for 2 hour shifts. And, the Adopt a Pumpkin tree will be making an appearance soon. Community Fun Day is scheduled for October 25th. We will have a coat give away that day, so we are collecting coats....and we can always use baked items.

## ***Prayers***

**Concern:** for friends of Ana Lester: Rayshawn who had a stroke last week Alan Z who is recovering from heart surgery, and Rhys who's hospitalized with a possible infection; for Susan McQuerrey who is recuperating from 5 days of radiation therapy for lung cancer last week.

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