

The Outlook

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Worship on Facebook and In-Person

February 1 Communion: Matthew 5:1-12, Micah 6:1-8, "What is Good"

February 8: Isaiah 58:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20, "Call to Action"

Rev. Cindy Lawler, preaching



Each year at this time, we request each of you to renew your subscription to the church's newsletter, "*The Outlook*". It is now time, and for \$15 you can renew for a full year. Mail in your check (P.O. Box 6577, Bakersfield 93386) or place it in the offering plate, designated "*The Outlook*".

A reminder that articles for *The Outlook* are due on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. You may e-mail or call in your articles to the office. *The Outlook* is published and mailed on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. It is not first class so you may not receive the newsletter the next day. It is mailed as a non-profit periodical. If you do not receive the newsletter by the end of the week and have access to the internet you can view it on the church's website: wesleybakersfield.org. Extra newsletters are also in the literature rack in the lobby.

Our thanks to the following people who help with the newsletter: Pastor Cindy who proofreads and Nick Strobel for posting the newsletter on our website. Bob and Martha Covey and Jerilyn Smith who occasionally deliver the newsletter to the post office.

—Terry Gonzales, editor



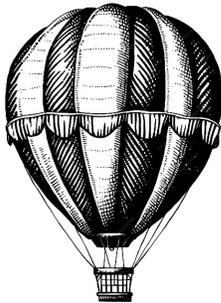
Wesley family expresses their sympathy to the Stewart family in the death of Anita Stewart, on January 6, 2026. Anita, 101, was a member of Wesley since 1986. She will be greatly missed.

1 John 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. Happy Valentines Day!

Lent, is so close I can feel it. Yikes! I have often said that adding something into our daily lives is harder than giving things up, so I am asking that you join me on this journey based around the phrase "What R You up 2?" Lent is often known as a time of giving something up in order to make room in our lives for spiritual pursuits. Rather than just "giving up" in Lent, the scriptures ask us to consider all that Jesus is "up to" and all that he asks us to be up to in his name. Instead of bemoaning what we can't do, or used to do, in a culture where "measuring up" to external standards seems impossible, this Lent we will celebrate the small things that we can do right now to respond to God's call in our place, for our time. Besides the in worship time, we will be offering a devotional journal for the journey which you can have in a paper book, or you can access it online or on your phone. Get ready to go "up up and Away!"

Pastor Cindy



Also in Lent, Our D.S. Mary Maaga will change her Tuesday morning Bible Study from reading a book of the Bible each week to studying the last week of Jesus's life. It will be called "The Eight days that Changed The world" Please join in f you can, it is at 7am each Wed. live on her Facebook page. It is also recorded if you have not had enough coffee by 7 am!

Ash Wednesday service is very short but very important. Plan to join us at 5 pm on Feb. 18th.

Happy February Birthday to....

- 3 Corey Johnson
Jerry Ludeke
- 4 Laura Cusator
Gina Saba
- 9 Kathy Harris
- 11 Jean Shumate
- 12 Caroline Rous
- 16 Brendan Bewley
- 17 Anthony Fariss
Mandi Gonzales
- 21 Jane Custer

Happy Anniversary to....

- 6 Jonathan and Terry Gonzales
- 8 Mike and Laura Dailak
- 26 Kelly and Kathy Blain