

The Outlook

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Anne Schlesinger, Pastor

April 28, 2021

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

Worship series from Easter through Pentecost Sunday: "Dare to Dance"

May 2: Psalm 22:25-31, Acts 8:26-39, John 15:1-8,

"From You Comes My Praise: Guide My Steps"

May 9: Acts 10:44-48, John 15:9-17,

"Who Can Withhold: Break Forth"

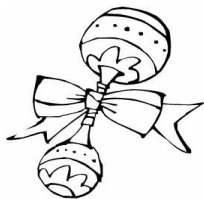
Anne Schlesinger, preaching

Attention Wesley Graduates!

If you are graduating from Jr. High, High School, or College/University, please email Terry at office@wesleybakersfield.org by Friday, May 21st. Announcements will be published in *The Outlook*. Please include the school graduating from, future plans, and any awards. Thank you.

Thank You

Thank you for your generosity. Wesley Church collected \$380 for UMCOR Sunday last month.



Congratulations to Vanessa and Ron on the birth of their son, Travis Austin Santos, on April 19, 2021. Grandparents are David and Pastor Anne Schlesinger.

♫ A Note from the Pastor

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Romans 12: 9-13

I am asking for help, once again. A month or two ago we finally got a full roster for the “tech team.” We have two well trained people each week to sit at the front of the sanctuary under the direction of our incomparable Linda Ramirez to run the equipment for on-line worship. Online worship has become an important part of Wesley. People who for any reason cannot come to church are able to worship with us. As COVID restrictions have eased, more and more people have returned to worship in the sanctuary. This is good! But we will continue to offer online worship for those who cannot attend in person.

Unfortunately, two members of our wonderful tech team have stepped down, so again I am recruiting two people to be trained to join the tech team. Once trained, it is not an extremely complicated job. (This coming from the pastor who stands at the other side of the camera!) The job requires one week per month, once trained. Because of our “Growing Young” initiative, I was hoping to engage young people, but any age will do— we have volunteers with a wide range of ages. Please consider accepting this position. If you are interested, please text Linda Ramirez—(916)719-0397.

Also, we have new members who are Spanish speakers. In order to welcome them into worship and encourage their participation in community, we need someone who can translate during worship. Do you have the ability to translate from English to Spanish? We need you! Please call or text me—(831) 246-0433.

I am still looking for someone who will chair the Finance Committee next year. You need not be a CPA! You need to be organized with the ability to read and report to Admin Council monthly. Please consider this important position and let me know.

Many blessings,
Pastor Anne

Prayers of Joys and Concerns

Prayers for healing:

- For Natalie—a 5 year old girl with a heart defect
- For Anita's grandson Jack
- For Carolyn Dethlefsen • For Robin
- For Jack, Sylvia, and John
- For Stacy M. injured in an auto accident
- For Carol recovering from heart surgery
- For Susan McQuerrey
- For Eddy's cousin Toby
- For Bob Schwartz, and for Nancy as she cares for him
- For Barbara Knowlton
- For Evelyn Wells • For David Rous
- For Vanessa and Baby Travis
- Brian H.
- Stella's brother Jack & sister Sylvia
- John—discouraged with his healing progress
- John M. & family • Sue H.
- Amy & Kurt • For Michelle
- For a 9-month old baby in Stanford Hospital with a fractured skull

Prayers for those who are grieving:

- For the Torres family
- For Pastor Rod Brayfindley and family on the death of his brother from COVID—he begs us all to get vaccinated
- For Carmen Curtis for the death of her father
- For Corby and family on the death of his grandmother

For God's discernment and our work:

- For healing broken relationships
- For an end to racial injustice
- For wisdom and discernment regarding climate change and other environmental issues
- People looking for work: three members/friends of Wesley looking for

teaching positions

- Brendan B., Ian B., and Sarah S.
- Michael's struggles
- For the beauty of the world in all its diversity, we give you thanks, O God. May our gratitude to you fill our days.

We praise you in gratitude:

- That Mandi's first week back in school was a good week.
- For Stella's blessing of being able to "cross things off the list."
- Barry Scheck's program through Bakersfield College's Levin institute
- For people who work for justice
- For the National Workshop on Christian Unity & for ecumenical work for justice
- For the passion of craftspersons
- For Vivian's successful surgery—and prayers for continued healing
- For Brian—finally release from the hospital!
- For Vanessa's successful labor and delivery and the arrival of Travis Austin Santos.
- For abundant prayer
- For Dan O'Dell's work and generosity
- That a verdict has been reached in Derek Chauvin's trial
- For the good work of the Trustees:
- Progress on the Cell Tower and T-Mobile contract
- New Narthex roof is close to completion
- The blessing that God continues to pursue us no matter what
- Carol home from hospital following her surgery
- Carolyn has found a primary care MD
- Kelly enjoying her job (Had first COVID vaccine)
- Michael and Lisa who have received COVID vaccines

Dream Center

The Dream Center is open. This center assists current and former foster youth up to age 25 with successful transitioning to adulthood. This center is one of Wesley's mission projects. Donations of new or gently used items make meaningful differences for Kern's youth.

WISH LIST:

Hygiene Supplies: individual shampoos, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, combs/hair brushes and personal care items for women.

Food Items: Individually wrapped snacks(granola bars, fruit snacks, trail mix), bottled beverages and reusable water bottle containers. Food items for snack bags.

Clothing: t-shirts (M,L,XL), Young women's underwear, Men's belts, Men's boxers, Men's and Women's clothing (all sizes - casual and dress).

Monetary Donations: Provide Emergency food, Rental deposit assistance, Used refrigerator or stove for first apartment.

Ingredients for cooking classes, lunch and cake for monthly birthday celebrations.

All items can be dropped off at the church on Sunday mornings.

Thank you,
-Wesley Mission Committee

Happy May Birthday to...

4	Dan Hanel
7	Charles Rous
10	Anita Stewart
11	Barbara Dethlefsen
13	Nick Strobel
14	David Braun
	Molly Saba
15	Corky Blain
17	Stella Rous
18	Larry Lonsinger
	Marcia Whitten
19	Carolyn Anglin
22	Margaret Grant
23	Pat Filkins
28	Sherry Atkins
	Claire Hanson
30	Michael Atkins