

# The Outlook

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

Bill Blair, preaching

May 1: Acts 9:1-20, John 21:1-19

May 8: Acts 9:36-43, John 10:22-30

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## **Native American Ministries Sunday Offering, May 1**

The Native American Ministries Sunday offering develops and strengthens annual conference Native American ministries, equips Native American rural and urban congregations, ministries, and communities and educates Native American seminarians. Checks may be made payable to Wesley Church, designated *Native American Ministries* or give online. Thank you.

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## **Thank You**

Thank you for your generosity. Wesley Church collected \$305 for UMCOR Sunday last month.

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## **Attention Wesley Graduates!**

If you are graduating from Jr. High, High School, or College/University, please email Terry at [office@wesleybakersfield.org](mailto:office@wesleybakersfield.org) by Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Announcements will be published in *The Outlook*. Please include the school graduating from, future plans, and any awards. Thank you.

## ♪ A Note from the Pastor

***“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”***  
***Acts 1: 8-9***

Our worship series for Eastertide is called “We Are Witnesses,” based on the book of Acts of the Apostles and their witness to the life, ministry, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. I am also using a work published by United Methodist Women called *Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church’s Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship* by Darryl Stephens. Dr. Stephens suggests that now is the time for our whole church to recommit to be witnesses of God’s kingdom. That first Easter, God created a new reality which we celebrate every year. Of course none of us were first hand witnesses that miraculous event, and yet if we take it as seriously as we must, we live into the reality that people of faith live lives of fruitfulness. We will examine how our lives bear fruit for God’s kingdom. If you would like to read along, Stephens’ book is available through Amazon.

By the time you read this, I will be on vacation. Bill Blair, a Certified Lay Servant, will preach the next two weeks, and Rev. Alice Oberg will preside at Holy Communion. My daughter Sunshine has treated her daughter Madison and me to a trip to Paris. It is my first trip there and I am very excited. I do not speak French, but Sunshine does and Madison has vacationed in Paris and loved it, so we ought to manage fine. I will attend church service at the American Church in Paris, an interdenominational church served by Don Lee and Tana McDonald, a clergy couple from our conference. I will return to the US on May 6, and will return to Bakersfield soon after. I bid you many blessings while I am away!

Blessings,  
Pastor Anne

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## Did You Know?

Wesley Church keeps track of an individual's Sunday attendance. We do this because we report our average attendance to our Conference every year.

On Sunday morning please check off your first and last name on the attendance sheet in the lobby. Each person's attendance is entered in the church software. This is also a good place to write a change of address, phone number, and email.

Please encourage visitors to do the same as we send postcards to them inviting them to Wesley again.

## Prayer list

### **We lift up the names of people in need of healing:**

• Danny, relief from pain and a good prognosis • Prayers for Natalie's (David Ludeke's fiancée) father • For two women named Elizabeth—both have debilitating migraines • Anna Miller to have surgery soon • Gerry; hospitalized in Santa Rosa • Patrick B. • Shawn C • Benjamin Hall, an American journalist severely injured in a bombing attack in Ukraine • Lea sustained a dog bite on her lip • Bruce Taylor, who is very ill; and strength for his wife Sonia • Velma • Karl Davisson following surgery • Chase • Linda T • Chelsea—for a successful and healthy delivery and release from family stress • For Maryanne, who is at peace with her cancer diagnosis. May God's will be done.

### **Travel mercies:**

• Vance and Joe • Kat and her fiancé flying to California for next week's wedding • Maria and Debbie Chavez as they travel to No. Carolina to be with their sister Sonia • Louise C • Pastor Anne • All those traveling to and from the wedding in Linda's family, including Balthazar and his daughter Linda

### **For all who grieve, including:**

• The Alviso family • Nancy Schwartz • Price/Blados family—Carol's memorial service was this week on Shelter Island • All the people of Ukraine, including the journalist and cameraman who were killed in the bombing

### **We pray for other needs:**

• Na-Ja-Lay and her mother, Melissa • Sibella Pope-Sears—a care-giver who is thankful for our prayers • Gerry's son

Michael needs support • For the people not served due to our cancelled food give-away • For all persons suffering food insecurity • Shelly—in the middle of an impossible situation—for health, comfort & discernment • Sylvia A • Elizabeth R. • Ukraine • All immigrants, but especially all the immigrants the war has created • Stella's brother Jack • For Danny and Jenifer & all their needs • We pray blessings on the newlyweds in the Ramirez family

### **In gratitude, we give thanks for our many blessings:**

• For the life and witness of Don Stansbury • For the life and witness of Linda's brother-in-law, David Alviso • Jerry is grateful for many things, including the help she received during her move, for the blessing of living near her family, that her grandson John could stop by and visit while doing • For birthdays: Samantha, David S., Stella's sister-in-law • For the rain • Lea and Linda have successfully completed the class required by CPS to make a home for grandsons. They have only 2 requirements to go for completion • Grateful for the volunteers transforming the sanctuary for Easter • For spring flowers • This week's cooler temperatures • Jerry gives thanks for the life and witness of Ron D. on the 2nd anniversary of his passing • Lisa S baked cookies with her students and they raise \$71.00 for relay to life • Travis' first birthday • Remembering Carolyn D's birthday, we give thanks for her life • Jerry is blessed in her new community-7 people gathered around her table for Easter. She is very grateful for her opportunities and loving family

- Last week's Easter service here; the blessings of the 73 people, including more than 11 children, who participated in person plus all who joined via the live stream on Facebook
- Patrick's music
- Rain, and the beautiful weather and clear air the following day
- Natalie's return to work and her return to prayer group
- Balthazar—struggled with a hive of bees that took up residence in his shed, but he found a solution that rehoused and saved them.

### *Happy May Birthday to...*

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
30	Michael Atkins

