

The Outlook

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Anne Schlesinger, Pastor

May 11, 2022

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

Anne Schlesinger, preaching

May 15: Acts 11:1-18, John 13:31-35; "What God Calls Clean"

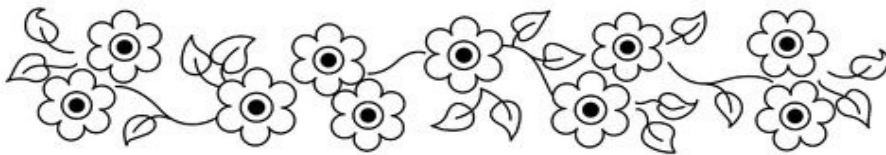
May 22: Acts 16:9-15, John 14:23-29; "Opened the Heart"

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 20th. 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 \$55 for Native American Ministries Sunday last week.



♪ A Note from the Pastor

“I remembered the Lord’s words: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If God gave [the Gentiles] the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God’s way?” Acts 11: 16-17

We continue our Easter worship series “We Are Witnesses,” and I will be focussing on the Acts of the Apostles. How is it that we witness to our faith? How is it that we spread the Good News of Jesus Christ? How do we share God’s love in the world? Who do we welcome, and who do we exclude? These are all important questions to consider as we journey in faith and as we work as Christ’s hands and feet to build God’s kingdom. Don’t forget that the book of Acts records that the Holy Spirit filled the believers and the church grew by the thousands many times.

In Annual Conference news, our Bishop Carcaño remains on leave of absence. Please keep her and the conference staff in your prayers.

Please remember that the memorial service for Gay Lynne Natho is this Saturday at 2 pm. Gay Lynne was a beloved member of our congregation for many years, and she mentored some beloved young people who she grew to love as if they were her own daughters.

Now that I have returned from vacation, I must give thanks for all who filled in for me while I was away. Thank you, Bill Blair, for preaching for me. Thank you Pastor Alice for presiding at Holy Communion and for fielding pastoral calls. Thank you, Nick and Lisa Strobel for your ever present witness and your willingness to do whatever is needed. Thank you Rob Bewley for managing the children’s worship and for all you do. Thank you, Barbara Dethlefson for carrying on the midday prayer meetings. And thank you Terry Gonzales for “holding down the fort” as always. Because of your faithfulness, I was able to be blessed to travel, knowing that Wesley UMC was welcoming all in our corner of Bakersfield.

Blessings,
Pastor Anne

Prayers

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

- Jerry's grandson, John, who has Covid
- Joe who had a heart attack
- Nowel who had a serious motorcycle accident
- Anna who is awaiting for breast cancer treatment, and all fighting cancer
- People in bad places emotionally
- Katherine who needs proper pain medication
- healing for a ligament on left foot for Linda Ramirez's granddaughter
- Rose L. who had a knee replacement surgery 5/9/22
- Ronny who suffered two heart attacks
- Ryan who needs comfort and hope
- Christian and family who have Covid
- Danny and Natalie fighting cancer
- Sherry with health concerns
- for strength and patience for caregivers including Rose and Carolyn
- for children to get the love and support they need
- Michael and all who are looking for jobs
- For the people of Ukraine
- for Stella's friend diagnosed with a blood disease; for the doctor caring for him and for healing
- Bishop Carcano
- healing for Jim Lipford and Gail Scarazzo
- Joe's car problem

Travel mercies safe vacations:

- Pastor Anne
- Louise

For all who grieve, including:

- Friends and family of Gay Lynne Natho

In gratitude, we give thanks for our many blessings:

- cooler weather
- for the blessings of the prayer group
- beautiful music of the masterworks corral with Patrick's accompaniment
- Pat's caring for persons needing help with English
- Ian's job next year
- friends near and far
- California sending the papers Michael needed to Oregon
- for Kathleen and Weston's marriage on April 23
- Lisa S baked cookies with her students and they raised \$71.00 for Relay for Life
- Travis' first birthday
- Jerry L's new home and her joy in exploring her new neighborhood
- Baby Scotlyn's medical procedure went well
- Danny got a raise and Jennifer got an internship
- for Bill and Cindy Wilson's daughter, Virginia, and husband, Henry, for the blessings of a baby boy to be born in September, this will be their sixth grandchild.

In The Military

Please keep those serving in the military in your prayers.

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

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

Dear Wesley Family,

I moved up to Bear Valley Springs quite awhile ago as my husband and I were planning our wedding and then COVID happened and so we postponed it from May 16, 2020 to Sept 26, of 2020. I'm sorry I have waited so long to post my new address. I have no excuse really and know that some of you probably wondered whatever happened to me. I have missed you all and your fellowship. My new name is Jane Moyer Custer (was Jane Ann Hanley) and my address in Bear Valley Springs is:
24701 Keene Ct.
Tehachapi, Ca, 93561.
Blessings to you all.
Jane