

The Outlook

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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Anne Schlesinger, Pastor

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

October 29: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10, Matthew 22: 15-46; "Greatest Commandment"

November 5: Revelations 7: 9-17, Matthew 5: 1-12; "Saints of God"

Rev. Anne Schlesinger, preaching



Don't forget to set your clocks one hour back
on Sunday, November 5.

The Pumpkins Are Still Here in all Their Glory

We have once again been truly blessed in the pumpkin patch this year. We have had many families returning from previous years and sharing with us their joy from previous visits. There are still opportunities to help by donating baked goods, greeting and helping customers, and measuring pumpkins for sale. Our hours of operation are Friday 3-9pm, Saturday 9am-9pm, Sunday 12-9pm. We need volunteers to help clean up the patch on November 1. We will meet at 9 a.m. Can you help? Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the lobby. Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and reflections of God's love through the Pumpkin Patch ministry. Call or text me anytime at 699-6625, to find out ways to help or email me at cgarnmpa@aol.com

—Blessings, Carolyn



♪ A Note from the Pastor

Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers.
~Ephesians 1: 15-16

Thank you, thank you, thank you! What a blessing you all are to me, and I cannot stop giving thanks to God for each and every one of you! When Rob Bewley announced that Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) had decided in honor of "Pastor Appreciation Month" to gift me with a gift card to my favorite restaurant, I wondered, "How do they know my favorite restaurant. I don't think I know my favorite restaurant." But then I opened the card and saw it was to Nuestro Mexico. OH YUM! Have you ever been there? They have a chicken mole that is wonderful! I have never had anything else there because it is so very good, and although most mole is made with flour, theirs is not so I am not allergic to it! David has enjoyed many other dishes there, but I cannot get enough of their mole. I guess I have ranted enough so you know how much I love it. Thank you so much. Then when Rob mentioned a few adjectives that he thought of when he thought of me and opened it up to the congregation to add others, I was very blessed to hear your words of love. Finally, I give extra thanks to Liz Bewley who knows my love of cute socks. They are my fashion statement. Not only did she choose lovely socks, but in doing so she chose socks that give back to the community. Thank you all for your support of me. Finally I am thankful to all of you for my birthday wishes and flowers. Thank you!

Besides our praise and worship of God, all of October includes the Pumpkin Patch and all the work that is done around it. Not only is it our biggest church fundraising effort, the Patch is also a great neighborhood outreach. I hope you all have enjoyed your contributions to the Patch, which has included preparation of the lawn area even before the pumpkins arrived, the huge effort to unload the truck, plus all the work that is involved in welcoming our neighbors and selling the pumpkins. Many have contributed to baked goods and other treats as well as coats and other warm clothing to be given to those in need. I know many of us have been blessed by all the teens helping out every day. Thank you all! However, there has been some vandalism and theft, so please keep your church and the volunteers in prayer.

Each year in November Wesley has a stewardship campaign, and this year will be no different. The finance committee needs to know how to set a reasonable budget for the ministry in the year ahead. In order to do so, they need to hear from each of us to find out how we are able to support our church. Of course, we know that not all support comes from financial contributions, but that is the quantifiable part the committee needs to ascertain in order to create a reasonable budget. So I am asking now for you to begin to pray about what support you will be able to give Wesley. Please remember that our membership vows include promises to support the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. You will hear more about this in the month to come. Also in November, our worship theme will be on gratitude, using Discipleship Ministries resources.

Many blessings, Pastor Anne

Prayers

We pray for those in need of healing—body, mind and spirit:

- Bonney F—continued healing • Linda T—healing and comfort • Alvesa C • Danny • Ronnie, Rita and Monika
- For the allergens in the air to “calm down” • Brenden • James D
- Suki—healing and release from pain
- Andy—healing and peace for Lea
- Laura D—seeking a diagnosis • Dean • peace and comfort for Stella’s brother, Jack, who is hospitalized with many illnesses • for Marvin C. who is having anxiety after getting a pacemaker

We pray for other needs:

- Israel • Palestine • Ukraine • US Government • World politics • Travel mercies for Corey and a blessed visit with his Dad • Travel mercies for Jerry L and her experience at Pioneer Day
- Pumpkin Patch • Peace in the world
- Afghanistan following another earthquake • for family members going through difficult times

For those who are grieving:

- Continued prayer for the family and friends of Rev. Jean Sidner, Pastor at Kern River UMC • All children, especially Samantha and Cameron, who have friends in both Israel and Palestine and are confused and grieving

In gratitude, we remember and praise God for our abundant blessings...

- For Laity participating in new ways in churches across the denomination
- Linda T is blessed by the many gifts she received the week from Wesley members • Juliana K’s safe return to the US after being “stuck” in war-torn Israel (June’s cousin) • Disciple I studies

- For all who worked on removing the broken stained glass so it can be repaired and securing the building
- AT&T’s work on the internet accessibility at church • Sherry & David are grateful for Michael’s visit • Bonney is hoping to leave the rehab hospital and finally go home. She is very grateful for the prayer quilt, and she was able to watch us pray over it while worshipping with us online. • The blessings of family, especially for Brenden and Sage
- Answered prayer—Ryan is healing from his motorcycle accident • for the life of Jennifer Armantrout’s great-nephew, Ray-Ray, who passed away in his sleep from pneumonia

Outlook

The next newsletter deadline is Monday, November 6.

Thank You

\$555 was collected for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to assist with the recovery efforts in Maui.

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good for those who

Love God.





In The Military

Please keep those serving in the military in your prayers.

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

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

Happy November Birthday to...

9	Susan McQuerrey
11	Bob Neath
14	Joel Wilson
18	Liz Fariss
22	Scott Hallam
23	Jerilyn Smith
30	Rob Bewley

Happy Anniversary to....

3	Jeryl and Dorothy Matthews
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