

# The Outlook

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"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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## 10:30 a.m. Worship

New worship series: "The Path of the Disciple" begins June 11

**June 11:** on Facebook and In Person: Genesis 12: 1-9, Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26,

"Trusting the Unknown"

Anne Schlesinger, preaching

**June 18:** Shawn Collins will preach for those able to come to the sanctuary.

*In-person worship will NOT be broadcast on Wesley's Facebook page.*

For those worshipping from home (or another remote location) worship

from Annual Conference will be broadcast here: <https://www.cnumc.org>.

You are invited to join us at either place.

We will return to broadcasting from the sanctuary when the pastors and tech team return from Annual Conference session.

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## Thank You

Thank you for your generosity. Wesley Church collected \$70 for Peace With Justice Sunday on June 4th.

## **♪ A Note from the Pastor**

**Tell me all about your faithful love come morning time,  
because I trust you.  
Show me the way I should go,  
because I offer my life up to you.  
Deliver me from my enemies, Lord!  
I seek protection from you. ~ Psalm 143: 8-9**

We have been asking for prayers of protection around church buildings for several months because of numerous incidents of vandalism to the buildings. I believe God has heard our cries, and is protecting us. However, the vandalism continues and is costing a great deal of money for repairs. In addition to that, both staff and volunteers have been surprised by intruders and rock-throwers. After much discussion and prayerful consideration, the Board of Trustees has determined that to keep staff, volunteers and the buildings safe, we must have additional fencing around the property. We all feel that if we must have fencing, it should be more attractive than the chain-link variety, so we are opting to have the fencing company erect wrought iron fencing that matches what we have surrounding the front entrance. It is, of course, very expensive, so the finance committee feels a capital campaign is in order to raise the \$60,000.00 required to complete the project. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this campaign.

On a much happier note, as this year's Disciple IV bible study completes its study (the last lesson is this Thursday) the class has decided that this learning is so rich and fulfilling that we should begin our planning for a similar study next year. It is a study that requires some deep study, contemplation, and discussion, but each student comes away with deep respect for the Bible and for the small-group process. Please consider joining a class next September. There are a variety of options and we will plan around how much interest we receive. At least two of us are willing to teach a class, so please let us know your interest and your availability. The cost of the study manual is approximately \$50, and scholarships are available.

DISCIPLE I: "Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study" (Basic course—a very important beginning)

DISCIPLE II: "Into the Word, Into the World"

DISCIPLE III: "Remember Who You Are"

DISCIPLE IV: "Under the Tree of Life"

Tell us your availability: which days, and morning, afternoon or evenings.

Although there is homework each week, there is video and rich discussion during each class, so we encourage participation each week even if you have been unable to complete all assignments. Please let us know your interest and availability.

Blessings,  
Pastor Anne

# Prayers

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

• Timmy M. • Tim J. • Linda T. • Bonney F.—Pain relief and healing • Alex C. (Cindy C's oldest son) • Mandi G.—healing of infection  
• Jacob C—baby with heart condition  
• Lea—continued healing • Marian T and family • Anne S (not Pastor Anne) receiving chemo treatments • For Jenifer R. • For Chase—and for comfort for his family • For Scott J • Corby's uncle Kevin—following apparently successful surgery to remove a brain tumor—comfort, hope and healing • For Sherry's peace of mind as she tends her injured dog Max (and healing for Max) • Linda T. be able to get in touch with her mom

## **For all who are grieving:**

• The Pope-Sears family following the death of Sybella's mother, Kathleen Kaplan

## **Travel mercies:**

• For Tiffany and Kristyn • Linda R.  
• June and David B • For David, Sherry and Elisa • For James and Tony traveling east for his 8th grade trip.  
• Safe journey and blessing for Dan

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

• Prayers of protection of the church buildings and campus • Tiela Roland and the people of Guam following a typhoon • Ryan-care and protection  
• US Government decision making  
• Ukraine • For all affected by the apartment building collapse in Iowa  
• For all affected by the train accident in India • For people looking for work  
• For Alba, Josue, and Eli—a small family currently living in Wesley's

neighborhood. The house their apartment is in has been sold, and they need to find affordable housing soon.  
• For Jennifer A looking for affordable housing • For good communication between Linda T and her mother. Mother's phone often does not work, and it is hard to maintain communication, necessary for them both • For all graduating in all stages of learning, notably Josh who just completed a mechanical course. May he find a job to help him use skills he has learned & continue to learn on the job. • For those graduating who have faced difficulties—may they receive the support and boost needed to continue succeeding in the future • For Dan, burdened with many tasks that he needs to complete before he moves.

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

• For the blessing of loving family and friends • For Birthdays: Guinevere D, Sherry A. • Barbara was blessed by the family celebration • Sherry and Anne's backs are better • Tiffany and Kristyn are visiting this week • For graduates—esp. Samantha and Elizabeth, who both graduated college Summa Cum Laude • Madison T. Promoted to Chief Operating Officer of Nestltdown • Penny earned 3 gold medals and a bronze at her swim meet  
• The blessing of seeing Sammye and Matthew Jelletich in worship • Jerry is grateful for the blessings of her new home, her new situation that enables her to explore new places, and for the beauty of the world and her ability to enjoy it • For Dan O'Dell who has been a great blessing to Wesley for decades

and has supported the church and individuals in many, many ways for over 40 years • Linda T is very pleased she has been able to lose almost thirty pounds which is making her feel much better. She has a goal to lose more so she may increase her mobility • For Mandi who has finished the last day of 6th grade and moves on to middle school. A bittersweet blessing for Terry who has had a child in that school for decades • for a nurse that is able to control the noise at Linda T's residence

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## In The Military

Please keep those serving in the military in your prayers.

Michael Ahumada - Army  
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  
Dan Hanel - US Air Force  
Greg Hanel - US Air Force  
Josephine Imperial - Marines  
Anthony Mitchell jr. - US Air Force  
Kenneth Oberg - Navy  
Rebecca Oberg - Air Force  
Ellis Redmond - Marine Corp  
Tiela Roland - US Air Force  
Spring Walden - US Air Force  
Joel Watson - Navy  
Josephine Wells-Ashley - US Marines  
Laura Yoon - US Navy  
David Yoon - US Navy

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



