

The Outlook

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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Cindy Lawler, Pastor

March 25, 2026

Worship on Facebook and In-Person

Cindy Lawler, preaching

Palm Sunday, March 29, 10:30 a.m.

Psalm 118 1-2, 19-29, John 12:12-16
"Sit UP"

Good Friday, April 3, noon

Primary Scripture: John 19:30
"Seven Last Words"

Easter, April 5, 10:30 a.m.

Isaiah 25:6-9, Mark 16:1-8
"Look UP"



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Please bring lilies to share and cut flowers from your gardens

Easter Sunday Gathering

Easter is the highest holiday on the Christian calendar and the beginning of the Easter season—seven weeks that lead to Pentecost. Please come Easter Sunday and invite your family and friends to join the celebration. Please help us all celebrate this day of all days in community. We will begin with worship and continue with an "extended coffee bar" afterward. We are inviting people to bring sweet or savory items to share. This will not be a sit-down meal, so "finger foods" are best.

My dear friends,

When I answered Mary Maaga's call last March to become the pastor here at Wesley I envisioned many years together. My start was slow because of my health but I knew we could go great places together. I was so impressed at how the church moved right along serving God as Anne left and I came in. Now, as you all know I will be leaving at the end of June and Robyn Wages will become the new pastor here at Wesley on July 1st. I do not want this to be three months of a long good bye. Rather, we will continue to do God's work with enthusiasm and love. Sometime, late in June we will have time to wish each other fare-thee-well. In the meantime, let us continue to worship together with enthusiasm and serve the community with love. The pastoral appointment is changing but the church's calling and mission are not. Baptism still claims us. Communion still feeds us. Scripture still forms us. Prayer still sustains us. The mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world has not been amended. I am so excited for Wesley Church and its new future!

--Pastor Cindy

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Holy Week and Easter are here! Are you ready? Have you been up to something Good? Many people think about Easter on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, forgetting the miracle in-between. They forget the suffering, the sacrifice the amazing love that Easter week entails. Please, read the scriptures this week, read them and understand the huge gift we have been given. Read each day and pray for understanding. --Pastor Cindy

Palm Sunday **Matthew 21:1-11**

Worship 10:30

Monday, Jesus throws money changers out of temple **Matthew 21: 12-13**

Tuesday Jesus teaches Disciples; **Matthew 21:23; 24:51**

No Mary Maaga class

Wednesday Judas betrays Christ **Luke 22:1-5**

Office hours 9 am to noon

Bible Study 4 pm

Choir practice 6:15

Thursday Last super **Luke 22:7-62**

Friday Crucifixion **John 19: 16-30**

Good Friday at 12 noon **John 19**

Saturday Holy Saturday **John 19:38 & Matthew 27:62-66**

Sunday He is Risen Indeed! Worship 10:30 **Matthew 28: 1-15**

Easter Lilies

We will be decorating the altar with lilies. If you would like to donate a lily, please bring it to the church office on Wednesday, April 1 from 9 a.m. to noon, or at the Good Friday service, April 3, noon, or on Easter Sunday.

If you wish to donate a lily in memory or in honor of someone, please contact Terry by Wednesday, April 1, to have their name printed in the Easter bulletin. Her contact information is (661) 872-8741 or office@wesleybakersfield.org. Thank you.



Deadline

Deadline to submit articles to the next Outlook is Monday, April 6. Thank you.



An asphalt company will apply a slurry asphalt sealing coat to the Gathering Place Parking Lot Monday, **April 13**. They will begin work at 6:00 AM. All parking lots will be lined that day so park

at the street curb if you need to enter the church buildings. The lots relined only will dry in one day and open on **Tuesday, 14th**.

The Gathering Place lot will be left closed for 2 days to allow the seal to set properly.

The lot will show tire marks for approximately 1-2 weeks. Please do not stop in the lot and steer (turn) your wheels during this time. It is critical that drivers do not turn their wheels after they have stopped. Please steer before the car comes to a stop. Please do not steer (turn) your wheel after the car comes to a stop. We are planning for a well bonded seal coat and lining on the Gathering place parking lot.

Trustees,
Marv Davisson and Nick Strobel
Co-chairs

Prayer

Prayer of thanksgiving for the life of Glen Parker who passed away on March 14 at his home, on the farm, prayers of comfort for his family.

***The Dream Center
still needs our help!***

The Dream Center is Kern County's primary one-stop resource hub for current and former foster youth up to age 25, offering services to help them transition to adulthood.

To help them achieve that goal they need donations such as:

- Hygiene Items

- * Tooth Brush/ Tooth Paste
- * Body Wash/ Soap
- * Shampoo/ Conditioner
- * Deodorant/ Anti-perspirant
- * Feminine Products (Pads, Tampons, etc.)

- Clothing, gently worn or new

- Shoes, gently worn or new

- Non-perishable food

- Cash donations

Happy April Birthday to.....

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| 1 | Dan O'Dell Lynette Main |
| 2 | Marvin Barnes Jeanette Wilson |
| 8 | Kelly Blain |
| 19 | Travis Santos |
| 24 | Dolores Shumate |
| 29 | Lisa Neath |
| 30 | Patrick Bender |

Happy Anniversary to....

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| 4 | Michael and Jeanne Hurry |
| 27 | Patrick and Linda Mitchell |

