

The Outlook

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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Cindy Lawler, Pastor

May 13, 2026

Worship on Facebook and In-Person

10:30 a.m.

May 17 Ascension Sunday: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, John 17:1-11

"So That They May All Be One"

May 24 Pentecost Sunday: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Acts 2:1-21

"Spirit Unbound"

Rev. Cindy Lawler, preaching

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 22nd. Please include the school graduating from, future plans, and any awards.

Meeting

The Administrative Council will meet Tuesday, May 19, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

From The Church Office

The church office will be open Monday, May 18, 9 a.m. to noon, instead of Wednesday, March 20. The next deadline to submit articles to the newsletter, *The Outlook*, is Friday, May 22. Thank you.

Prayer

Healing for Linda T. from her knee down, she is experiencing pain, swollenness, and hot to touch, she is also thankful that she will be moving on May 19.

Last Sunday we Sang As the Deer. In it it says, "As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you." Did you realize that it was almost a direct quote from Psalms 42:1-2 "As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?" Since Psalms is the song book that Jesus would have sung from, we were singing the same things he did! Isn't that awesome?! The psalm was written by David had a loving strong singular passion for God. Which is exactly what Jesus wanted for us when he gave his greatest commandment, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" ([Matthew 22:37](#)). I wish there were some way we could incorporate this idea of thirsting for God into our everyday lives this Summer as we thirst for water like the deer. The weathermen are always telling us to drink drink drink as it gets hot, God's love is Hot too, so let's think of him and say a quick prayer as we drink drink drink from the living water of Christ!

--Pastor Cindy

I am going to a workshop on transitioning for all pastors who are changing appointments this year. I will be gone from the 25th to the 28th. I hope to meet Robin up there and I will be delighted to tell her how blessed she is to be getting such a wonderful church!

--Pastor Cindy

Redwood Christian Ashram

Summer is almost here, so it's time to start thinking about summer camp! Redwood Christian Ashram is an inter-denominational, inter-generational family camp held from June 28-July 3 in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains. It is a time of fun, fellowship, teaching, and prayer. Several folks from Wesley have attended (and will be attending this year) and have been blessed by it.

You can register online at

<http://www.redwoodchristianashram.org>

or by calling registrar Gayle Kerr at

(209) 352-1707

--Rob Bewley

Co-director/RCA