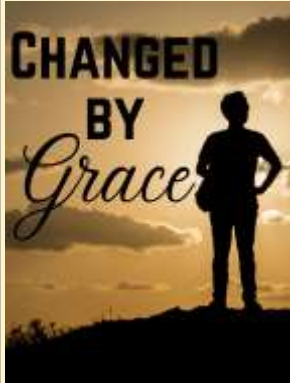


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Changed by Grace

During my time at a Korean American church, a tall, handsome boy started attending service with his family. I asked him what made him come to the church. He replied that his family moved in nearby from a city that was two and a half hours away, after some issues with school. He had joined a gang and tried to come out of it. When he told of his intentions to leave the gang, other members drove by his house and shot at his room multiple times. So, his parents decided to move far away from the city to protect their son.

He lived a hard life. His mother left when he was really young. His father reared him as a single parent for more than 10 years and married another woman, who was not much older than his son. The son started acting strangely. He brought his girlfriend

home as early as middle school. He ran away from home several times. Finally, he joined a gang. However, after witnessing a traumatic event, he decided to flee from it.

When he first came to the church, he had a hard time adjusting to the new setting. During worship, during youth activities, and even during weekdays, he had become a headache of the church. However, that tough boy slowly changed through the love of God, just like the song "little by little bit every day." After three years, amazingly, he became bright and healthy. His eyes changed. His attitude changed. His words changed. He had made a complete transformation.

One day, his family moved to another city. He gave me a handwritten letter. And in the letter, he wrote, "Pastor, thank you for loving me with a faithful heart. I felt like I was born again over the last three years in this church." Yes, he truly became a new person and began living a new life. It was a great joy to see someone changed by grace.

In Galatians 2, Paul proclaimed his transformation through Christ Jesus. "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." Since meeting Jesus on the way to Damascus, Paul's strongest message was always about the new self.

2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!" Galatians 6:15, "Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation." Ephesians 4:24, "...put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

Today, I miss the kid, and I hope he's doing alright. His story makes me re-evaluate myself and ask what has changed in me through the grace of Jesus.

Rev. Kwan Kim



August 1: Rev. Duane Partin
August 8: Rev. Duane Partin
August 15: Rev. Duane Partin
August 22: Rev. Duane Partin
August 29: Rev. Kwan Kim

DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS AUGUST 25.



Reaching Souls with Soles: A "Hands Up Ministry"

Who doesn't have shoes in your closet you don't wear? UMW and Partners in Ministry have joined together to collect gently used women's, men's and children's shoes as a fundraiser to help PIM build a new facility. These shoes will provide individuals in 26 developing nations with a way to support themselves and their families. Place your gently used shoes in designated boxes located in the Activity Building and the Gathering Hall. Deadline for drop-off is October 14. Please bag or tie shoes together so that the pairs don't separate.

SHOES NEEDED!!

Service Saturday

**AUGUST 14
9:00 AM-NOON**

Grounds clean-up/beautification at the church and Winter Park Elementary
Activities for children in the garden
Bring your work gloves and garden tools, and meet us in the parking lot outside the Gathering Hall for opening prayer at 9:00 am.

Welcome Back

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29
5:30 PM GYM**

JOIN US AS WE COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE RE-OPENING OF THE CHURCH
BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT AND ENJOY SOME GREAT FOOD, GREAT MUSIC, GREAT ENTERTAINMENT AND GREAT FELLOWSHIP!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE CHURCH PLEASE CONTACT
REV. DUANE PARTIN AT
910-791-4092 EXT. 101
OR VIA EMAIL AT
DUANEP@WELCOMETOWESLEY.COM

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15
12:00 PM
ACTIVITY BUILDING ROOM 306
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

Food For Thought

A new school year is starting and we are blessed again to be able to provide weekend food bags to children in need at Winter Park School. If you would like to donate one or more of the following items, we can re-stock our shelves:

- canned pasta, soup, ramen,
- individual fruit or veggie cups,
- granola bars, tuna, boxed mac and cheese, Nab crackers (not cookies).

These items may be placed in the designated bins in the Activity Building and Gathering Hall (near the elevator).



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sunday Mornings

- 9:00 am Contemporary Oasis Service - Activity Building Gym
- 10:00 am Sunday School For All Ages - Sanctuary Building
- 11:00 am Traditional Service Sanctuary Building

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 22
9:00 am & 11:00 am

Bring your backpack, school bag, briefcase, etc to church for a special time during each service where we will pray for students, teachers, administrators, and all other school employees as they begin the year.




First day of Year-Round School
July 14

First day of Traditional School
August 23

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

For the month of August our children will continue to meet for Children's Worship during both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am services, Children's Worship takes place after the Children's Moment. During Children's Worship we have snacks, story time along with a brief discussion about our Bible story and a craft or game and activities. If there is time at the end, we close with a video. We currently meet in Room 104. This worship time is for children ages 4 years through 1st grade. Please note that there is no Children's Worship on the first Sunday of the month. This is Communion Sunday, and we feel that it is important for families to partake in communion together.





AUGUST EVENTS:

← AUGUST 01: →
SPENCER NIGHT

AUGUST 08:
**BATTLEHOUSE
LASERTAG**

← AUGUST 15: →
SPENCER NIGHT

AUGUST 22:
PADDLEBOARDING

AUGUST 29:
SERVICE EVENT

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FAITH FELLOWSHIP FUN ENTERTAINMENT
GAMES SNACKS COMMUNITY

SPENCER NIGHT

EVERY OTHER SUNDAY 5PM



WESLEY YOUTH

SOMETHING FOR YOU EVERY WEEK

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

2021 Focus: Serenity – Find peace through the Serenity Prayer



2021-2022 UMW Officers

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Treasurer: Anne Reiner

Secretary: Carol Leinbach

*United Methodist
Women Sunday
August 8
9:00 am & 11:00 am*



The 2021 UMW brochures are available in the Gathering Hall and the Activity Building lobby. The brochure provides information about UMW Circles, meetings, events, and special projects. All women of Wesley Memorial are invited to attend UMW events as well as join UMW. Visitors and guests are always welcome!

**UMW Friendship Dinner
Tuesday, August 17
6:00 pm**

All women of the church are invited to attend.
Box meals will be provided so come enjoy some great fellowship while finding out about the United Methodist Women and all they do for the kingdom of God and for Wesley Memorial.
Masks and social distancing will be observed.

SAVE THE DATES

October 14, 2021, Reaching Souls with Soles: A "Hands Up Ministry"

October 23, 2021, UMW Annual Fall Bazaar, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

November 19-20, 2021, **Wesley Memorial Women's Retreat, Ft. Caswell**



August 1st

"My Help Cometh from the Lord"
Rev. Kwan Kim & Ms. Mirla Criste

August 8th

"You Are My All in All"
Women's Chorus
for UMW Sunday

August 22nd

"My Life Is In Your Hands"
Mrs. Emily Whitney, Mrs. Mirla Criste,
& Ms. Catriona MacLean

August 15th

"All Creatures of My God and King"
Mrs. Emily Whitney

August 29th

"Jordan's Angels"
Mrs. Emily Whitney, Mrs. Mirla Criste,
& Ms. Catriona MacLean



Handbell Rehearsals Begin
Thursday, September 9
5:30 pm
Sanctuary

Positions are filled but substitutes
are welcomed; ability to read music is
helpful.

**Choir Practice
Begins Again**

Wednesday, September 8
6:30 pm - Sanctuary
Open to anyone wishing to make a joyful noise.

Children's Choir

Sunday, September 12
5:00 pm
Gathering Hall
Ages 3 years-5th Grade



Meditations by Hand

Joshua: Part I

September 7, 14 & 21
6:00 pm

Activity Building Room 307

In this 3-week series of meditation based Bible study, Rev. Kwan Kim will lead a weekly class where participants will hear, read, study, and meditate on the Word of God daily.



Sermon Series



Starting September 12, we will have a 3-part sermon series called "Why?" This will be a tie-in to our church-wide study of "A Disciple's Path" (see info under New Fall Study), which will explore the basics of discipleship and will emphasize the importance of our member vows in which we promise our prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Why Worship? - September 12

Reminding us of the importance of corporate worship and why our presence is vital to our growth as disciples.

Why Give? - September 19

Encouraging us to remember how God is a God of abundance and that we all have gifts to share.

Why Serve? - September 26

Focusing on how all disciples are called to serve others.

A Disciple's Path: Deepening Our Relationship with Christ and the Church

September 12-October 17

This 6-week Sunday School church-wide study combines a Wesleyan understanding of our growth in God's love and grace with the practice of spiritual disciplines of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Each lesson includes daily readings (five per week), Scripture, a message for the day, and questions for personal reflection.

All adult Sunday School classes are invited to use this curriculum for their Sunday school class for September 12, 19, 26 & October 3, 10, & 17. If you are not a part of a Sunday school class but would like to be a part of a weekly small group that explores this study, contact the church office by phone (791-4092) or by email (office@welcometowesley.com).

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Ways to Give

- Online Giving - www.welcometowesley.com
- Giving Kiosk - Located in Lobby Area
- Church App - Found in your App Store
- In Person - Giving Envelope
- Text Giving - Text WMUMC to 77977
- Offering Box - Located in Lobby Area

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After Hour Emergencies

If an emergency arises after hours and you need to reach a pastor, please call the church at 910-791-4092 and press 4 to leave a message. The message will immediately be forwarded to the pastor on call and someone will contact you shortly.