



"Jesus said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'" (Luke 10:2 NRSV)

Grace and Peace to you! I pray that this letter finds you growing in your faith, in your love for God, and in your love of neighbor as yourself. Where has the time gone? It feels like it was just yesterday that Hannah and I were driving down from North Carolina, wondering what in the world we were getting ourselves into by following God's call in coming to Gainesville. Now, whether you can believe it or not (I hardly can), two months have already gone by. Students have already returned back to school; we will be welcoming our new pianist – Maggie Tran – this Sunday; and in just a few weeks, summer will be coming to an end!

I feel like I am finally beginning to get my bearings on my role as your pastor. I hesitate to put that in writing, because you and I both know God has a way of surprising us, especially when we believe we have everything all figured out. Have you been surprised by God lately? If so, I hope you will share that encounter with me, with a trusted friend, or perhaps in a journal that you can look back on years later and be reminded of God's amazing grace in your life. If you haven't had such an experience, I pray that you will keep your eyes, your ears, and your heart open to wherever – or whoever – the Holy Spirit is nudging you.

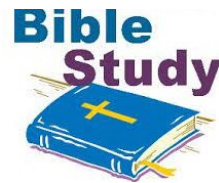
Perhaps God is leading you to engage in one of the many exciting, new fellowship and service offerings we will have this September:

- Every Thursday this month (we will gather via Facebook Live at 6 p.m. for midweek Evening Prayer. Make sure you follow the church's Facebook page (you can find it by searching @WUMCGVL in the "search" tab) and be sure to tune in at 6 p.m. sharp. You may need to refresh the page if the livestream isn't showing up. Otherwise, no preparation materials are needed. Come ready to spend about 20 minutes listening to the Scriptures be read, reflecting on a hymn or contemporary worship song, and engaging in meaningful prayer for our community and loved ones.
- Our Garden Workdays will be starting back up again this coming week. Join us at 8:30 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month and stay for as long as you can to help pull weeds, trim bushes, and do your part to make sure the outside of our church is as hospitable and welcoming as the members inside!

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Breaking News

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY—Join us for Bible Study this Tuesday from 11:30AM-12:30 PM as we continue our study of *A Grace-Full Life* by Jorge Acevedo and Wes Olds. Bring a friend as we learn together about God's all-reaching, soul-saving, character-shaping, never-ending love for you and me.



Happy Labor Day

"The LORD has given you rest from pain and trouble and from the hard labor that you perform."

Wesley United Methodist Church

Mission Statement
Celebrating God!
Growing in Faith!
Changing the World!

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Weekly Sunday Activities

Worship @ 10:45AM
(Sanctuary)



Jim Arnett	Barbara Baldwin	Linda Baldwin
Dianne Blucher	Ron & Nancy Case	Liza Case
Carolyn Clarke	Helen Goddard	Blake Harris
Mary Harris	Rachelle Hines	Bonniesue Humphlett
LaRue Landsberry & Darlene		Barb Loehr
Beth Loehr-Moody	Dahlia Mallard	Paula Mathis
Clydia Reichert	Joe Reichert	Sapp Family
Beth Senn	Dale Smith	Linda Smith
David Tattersall	Doris Welsh	Weseman Family
Clarence Witt	Carla, Robert, Molly & Buddy	

With God
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

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- I am still looking for a few more volunteers to help provide dinner on September 25th for the awesome college students at Gator Wesley. The Wesley campus ministry at UCF played such a critical role in my own college faith formation. Indeed, I wouldn't be your pastor today if it weren't for the leaders and friends and volunteers who poured into me, believed in me, inspired me, not merely taught but *showed* me the love of Jesus, and empowered me to nurture my own gifts for ministry. I can hardly put into words how much it meant to me as a broke college student to know that churches in the community were not only praying for me but also supporting my physical and emotional needs by making it possible to break bread with my friends. Thus, I know how incredibly meaningful this ministry is to our siblings in Christ. Please let me know if I can count on you to cook or serve.
- Of course, these opportunities are all in addition to the small groups and other ministries that will continue in September: our Tuesday Bible study group, our Wesley Whittlers, our Thursday Card Club (I have now taught Hannah how to play Canasta so I can ~~rub it in her face when I win~~ enjoy a relaxing evening of cards with her too – thanks Jan!), our three United Women in Faith groups, and volunteering at Metcalfe Elementary, just to name a few. If you think you might be interested in getting involved in any of these groups, I welcome you to come give them a try, too! As always, please feel free to contact the church office or me personally with any questions you may have.

I hope you will pray with me that God will use each of these ministries – and our church – in whatever way He needs to, and that we will be willing to follow. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Kolby

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service—10:45AM

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE



Most meetings are Wednesdays at 6:00 unless otherwise noted

September 2022

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DINNER FOR RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

The Sisters in Faith circle of the United Methodist Women cooked dinner at the Ronald McDonald House on August 14th. On the menu was pulled chicken barbeque sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, potato chips, and assorted cakes. This is the first time since 2019 we have done this! Special thanks to Donna Weseman for purchasing food, and wrangling the rest of us around as we cooked and prepared this good dinner.



Back: Donna, Annette, Cindy, Marilyn and Paula
Front: Sandy, Kathy, Nancy, and Sharren



Days for Girls

Something exciting will soon be happening in our Sunday School rooms—we hope, anyway. Watch this space for more information and an opportunity to help girls all over the world and right here in Alachua County!



MISSION OF THE MONTH

UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF

VISION

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR transforms and strengthens people and communities.

MISSION

Compelled by Christ to be a voice of conscience on behalf of the people called Methodist, UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing.

UMCOR provides humanitarian relief and disaster response in the United States and internationally. Their efforts are targeted in places where natural disasters, war, or conflict have done so much damage that communities are unable to recover on their own. We are already at work in Louisiana following Hurricane Laura last week! While UMCOR is not a first-response organization, they stand ready to accompany communities in need over the long haul of their recovery, until they are well on their way to establishing a “new normal” after a crisis.

In addition, UMCOR helps communities in the United States and abroad prepare for emergencies and reduce the risk of disasters through a roster of training programs.

They also are involved in global development work. Specific programs address issues of health, sanitation, poverty, sustainable agriculture, nutrition, and food security. Many development problems are interrelated, so UMCOR uses integrated solutions to address their root causes. UMCOR seeks to empower local hospitals, schools, churches, and other stakeholders by enhancing their capacity to address these issues.

The fire season has been raging this year, floods abound, and hurricane season hits its peak this month. Let us give as generously as we can to our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Wherever a natural disaster strikes, UMCOR stands ready to help.





Committee Meetings

9/7	6:00PM	Trustees
9/14	6:00PM	SPRC
9/20	7:00PM	Finance
9/21	6:00PM	Worship
9/28	7:00PM	Admin Council



Young at Heart Fellowship

Join us at Piesano's Italian Restaurant in the Hunters Crossing shopping center on Friday, September 30th at 11:30 AM. Women and men at the table lead to some severely funny conversations as we fellowship together. RSVP by Sunday, 9/25.

September Birthdays

1st Sharren Gibbs
 2nd Richard Crenshaw
 8th Barb Loehr
 11th Jade Marie Martin
 14th Sonny Robertson
 17th David Dishong
 Michael Weseman
 21st Debra Johnson
 23rd Richard Yaxley, Jr.
 26th Dee Holder
 Robert Reeves
 27th Sean Boyle

September Anniversaries

22nd Linda & Frank Nosko
 27th Bonnie & Jim Carlin



FUN AND GAMES



Join the Canasta card club at Wesley United Methodist Church! Have fun and meet great people! Invite family and friends, the more the merrier!

When: Thursdays, 11:30 AM (except holidays)

Where: Wesley United Methodist Church
 826 Northwest 23rd Avenue
 Fellowship Hall

Call Cindy Holmes at 352-256-9485 for information.

We have wonderful members waiting to teach you Hand and Foot Canasta! **Please have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccination, as well as the boosters!**

Card Club Guidelines

- Bring a sack lunch and beverage if you wish.
- Please arrive on time if possible.
- Please help clean up after the games end.
- Please give us your email address and phone number in case of scheduling changes.

