



### Wesley United Methodist Church - Marco Island

#### FROM OUR PASTOR

Sue Miller (our Lay Leader) shared an interesting article with me the other day – it's by John Wentz, with Crosswalk Ministries.

The title is “**How to Equip the Church to Flourish Post-Pandemic**”.

In this article he lifts up three images that he has seen in churches recently. The first is the “dog who has been inside too long” syndrome.—

You've seen this – the dog has so much pent-up energy that it can't wait to just get outside and jump and run and just go wild! And while passion is a great thing to have, activity without direction looks like fun but can end tragically. I have seen many a dog run into a tree, or a wall, or a street when it isn't paying attention. The dog/church has to tame itself and listen for the master's directions or it can get into trouble.

The second problem is the “Back to Normal” approach – we want things to just go back to what they were. But that approach ignores all of the lessons that God has been teaching us over the past year and a half. “Normal” wasn't working. The American church was dying at “normal”. We had lost our influence on society, and we were not bringing the lost into the family. Even though some individual churches were doing well, as a whole the American church was shrinking. (Interesting that the growing churches were the ones who were focused on reaching those outside the church, not trying to take care of those who were already a part of it!)

The third approach is to “Stay In Our Bubbles”. This approach is appealing – we've become comfortable with watching church on a screen in our pajamas, and limiting our contact with other people! We have home food delivery, online education, online preaching, separation while out in public. Many people have found that they prefer this way of life, and will continue whether the rest of society opens up or not.

Wentz suggests that each of these has their benefits – energy, desire to reconnect, continued safety practices – but the key question we should be asking is “**Are we listening?**”

Are we listening for God's directions? Are we like the dog just running off and excitedly doing whatever we want? Or, do we listen compassionately to those who just want to go back, but, invite them to come along with us to the next steps that God has planned for us?

Are we listening to the world, who still needs Jesus' touch? While the ways in which we connect with each other have changed, the need for connection has not. How can we be “**high tech, high touch**”?

I hope that you will meditate upon this. Over the next few months as people start returning to Marco, **how will God offer His hope and healing through us?**

<https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/coronavirus/how-to-equip-the-church-to-flourish-post-pandemic.html>

In Christ,  
**Rev. Bill**

# OCTOBER 2021    Sermon Scriptures

October 3, 2021    **WORLD COMMUNION**

*John 6:24-35*                      **The Bread We Share**

Seeing ourselves as one Body in the world  
While we each might have different ways of worship  
and service, we are all united in our hope in Christ.  
**To unite in love with other believers**



October 10, 2021    **I Know What You Mean**

*Hebrews 4:12-16*

How intimately God knows us  
Because Jesus knows our life, He can be our Savior.  
**To promote trust in Jesus**



October 17, 2021    **Simple, Not Easy**

*Matthew 6:25-34*

Putting God first  
Trusting God first will often mean  
going against the world's values.  
**To reveal the crisis of faith that we  
must face in being faithful.**



October 24, 2021    **When We Are All Brought Home**

*Jeremiah 31:7-9*

The wideness of God's mercy  
God's compassion for all  
**Having as much compassion for each other  
as God does for us.**



October 31, 2021    **Do We Still Need Jesus?**

*Hebrews 9:6-15*

Jesus' complete sacrifice  
Without Jesus' sacrifice, we are still caught in our sins.  
**To encourage surrender to Jesus as Lord.**



# WORSHIP AT WESLEY



While everything we do at Wesley is worship in some way, we have some specific experiences that are directed towards bringing us together to lift up God's Name. Some are more formal; some are contemplative; and some are trying out new things! Here are a few of the worship experiences that we offer:

## **SUNDAY MORNING, 10:00 AM**

**Location:** Sanctuary and Online (Prelude starts at 9:45 am)

**Characteristics:** A service designed to unify us here at Wesley. We incorporate a variety of styles of music and liturgical components along with scripture reading and a message. Currently our largest worship gathering.

**Schedule:** 35-45 minutes long, gathering time afterwards

## **WEDNESDAY NOON**

**Location:** Sanctuary and Online

**Characteristics:** Formal elements of worship, with Bible reading, prayer, traditional hymns, and a 15-minute reflection on the scripture.

**Schedule:** 20 minutes

## **1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> WEDNESDAYS, 5:00 PM- The Table**

**Location:** Fellowship Hall and Online

**Characteristics:** Informal gathering with food, singing, and reflection time in small groups on a topic of discussion for the day. Children are present and active in this time. Music is more upbeat and diverse.

**Schedule:** Approximately 1½ hours, including food.



## *Wesley — In-Person and Online*

<https://www.facebook.com/WUMCMarco>

Please wear a mask. Protect those near you.

**ZOOM meetings** – Specific for each meeting.

Call church office for information **239-394-3734.**



Sunday – **9:45 am Music in Sanctuary before Worship Service**  
**9:45 am Virtual Worship Service** (Website or Facebook)  
**10:00 am In-person Worship** (Sanctuary)  
**10:30ish Virtual Coffee Fellowship Time** (Online)  
**10:40ish Children’s Formation/Sunday School** (In-person)  
**11:00 am Adult Formation/Sunday School** (In-person and Zoom)

Monday - **9:00 am Rebecca's Balance Boosters Fitness** (Gathering Place)  
**6:30 pm High School Students** (Youth Room)

**Tuesday – 9:00 am Tuesday Community (Office)**  
**9:00 am-1:00 pm MMO (Mother's Morning Out)**

Wednesday -9:00 am-1:00 pm **MMO (Mother's Morning Out)** (Fellowship Hall)  
 9:00 am **Rebecca's Balance Boosters Fitness** (Gathering Place)  
 12:00 **Midweek Lift** devotional service  
 (in-person or website or Facebook)  
 2:00 pm **Pastor's Bible Study** (Church Office and ZOOM)  
 3:00 pm **Worship Team** (Sanctuary)  
 4:00 pm **Music Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)  
 5:00 pm **October 6 and 20 THE Table**  
 (In-Person in Fellowship Hall or online )  
 6:30 pm **Middle School Students** (Starbucks)

Thursday- **9:00 am-1:00 pm MMO (Mother's Morning Out)** (Fellowship Hall)  
**10:00 am UMW Bible Study** (call for location)  
**3:00– 6:30 pm Line Dancing** (*3 classes*) (Fellowship Hall)

Friday- 9:00 am Rebecca's Balance Boosters Fitness (Gathering Place)

**Saturday- 9:00—10:00 am Weight Watchers with Kim Fisackerly**  
(Fellowship Hall)

**OTHER ONGOING MEETINGS:** Church Committees and Business meetings  
Small Groups





# **ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE**

**Online on Sunday, October 10 at 3:00 PM**

Wesley's Annual Charge Conference this year will be on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 online. You are welcome to be a part of the meeting.

We will hear from our District Superintendent the Rev. Dr. Thom Shafer, and we will be meeting with 10 other churches from our district.

The online registration form is:

<https://florida-reg.brtapp.com/SWDistrictFallChargeConferences2021>

Thank you – hope to see you online!



**Eagle  
on  
the  
freshly  
painted  
cross.**



He will raise you up on eagles' wings.  
Bear you on the breath of dawn.  
Make you to shine like the sun.  
Hold you in the palm of His hand.







Wesley UMC, featuring MMO and Camp Able, will host a Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, 10/23, from 5:00-6:30 PM.

We are working with St. Mark's who is hosting their event on the same night providing families with a 2-stop-event!

There are a few ways for you to be involved:

**Decorate your trunk-** Arrive by 4:30 PM on the 23rd, bring your decorating supplies and candy, and create a fall wonderland in your trunk. When you arrive at Wesley's parking lot, you will be guided where to park. Decorate your trunk and spread fall joy to our neighborhood families from 5:00-6:30. You are welcome to wear a costume. For the safety of our participants, vehicles in the candy passing area will not be permitted to depart before 6:30 PM.

**Bring little ones-** Do you know a little one who would love to show off their costume and collect some candy? Bring them to the event! Many families bring a child and host a trunk. You can do both as well!

**Spread the word-** Tell the community about this fun, free event. Every moment we have to spend face-to-face with folks is a moment to be the Love of Christ. Let's spread the Gospel!

If you have any questions please call the church office at 239-394-3734 or email [info@wesleymarco.org](mailto:info@wesleymarco.org).





## Mother's Morning Out October 2021



**Hello WUMC Family and Friends,**

As the weather starts to cool off and we roll into the Fall season we look forward to some very fun Holiday events!!

At the end of October MMO will join Wesley Church in an evening TRUNK-OR-TREAT here on our church campus! We encourage everyone to come out and show their support of our church and school!! Plan to decorate the "trunk" of your car in Halloween style and prepare to give out goodies as the children Trunk Or Treat from car to car.

We are currently working on bringing a little life back to our church/school playground!

Ms. Claire has broken down, cleaned, and re-painted some of our salvageable play equipment, and they look great!! Our next steps will be to have our larger pieces of equipment cleaned and painted, followed by new mulch!

If you would care to make any donations, (time or money!) please let us know!! It is always GREATLY appreciated.

Good Blessings,  
Claire Orgass, MMO Director  
(239) 330-6374





# GRIEF SHARE AUTUMN UPDATE

Among the many helpful resources featured on the GriefShare website ([www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)) is an improved "Find a Group" search engine. Now you can use filters to narrow your search by meeting type (weekly GriefShare groups, or events such as "Loss of a Spouse" or "Surviving the Holidays" seminars), location type (in-person or virtual), time frame, day of the week, and distance. You can even click "Expand your search" to look for options that are farther away, if necessary.

If you don't have internet access, you can learn about GriefShare groups and events in your area by calling **1-800-395-5755**.

There are several new 13-week groups (as well as seminars) that begin in October (all online). If you'd prefer a group that meets in person, there are a few meeting in Naples that you may still join, even though they've already started.

A 13-week workbook costs \$15, and seminar booklets are \$5 each. The in-person groups can provide these at your first meeting, but online groups usually suggest that you order a copy from the publisher. All GriefShare materials are also available from the church office here at Wesley. (If you get yours from us, be sure to let your group facilitator know.)



## Monthly Giving Update: AUGUST 2021

		August	Year-to-Date	
Budget	\$	30,345	\$	321,853
Actual	\$	35,733	\$	265,421





# UMCOR Update 2021

In 1820 the Methodist Church felt the nudge to start an official Missions arm that would share the Gospel and provide healing and support for needs at home and around the world. Among the primary concerns were starting medical, educational, and childcare facilities to minister to those in need.

As the church grew and the world changed, opportunities to reach previously untouched areas with the Gospel began to open. In the 1940's the Methodist Committee on Relief was officially formed, and one of the primary concerns was to lower the overhead costs so that any money given to a mission would go directly to that mission. To this end the church established "One Great Hour of Sharing" (now called UMCOR Sunday, usually in March). The purpose of this offering is to cover all administrative, staff, and distribution expenses so that when a person or a church give a donation to a special need (Hurricane relief, medical clinics, etc.), 100% of the gifts given will go directly to the need.

The church had renewed emphasis upon both global and local missions, and found ways to cut costs while expanding the ministries. The official function of the Global Mission Board was to:

- 1) *Make disciples of Jesus Christ;*
- 2) *Strengthen, develop, and renew Christian congregations and communities;*
- 3) *Alleviate human suffering; and*
- 4) *Seek justice, freedom, and peace.*

This continues to be our goal to this day – we have missionaries and outposts in over 60 countries worldwide, and including hurricane relief efforts in our own country.

We encourage you to check out the UMCOR website to learn more about how we as United Methodists are making a difference – <https://umcmmission.org/umcor/>

**Donate to UMCOR for Haiti. [UMCOR \(Advance #982450\)](#)**

**Donate to UMCOR #901670. (Hurricane Ida)**

**Checks maybe written to Wesley UMC with notation about UMCOR with Haiti or Hurricane Ida relief.**

## Alms Giving

"Do not economize in almsgiving - cut off nothing in charities, rather increase them if anything.

'Give and it shall be given you.'

'In the measure that you do to others so shall it be done to you.

What you give to the poor you give to Me.'

The best way of always having enough is to share generously with the poor, seeing in them the representatives of Jesus Himself."

Charles de Foucauld, "Meditations of a Hermit", 1902  
(published 1930)



# Bloodmobile Coming to Wesley

**SAVE the Date!**



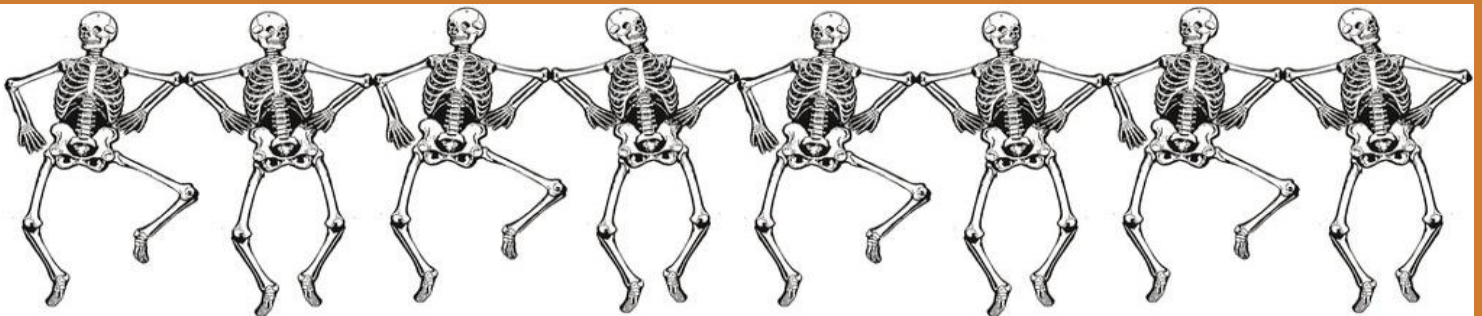
**Sunday,  
October 10, 2021**

**9:00 am – Noon**

**Call the church to reserve your spot:**

**239-394-3734 x2 x2**

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



# Church Ladies Plan Fun Night!

October 13 at 6:00 PM

## An Evening Out

Cone 06 Pottery Painting & Fused Glass Studio

**Event Date: Wed.10/13 | 6 PM**

*Please RSVP to this message by 10/5*

*Please join Wesley's women volunteers and staff for a fun evening at Cone 6 Pottery Painting Studio.*

*Choose to paint a pottery piece or create a fused glass piece. The costs range from \$8 to \$72; see [cone06potterypainting.com](http://cone06potterypainting.com) for details. Scholarships are available.*

*If there are other women that you know of that should be included, please let me know.*

*-Jean Cholka  
239-529-0088*

## TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND PLANNED FOR MARCH 2022

Well, it's been 2 years since we were supposed to travel the Pilgrim's Journey to the Holy Land, and it looks as if we should be able to go in March of 2021! Rev. Bill and Kim have been in contact with Educational Opportunities and are working through the details of the trip.

The cost is expected to be around \$4000 per person, including air fare, hotels, and evening and morning meals. You will need proof of vaccination in order to travel.

For more information, to go <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/hl22g#eotours> . We look forward to growing in our faith together!





# LUNCH WITH FRIENDS OVER 60

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20  
DOORS OPEN AT  
11:00 A.M.  
MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUNCH PROVIDED BY:  
3 GUYS WHO CAN COOK! RON, MIKE AND  
BILL

ENTERTAINMENT BY:  
MEDICENT BUSSEY, A PHYSICAL THERAPIST  
WITH THE YMCA

COST - FREE

CALL TO RESERVE A SPACE -  
706-566-8532 OR EMAIL  
LUNCHWITHFRIENDSMARCO@GMAIL.COM

ONLY 88 SPACES AVAILABLE

A PARTNERSHIP OF OUR DAILY BREAD FOOD  
PANTRY AND THE SOUTH COLLIER YMCA



**Our Daily Bread**  
Food Pantry





TOL SW District Clergy, Administrative Assistants, Business Managers, Lay Leaders

PLEASE SHARE WITH ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED.....

**God Does Not Call The Equipped – God Equips The Called!**

**LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES** is a **leadership development program** in The United Methodist Church, **focused on equipping and empowering** laypersons who have responded to the call of God to serve in mission and ministry, and live out their own discipleship as servants in leadership through the ministries of **leading, caring, and communicating**.

*Through this equipping and empowering system, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and who then go and make other disciples.*

**To become a Certified Lay Servant, you must:**

1. Obtain recommendation from the pastor and the church council or charge conference of the local church
2. Complete **"Introduction to Lay Ministries: BASIC Course."**
3. Complete an advanced Lay Servant Ministries course.

In the **Basic LSM course** - which is the prerequisite for becoming a Certified Lay Servant - you will gain clarity around your talents and the needs of your community. You'll also reconnect with our United Methodist history and faith and learn how to reach out to others.

**David Palmer**, Director of the North Central District Lay Servant Ministries, will lead the **Basic Lay Servant Ministries** course online **NOVEMBER 1-15**. Easy and doable even if you are new to online learning, the two-week class will consist of 3 Zoom meetings of small groups and worship sessions.

The first Zoom meeting for this course will be held Monday, November 1, 6:00-7:30 pm EDT. The second and third meeting days/time will be scheduled with learner input during meeting 1. Contact David at (352) 598-9823 or at [ncdlayservant@gmail.com](mailto:ncdlayservant@gmail.com) with any questions.

Cost is \$45.00 Learners will need the [Lay Servant Ministries, Participant's Book \(Basic Course\)](#)  
**Join this one-of-a-kind online course in Lay Servant Ministries!**  
[Click here to register at BeADisciple.com](#)

**South West District of The Florida Annual Conference**  
2049-B N. Honore Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34235  
Office Phone: 941-371-6511







**Mondays** - 417 Mango Ave, Goodland, Inside

9:00 - Level 1

10:15 - Level 2

11:30 - Level 3

**Thursdays** - Wesley Church, 350 S. Barfield, Marco, Inside

3:00 - Level 1

4:15 - Level 2

5:30 - Level 3

**Saturdays** - Stan's Idle Hour, Goodland, Outside

9:00 - Level 1

10:15 - Level 2

11:30 - Level 3

\*Private lessons and parties available\*

ANGIE MOORE | 419.350.9099 | [angiesbootscoot@gmail.com](mailto:angiesbootscoot@gmail.com)





## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

10/02 Rod Bucklin  
10/04 Sue Keay  
10/11 Robert Cholka  
10/11 Henry Ebert  
10/12 Syondra Cox  
10/12 Linda Lawson  
10/18 Vanessa Grisko  
10/18 Enid Maitland  
10/21 Dianne Wetjen  
10/22 Paul Grisko  
10/26 Stephen Osterloh  
10/26 Ellen Stevens  
10/27 Jerry Nelson  
10/28 Darla Achey



## **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

10/01 Robert & Jean Cholka  
10/06 Henry & Jan Ebert  
10/10 John & Connie Janke  
10/12 Keith & Vicki Pershing



# Faith Builds Invitation

Hello Faith Build Partners,

Thanks to your support of the 2021 Thrivent Faith Builds Generosity Challenge, one more family will know the security and stability of owning a home of their own. Your financial commitment is making it possible for us to unlock the \$100,000 grant offered by Thrivent to fund half the cost of one home in our newest community, Whitaker Woods. Building is underway on 125 two-story homes, ranging in size from 1,250 to 1,550 square feet, located in 3 and 4-unit multi-family buildings. Families will begin purchasing their homes in Fall 2021. The community is expected to be completed by Spring 2023.

This year there is no requirement for volunteers to build on our jobsite. However, our jobsites are open and we invite members of your congregation to join us for a Faith Builds Volunteer Day from 8 am to noon. There are still risks from the Corona virus, so we ask people to mask when indoors or in close proximity to others. We ask that volunteers not share tools and properly clean all tools when through. We respectfully request that if anyone is not feeling well or if they have been in contact with someone who has the virus that they not come to the jobsite.

If you would like to sign up, please use this link. <http://faithbuild.habitatcollier.volunteerhub.com/>  
Future Faith Builds are planned for 10/6, 10/22, 11/4, 11/20, 11/30, 12/10, 12/29. Please share with members of your congregation.

Thank you for all you do. We look forward to seeing you.

*Andrea McKenna*

## Donor Relations


Habitat for Humanity of Collier County  
11145 Tamiami Trail East | Naples, FL 34113  
Office: 239-775-0036 | Cell: 617-320-0332  
[habitatcollier.org](http://habitatcollier.org)



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Thanks for supporting **Wesley United Methodist Church of Marco Island** and continuing to generate donations by shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) or with AmazonSmile ON in the app.



**THREE WAYS TO GIVE**

- 1 CHECK OR CASH**  
mail to 350 S. Bariel Marco Island, FL 34145 or drop in box when in-person services resume
- 2 GIVE ONLINE**  
[wesleymarco.org/give](https://wesleymarco.org/give)  
checking account, debit card, credit card- one time gift or recurring
- 3 MOBILE APP**  
download "GivePlus Church" from the App Store or Google Play and follow the prompts



## Wesley UMC, Marco

*LOVE God  
LOVE People*

*Walk together in the  
Way of Jesus*



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### WESLEY STAFF

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Youth Worker .....Christopher Reyes  
MMO Director .....Claire Orgass  
Custodian.....Claire Orgass  
Audio-Visual Technician. ....Matt Conley

## NOVEMBER WAVE

### Newsletter Deadline

- ALL entries must be **SENT** to the Church **FIRST** :  
**wumcmarco@comcast.net**

- We really do love to receive photos; however,  
**ALL PHOTOS MUST BE TITLED.**

(Example: "Youth Camp 2020" and not "0234.jpg")  
And please supply the "who, what, when, where, why  
and/or how" of the photo; at least provide the **name**  
of adults the photo, listed from left to right.

Note: we do not give names or information that  
might compromise any minors.

- Limit your entries to **under 200 words** and  
**un-formatted.**
- **Cambria 12** for Headlines and **Cambria 9**  
for text. (NOT in all Caps)
- **WAVE** deadline is  
**Third Monday of October**  
**(October 18)**
- ♦ Please plan accordingly.
- ♦ THANK YOU and God bless.



Newsletter Editor—Kathleen Schneider

