



Wesley United Methodist Church - Marco Island

Pastor's Article

Every Sunday I preach on different topics but they are all an effort to help and encourage all of us to live our lives as God has called us to live. This is not easy to do. Most of us know what we are supposed to do we just have to make sure we do it. We know we should reach out to folks who are different from ourselves, yet too often we turn the other way. We know our purpose, as a church, is to bring others to the saving knowledge of Christ but it is easier to be involved only in the things that interest and nurture us as individuals. We do not like to be outside of our comfort zones. It just is not easy to be a Christian all the time. Without some encouragement, a little push once in a while and accountability most of us struggle to do the things we know God wants us to do. John Wesley knew this as well but he happened upon a way to encourage early Methodists and to keep them accountable.

Read what was written about these gatherings.

"While trying to pay off a mortgage incurred when the Methodist movement purchased a building where they would hold Society meetings, Wesley and the other leaders came up with an ingenious plan. They divided the Society into "classes" of about 12 people each where one was designated the leader. The leader's job was to meet with each member weekly to collect a penny.

Wesley would later describe what the leaders learned during their visits. One member was 'quarreling' with his wife. Another was found in 'drink.' Clearly, the early Methodists knew the General Rules, but were struggling to follow them.

'It immediately struck into Mr. Wesley's mind,' Wesley wrote about himself, 'This is the very thing we wanted. The leaders are the persons who may not only receive the contributions, but also watch over the souls of their brethren' (Wesley "Thoughts upon Methodism").

Soon, the Classes started meeting together to 'watch over one another in love, that they may help each other to work out their salvation'.

The weekly Class Meetings had a singular purpose. Each person was asked to answer this question, 'How does your soul prosper?' Today, we might say, 'How is your spiritual life?'

As people's lives were changed, the Class Meeting ministry model began to spread across England, and later across what would become the United States.

Although we don't have specific class meeting groups set up at Wesley United Methodist we do offer different Bible Studies, a Sunday School class, The Table, Walking Church and other times in which we can gather. In order to work out our salvation and to serve God as God is calling us to do we need to find a small group in which we can be involved. We cannot be loners, this is not something we can do alone, we need one another. In order to strengthen our church as a whole we need to strengthen the faith and spiritual life of each of us individually. I want to encourage all of us to become involved in at least one small group offered through the church. Don't forget to invite friends and neighbors to join you. We all need to be able to gather and share. This will be good for us personally but it will also serve another purpose. We are to love one another, to love and care for our neighbor. While we are in small groups this is a great time to check on one another, to see 'how it is with one another's souls.' I hope to see all of you involved in small groups. See you at church!

(Parts of this article are from a Feature of UMC.org by Joe Lovino)

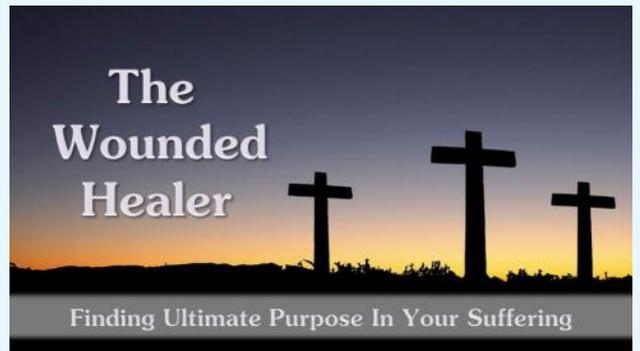
Shalom,
Rev. Daphne



September 4 Communion
No Pain, No Gain:
The High Cost of Discipleship
Luke 14:25-33



September 11
Why Does God Allow Suffering?
Isaiah 43:1-3



September 18
One Body Many Members;
Being A Part
Romans 12:1-8



September 25
Seeking God



FALL
2022

A PREVIEW OF UPCOMING EVENTS

What's on!

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



7
September
9 AM

Beach Cleanup

FIRST WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH, AM
AT MARCO'S SOUTH BEACH.



20
September
6:15 pM

Go Kids

AN ECUMENICAL CHILDREN'S GROUP
CO-HOSTED BY WESLEY.



8
October
10 AM

Blessing of the Animals

ALL CREATURES ARE WELCOME TO
RECEIVE A BLESSING AT THIS EVENT.



19
October
5:30 PM

Oktoberfest Potluck

CELEBRATE OKTOBERFEST WITH US.
BRING A DISH TO PASS.



16
November
5:30 PM

Thanks Giving Potluck

We will bring the turkey and
you bring your favorite side
to share.

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September 7 - **Beach Clean-up** 9 AM

September 20 - **GO Kids**

October 19 – **Oktoberfest Potluck**

November 16 – **Thanksgiving Potluck**

Wesley — In-Person and Online

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- Sunday – 9:55 am **Music in Sanctuary before Worship Service**
9:55 am **Virtual Worship Service** (Website or Facebook)
10:00 am **In-person Worship** (Sanctuary)
(Before/After Service) **Coffee Fellowship Time** (Sanctuary)
11:00 am **Adult Formation/Sunday School** (In-person and Zoom)
- Monday - **10:30am –2:30 pm MDR (Marco Dementia Respite)** (Fellowship Hall)
(Alzheimer's/Dementia Ministry)
- Tuesday – 7:30 am **Walking Church (Mackle Park)**
9:00 am-1:00 pm **MMO (Mother's Morning Out)** (Fellowship Hall)
4:30 pm **Weight Watchers** (Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday -9:00 am-1:00 pm **MMO (Mother's Morning Out)** (Fellowship Hall)
2:30 pm **Worship Team** (Sanctuary/Office Classroom)
4:00 pm **Music Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)
- Thursday- **9:00 am Thursday Community Study of Isaiah** (Office)
9:00 am-1:00 pm **MMO (Mother's Morning Out)** (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 am **UMW Bible Study** (call for location)
- Friday-

OTHER ONGOING MEETINGS: Church Committees and Business meetings
Small Groups

ZOOM meetings – Specific for each meeting.
Call church office for information 239-394-3734.



Our Daily Bread Food Pantry Needs You

Inflation and the rising cost of food has had a huge impact on the pantry's ability to provide food for our guests. There are more and more families registering and receiving food each week at the Thursday and Friday Mobile Pantries and on Saturday mornings on Marco.



The pantry also provides food for Backpack and Breakfast programs at local schools. The pantry's costs have risen significantly and we are receiving less food and financial donations.

Please consider donating to Our Daily Bread Food Pantry.

You may leave food donations at church (in the office and/or the Sanctuary). You may donate financially by writing a check to Wesley Church with ODBFP on the memo line or by donating online. If you have any questions, please let me know. I work the drive thru line on Saturday mornings. I see and feel the need and the gratitude of our guests.

Thank you for your consideration...

Love, Sue Miller

Walking Church

What is **Walking Church**?

Walking Church can be different things to different people. If you are someone who attends church on Sunday but would enjoy a mid-week lift and enjoy being in the great outdoors then this is for you. In the same way, if you are someone who is spiritual, who is looking for a way to connect with God and others but just isn't comfortable in a regular church service on Sunday then this is also for you.



Walking Church is a time when we can come together, pray, walk and listen to God. Come and see for yourself. We will gather together, center ourselves, have a prayer and short devotion, we will have a text or quote upon which to meditate as we walk the almost mile around Mackle Park, we will come back together and share any reflections anyone would like to share and then go about our day. If you are interested in participating but don't feel you can physically participate in the walk that is fine. Come, join with us and then while others are walking you can sit right by the lake and do your time of meditation.

All are welcome, invite your friends, your four-legged babies are also welcome.

If you have questions give me a call, Rev. Daphne Johnson, 863-370-9174.

WHEN: Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

WHERE: Mackle Park, at the Lake, 1361 Andalusia Terrace, Marco Island

WHY: Seeking to strengthen mind, body, and spirit

Let's Walk Together

By Faith!

Wesley Church Needs Your Help

Want to help around church but don't want to be on a formal committee? Then please sign up to help with several projects around the church campus. The bonus is that you will be doing needed work without having to attend meetings or write reports. You can schedule your work time to be convenient with your schedule!

Please review the "Help Needed List" and sign up for one of the assignments. Please contact Nan in the office by phone or email (239-394-3734 or office@wesleymarco.org) to volunteer for a work project. If you have questions or want more information about a project, please contact Al Schneider (239-316-2733 or aksintel6@gmail.com). Thank you!

Wesley UMC Help Needed List

Task	Help Needed And Location	Volunteer
Weeding	Front of Office Building garden and around front of building	
Weeding	North sanctuary entrance - 2 garden areas	
Weeding	Courtyard between Education building and sanctuary - 4 small gardens	
Weeding	Fellowship Hall entrance area - 2 small gardens	
Weeding	Sanctuary main entrance - 4 small gardens	
Light timers	Reset 6 exterior lighting timers monthly as sunset time changes with the passing months	
Lighting	Check light bulbs and fluorescent tubes - replace burned out ones	Bob, Ken & Josh
Maintenance	Patch holes in Gathering Place floor	
Administration	Make church phone calls	
Fellowship	Coffee on Sunday (make or clean up)	Marty, Wanda & Mike
Fellowship	Treats for after Sunday service	Darla
Worship	Greeters for Sunday service	
Worship	Church service singers	
Worship	Read scripture	
Worship	Play an instrument	



FAMILY MINISTRIES

Wesley UMC, Marco Island



Are you familiar with Go Kids?

Go Kids is an ecumenical ministry for kids in pre-k through 5th grade. Wesley partners with Capri Christian and Venture Church to create a safe space for kids to spend time in loving community surrounded by biblical truths.

In August, we hosted a Go Kids Camp with over thirty children. We will relaunch our weekly programming on Tuesdays starting September 20th at the Marco YMCA. Our fall session will end on November 29th. During our hour and a half together, kids will hear a bible lesson, have dinner, play, create, and spend time getting to know one another.

Please email info@wesleymarco.org if you want to register, volunteer, or request more information.





Mother's Morning Out

September Theme: Apples -2- Apples

..Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings...

Psalm 17:8



Dear Wesley Friends,

The new school year has gotten off to a great start, and we are thrilled to welcome back our families; new and old! We are currently at capacity, and eagerly await the arrival of our last few students!

We are excited to welcome back **Ms. Annie & Ms. Malorie**, both are AMAZING members of our team. The children truly adore their teachers, and we love to see the interactions each day.

Our volunteers, Eileen Carlson, Darla Achey, and Ms. Kiera Neptune have been an integral part of our days here at M.M.O. Without their help the days can be hard. We love the support they have shown us, and most importantly the students!

This month we will host our annual "SUPER SILLY SOCK DAY"!

The children will come to school in their weirdest, wildest, and silliest socks!



We can't wait to introduce our new 3-4 year olds to Chapel & the Love of God. Through God's help we can find love and joy in life!

Claire Orgass
Mother's Morning Out, Director
(239)330-6374

**"The future belongs to those who believe
in the beauty of their dreams."
--Eleanor Roosevelt**



Singers Welcome to Audition for MICC's Upcoming Advent Concert



The Marco Island Community Chorus will be holding auditions for new members on **Monday, October 3.**

If you love to sing, have a good voice and can read music, please consider joining us!

We will be presenting the cantata, "*Sing Joy to All the World!*" by Lloyd Larson (<https://youtu.be/KLQ-BLrKsBE>), on **Sunday, December 11 at 3 PM** at San Marco Catholic Church.



Please contact Kathleen Osborne Gerdes at msogpiano@gmail.com to schedule your audition.



Prayer Cloth Ministry – Knitters Needed!



Several years ago, Norma Stroud (Ken Stroud's mother), started a prayer cloth ministry for Wesley UMC. You may have seen these colorful prayer cloths at the WUMC office front desk or at the Welcome Booth on Sundays, and hopefully you picked one up for yourself and/or someone else. If you look at the prayer cloths, or the pictures included with this article, you can see a cross imbedded in the knitted pattern. What a great way to honor Jesus Christ, and they are wonderful to hold each day as you say your prayers.

Norma passed away earlier this year, and our supply of prayer cloths is nearly at an end. These have been very popular among our Wesley family and many other fellow Christians. They have been distributed to Bible study groups, Camp Able Campers, Trunk or Treat visitors, Our Daily Bread Food Pantry volunteers and grocery recipients, Wesley attendees and their friends and families. A prayer cloth makes a great gift for someone who is ill, grieving, or going through a difficult time. Giving one is a great way to show someone you care about them, and you can even pray with them using the cloth when you give it to them.

We would love to continue this ministry, but to do so, we need knitters! We have a copy of the pattern that can be used to make the prayer cloths. If you enjoy knitting and would love to help continue this important ministry, please contact Chris Stroud (ChrisLStroud@gmail.com; cell: 305-479-3023) to receive a copy of the pattern.



GRIEF SHARE: AUTUMN UPDATE

If you're grieving the death of a family member or friend, you don't have to struggle through this painful experience alone. **GriefShare** offers comfort, encouragement, and practical advice from dozens of Christian counselors, pastors, and people like you who are learning how to move forward, with God's help, after the loss of a loved one. GriefShare groups meet for 13 weeks. Each weekly session consists of a video lesson, group discussion, and a few brief workbook exercises.

This month, the following groups will start meeting **in person** in **Naples**. Click on the links below to learn more and register for the one of your choice:

[Thursdays at 5:00 PM \(beginning September 8\)](#), or

[Wednesdays at 3:30 PM \(beginning September 14\)](#).

(In-person groups should provide a workbook at your first meeting.)

If you'd prefer to attend meetings from the comfort of your own home, there's an **online** group on [Tuesdays at 7:00 PM \(beginning September 6\)](#).

(If you join an online group, you can get your workbook sooner if you pick one up from the church office here at Wesley.)

If none of these groups fit your schedule, you can find other options by visiting www.griefshare.org or calling **1(800) 395-5755**.





MARCO DEMENTIA RESPITE
an Oasis Program

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All Systems Go – Prepared for Launch!

The Marco Dementia Respite program (“MDR”), Wesley’s newest ministry, is “all systems go” and ready to launch on Monday, September 12, 2022. The program will be held every Monday from 10:30am – 2:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

The response to the MDR program has been overwhelming; we are well-staffed with volunteers and well-prepared for Opening Day, where we will be at or near our capacity of 14 program participants. We anticipate that we will activate a waiting list once the program is full, in hopes that later this year or early next year, we can add a second program day if there is enough need and if we have the resources to support it.

The Operations Team, headed by Chris Stroud, has been very busy these last few months getting the programs, processes and procedures in place. This past month, you may have seen many new faces passing through Wesley’s office as Operations team members and MDR’s Clinical Social Worker, Mary Beth Schrowang, interviewed and assessed potential program candidates and got to know more about them and their caregivers. Clarke Pollard from Alzheimer’s Support Network and Mary Beth led a four-hour Training session for volunteers on August 8, where he explained some of the science behind Alzheimer’s/dementia and illustrated some valuable tips and techniques to use when dealing with participants suffering from forms of dementia. Volunteers also recently attended a two-hour Orientation session on August 29th, facilitated by Mary Beth and Volunteer Coordinator, Denise Rose, to understand the program flow, get familiar with the facilities, and prepare for the upcoming Opening Day. Wade Mudinger attended the Always There Home Health Care training, and he will be serving MDR as the designated Health Aide.

In conjunction with the MDR launch, Rev. Daphne and Retired Fire Chief Murphy will be meeting with the participants’ caregivers in hopes to establish an ongoing caregiver support group. We anticipate this group will meet monthly and evolve based on the type of support needed by the group of caregivers. Rev. Daphne and others will also be available to meet individually with caregivers who request one-on-one support.

The MDR Advocate group, led by Tim Rose, Chairman of the MDR Board, has been busy getting MDR publicity in local newspapers and events and orchestrating several fundraising events. Special thanks also to Rev. Daphne, Josh Baudin, Jean Cholka, and other members of the MDR Board of Directors, the MDR Advocate group, and the Operations team for all the hard work to help make MDR a reality!

MDR is Wesley’s Mission Moment for September. Please plan to join us in person or online for Wesley’s Sunday service on September 11, where Rev. Daphne will lead the congregation in a Special Blessing of the MDR ministry in preparation of the September 12 launch date.

If you want to learn more about the MDR program, please contact Chris Stroud (ChrisLStroud@gmail.com; cell: 305-479-3023).

(See photos on the next page)





Tim Rose, MDR Chairman of the Board



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MDR Volunteer Training on August 8, 2022



**Clarke Pollard –Trainer from
Alzheimers Support Network**



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/10 Kathleen Schneider
09/13 Debbie Roddy
09/14 Joshua Baudin
09/14 Erland Stevens
09/14 Janet Wetzel
09/18 Dane Stretton
09/18 Carol Wood
09/25 Maria Teresa Landoskey
09/29 Kristin Baudin
09/29 Bill Flasche



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



09/10 Darrell & Florita Graf
09/26 Hollie & Ernest Dagata
09/30 Michael & Wanda Erickson



Monthly Giving Update 2022



	<u>June</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Budget	\$ 20,765	\$ 238,480
Actual	\$ 16,924	\$ 197,451

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LOVE People*

*Walk Together in
The Way of Jesus*



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OCTOBER WESLEY WAVE

Newsletter Deadline

- ALL entries must be **SENT to the Church FIRST** : office@wesleymarco.org

- ♦ 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**.

- ♦ **WAVE deadline for the October issue is:**

Fourth Monday of September
(September 26)

- ♦ Please plan accordingly.



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