



## Wesley United Methodist Church - Marco Island

*In every change, in every falling leaf there is some pain, some beauty.*

*And that is the way new leaves grow.*

(Indian author – Amit Ray)

Change, I believe that is an on-going theme in life but especially for us, at present, here at Wesley United Methodist Church. We are crossing over into a new year, 2022. Much will remain the same but things will also change. Rev. Bill has moved on to a different appointment and I have joined with you in ministry as your pastor. Much will remain the same but things will also change. We at Wesley are looking at what ministries God is calling us into in this new season. To stay relevant and vital ministry is ever changing. So, much will remain the same but things will also change.

Change is constant in life so you would think humanity would embrace it wholeheartedly but we don't. Change is daunting. Most of us like habit and routine, these things are comfortable. This is why some churches have found themselves split over whether the carpet in the fellowship hall should remain red or be changed to blue. It really has nothing to do with which may look better. Both would be fine, it is usually because of what has always been, what is comfortable. I understand this, I like what I can rely upon, the constants in life. But, the truth is nothing is forever, life puts us through change. Even though this can be uncomfortable it can also be exciting. I am sure some of you are wondering about this pastoral change. You might be a bit nervous. I am nervous because it is change and change makes us vulnerable. But, more than nervous I am excited and I hope that you are as well. I am excited about the ministry and service into which God will lead us. I am excited about the new ministries Wesley is already looking into. I am excited about reaching out to folks within our community. I am excited to join with you in making disciples of Jesus Christ through loving God, loving people and walking together in The Way of Jesus.

Change isn't easy but the Word of God is constant. Upon this we can rely.

*Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

(Is. 43:18-19)

God is inviting all of us to join together in the new thing God is doing at Wesley, on Marco Island, within the greater community and beyond. I look forward to serving in ministry with you. I will arrive at the parsonage on January 11 and I will join with you in worship for the first time on January 16. See you soon.

Shalom,

*Rev Daphne*



# WORSHIP AT WESLEY

**OUR GOAL IS TO LIVE A LIFE OF WORSHIP. TO HELP DEVELOP THE PRACTICE, WE HAVE SOME SPECIFIC EXPERIENCES DESIGNED TO UNITE US IN THE PRACTICES OF SEEING, LOVING, AND FOLLOWING GOD.**

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP \* SUNDAYS \* 10 AM**

A service designed to unify God's people. We utilize a variety of styles of music and liturgical components in this service.

## **THE TABLE \* 1ST/3RD WEDNESDAYS \* 5:30 PM**

The Table is a "family reunion" style gathering with great food, singing, and reflection. The atmosphere is dynamic and full of LOVE.



# JANUARY 2022 Sunday Scriptures



January 2, 2022 Mary's Story  
Matthew 2:1-12

January 9, 2022 Jesus' Baptism and Genealogy  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



January 16, 2022 Taking Up the Mantle of Leadership  
II Kings 2:6-14, Luke 24:44 (Communion)

We are in the midst of change.  
But, through the agency of the  
Holy Spirit we will be empowered by  
this change and will carry forth the mission of the church to make  
disciples for the transformation of the  
world.



January 23, 2022 God's GPS  
Luke 4:14-21

God has given us a GPS of sorts. God has shown us our destination, our mission. If we are open to being empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit we will achieve these goals.

January 30, 2022 A More Excellent Way  
I Corinthians 13:1-13

Paul reminds us that of all the gifts of the Holy Spirit the most important is love. It is this love that must guide our work and our interactions.



# ***Wesley —In-Person and Online***

***wesleymarco.org/watch***

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)**  
**(Before/After Service) Coffee Fellowship Time (Gathering Place)**  
**10:40ish Children's Formation/Sunday School (In-person)**  
**11:00 am Adult Formation/Sunday School (In-person and Zoom)**

Monday - **10:00 am Rebecca's Balance Boosters Fitness (Gathering Place)**

Tuesday – **9:00 am Tuesday Community (Office)**  
**9:00 am-1:00 pm MMO (Mother's Morning Out)**  
**11:00 am Tai Chi (Gathering Place)**  
**3:00 pm Book Group (Office)**  
**4:30 pm Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)**

Wednesday -**9:00 am-1:00 pm MMO (Mother's Morning Out) (Fellowship Hall)**  
**10:00 am Rebecca's Balance Boosters Fitness (Gathering Place)**  
**3:00 pm Worship Team (Sanctuary)**  
**4:00 pm Music Rehearsal (Sanctuary)**  
**5:00 pm January 19 THE Table**  
**(In-Person in Fellowship Hall or online )**

Thursday- **9:00 am-1:00 pm MMO (Mother's Morning Out) (Fellowship Hall)**  
**10:00 am UMW Bible Study (call for location)**  
**11:00 am Tai Chi (Gathering Place)**  
**5:30– 6:30 pm Line Dancing (Fellowship Hall)**

Friday- **10:00 am Rebecca's Balance Boosters Fitness (Gathering Place)**

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

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

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

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



# Update Your Address Book

*Some of our email addresses have changed*



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**My name is ...**

## NEW Nametags



Hello Wesley,

This season of transition is a great time to update our church name tags. Sure, name tags are used at church to help us get to know one another, but they help us engage the community more fully.

Wearing your name tag at Wesley's off-campus service opportunities or your favorite breakfast spot after church can spark a conversation.

Because these name tags are helping us to represent Wesley in the community, they will be produced by a local vendor in Naples. The design is a simple, white 1 x 3 rectangle with rounded edges. Your name will be at the top of the tag, and our church name will be at the bottom.

We ask that you pay the \$8 cost to produce the name tag.

If this is beyond your means, we have you covered. Just let us know by emailing [info@wesleymarco.org](mailto:info@wesleymarco.org) or calling 239-394-3734 ext 2.

# SOUTH BEACH CLEANUP

Wednesday, Jan 5 | 9 AM



## **GOD IS ON THE MOVE AT WESLEY... YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN 2022!**

As we look forward to 2022, we would like to ensure that Wesley Marco continues to move forward with its ministries. Although many who attend Wesley are “seasonal” folks, Wesley Marco is a full-time year-round church. It takes a lot of resources, both people and finances, to keep it running smoothly all year. Wesley cannot exist without a strong stewardship commitment from our entire Wesley family. Please prayerfully consider increasing your time, talents, and resources provided to Wesley in 2022.

As we begin planning for 2022, we have identified areas where your help is needed. Please review the list below, pray about it, and identify the areas where you think your time, talents, and resources could best be utilized. Each area lists the name(s) of someone to contact if you would like to learn more or sign up for a specific area. You can also email [info@wesleymarco.org](mailto:info@wesleymarco.org) and mention the specific areas that you would like to learn more about.

### ***Communication and Engagement [Josh Baudin]***

- Proofread Wesley publications
- Take Photos or Videos at Events
- Be part of the Communication Team to identify areas that need more communication
- Write articles
- Help identify opportunities for local publicity
- Assist with New Member classes
- Help new attendees feel “at home” at Wesley

### ***Congregational Care [Nanette Moll]***

- Send cards for birthdays, anniversaries, get-well wishes (Currently staffed)
- Visit ill members and shut-ins
- Deliver Communion to those unable to attend services
- Help cook or plan meals for ill members and shut-ins
- Drive shut-ins to appointments or run errands for them

### ***Children and Youth [Josh Baudin]***

- Assist with Mother’s Morning Out (MMO) – readers and assistants
- Attend Youth Groups and Events – provide conversation and/or food
- Help with the “Go Kids” initiative

### ***Fellowship [Marty Roland/Jean Cholka/Wanda Erickson]***

- Help set up or tear down coffee/snack station on Sundays
- Provide snacks and/or food for Sunday coffee station
- Provide food for The Table on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays
- Help with planning special Fellowship events

### ***Worship Support [Bob Cholka/Chris Stroud]***

- Help prepare and serve Communion on Sunday mornings
- Greet or serve in the Welcome booth on Sunday mornings
- Offer to record a video testimonial related to your faith, stewardship, or God’s work in your life
- Assist in the AV/Tech area on Sunday mornings or Wednesdays at The Table or special events
- Share your musical talents (instruments, voice)

### ***Maintenance [Al Schneider]***

- Help maintain the buildings and the grounds
- Perform minor repairs, as needed
- Pressure wash, as needed

### ***Office [Nanette Moll]***

- Help answer phones
- Help with special mailings
- Help with general administrative tasks, as needed
- Assist with preparations for special events

### ***Missions/Outreach [Mike Erickson/Sue Miller/Nancy Harrar]***

- Help promote the Be Kind initiative
- Volunteer at Our Daily Bread Food Pantry
- Assist with Camp Able planning and onsite activities
- Participate in Wesley’s Beach Clean-ups
- Help identify needed Senior Services on Marco Island
- Support Wesley’s Missions with your time, talents, and resources  
(Habitat, Guatemala, Children’s Home, Grace Place, St. Matthew’s House)

### ***Financial***

- Support Wesley financially with your tithes and offerings



# **God Was On the Move at Wesley – 2021!**

We asked our people to help us remember what we have done over the past year. It is amazing how many people who are not involved still think that the church is “shut down”! That is DEFINITELY not true!

We here at Wesley Marco have been active, beyond just Sunday morning! These are some of the ways that we have been in ministry:  
**Serving Wesley Family**

Bible studies, prayer groups, small groups, and Sunday School continued – in-person and online  
Reading with Mother’s Morning Out children  
Youth ministries at church and at local gathering places  
Youth attended Busch Gardens youth ministry event  
Held multiple New Members groups; took in New Members  
Began The Table on Wednesday evenings as a “Fresh Expression” – including a meal  
Women's night out – 17 attended of all ages  
Hosted “Trunk or Treat” and Camp Able Dance  
Facilitated online coffee hour and in-person coffee hour on Sunday and Tuesday  
Photo opportunity in Gathering Place on Easter with flowers decorating the cross  
Card ministry to Homebound members  
Cards and phone calls for Birthdays and Anniversaries  
Impromptu car parade on prom night for ill student who couldn't attend  
Maintained Worship services with music while we have very few musicians and singers  
Had a bell choir (consisting mostly of novices!)  
Greeted attendees on Sunday with fewer volunteers  
“Christmas Star” viewing at church, with a telescope!  
Developed high-quality online service streaming, utilizing our own website and Facebook  
Provided home-made bread for Communion and distribute to congregation each week  
Created and published “Wesley Weekly” and a monthly newsletter  
One-Call system to provide telephone updates for our people

## **Administrative and Maintenance Needs**

Painted the exterior of our church – including cross!  
Refreshed landscaping in front of church office  
Rewired and updated new cable for internet, phone and streaming and updated website  
Applied for and received a Ware grant for our AV needs  
Successfully applied for a PPP loan  
Continual maintenance of the building and grounds  
Initiated an MMO Advisory Committee to nurture and support our MMO ministry  
Held leadership meetings to determine the viability of Wesley continuing to serve as a fruitful UM church  
Paid our apportionments, bills and remain debt-free  
Maintained CDC and Conference COVID protocols  
Emailed a survey regarding preferences and updated records based on responses  
Hired a new preschool director (second generation Wesley member)

## **Serving the Community**

Provided MMO (Mother’s Morning Out), started an MMO Scholarship, and restarted Parent’s Night Out  
Hosted Camp Able  
Hosted a Blood Drive  
Youth group and members participated in a Beach Clean Up Day  
Began exploration of possible Senior Center, MMO upgrades and Go Kids as expanded ministries  
Hosted first streaming of community Thanksgiving Service  
Offered: Tai Chi classes, Line Dancing lessons and exercise classes and an Easter Egg hunt  
Established Be Kind initiative (thank you cards, window clings, signs, rocks, shells, pantry donations)  
Supported: St. Matthew’s House; Habitat for Humanity; Grace Place; Our Daily Bread Food Pantry  
Began knitted prayer cloth ministry  
Offered space to Our Daily Bread for their administration needs  
Provided a beautiful memorial service for a homeless man on the island and paid for his end of life expenses and a reception  
Provided Christmas gifts to elementary students in need

## **Serving the World**

Supported Guatemala students and mission  
Supported UMCOR needs – hurricane relief, floods, rebuilding efforts  
Supported Methodist Children’s Home  
Supported Cuban pastor and church  
Provided online services - website and Facebook - in addition to in-person gatherings on Sundays and Wednesdays  
Paid world-wide Methodist Missions (Apportionments) in full  
Participated in Annual Conference of Florida





# THE BOOK OF JOY

## Book of Joy: A Book Group

**Tuesdays • Church Office • 3:00 PM**

Two great spiritual masters, the 14th Dali Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu share their own hard-won wisdom about living with joy even in the face of adversity.

**Together, we will wonder about their thoughts.**

Everyone is welcome to our 7-week group, Tuesdays at 3 PM beginning January 4th.

Books are available in the Church Office for \$22 or can be ordered from Amazon (don't forget to set Wesley as your preferred charity on Amazon Smile).

As always, don't let cost get in the way of joining us.  
Just say the word, and we have you covered.



# LUNCH WITH FRIENDS OVER 60

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 DOORS  
OPEN AT  
11:00 A.M.  
MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**LUNCH PROVIDED BY:  
SANDBAR RESTAURANT**

**COST - FREE**

**CALL TO RESERVE A SPACE -  
706-566-8532 OR EMAIL  
[LUNCHWITHFRIENDSMARCO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LUNCHWITHFRIENDSMARCO@GMAIL.COM)**

**ONLY 125 SPACES AVAILABLE**

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



**Our Daily Bread  
Food Pantry**

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# Mother's Morning Out

## JANUARY 2022



Dear Wesley Friends,

I feel blessed that we have made it safely and soundly through these last six months and to the end of the 2021 calendar year since I became Director of MMO after our Beloved Miss Pam retired. Without the wonderful support of the M.M.O. staff and our extended "Church Office Staff Family", we would not have had such a smooth transition here at school. We ended our Holiday Season with an amazing Christmas Program from our 3-4 year old class. If you were unable to attend, please log onto the WUMC Facebook page to view the live stream video. It will get you in the Christmas spirit

We are excited to see what the New Year 2022 holds for us here at Mother's Morning Out! We hope to see you all around and continue our journey of growing together!

For the New Year, we need some help for Wednesday pick up time.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call (239-330-6374) or  
email ([mmo@wesleymarco.org](mailto:mmo@wesleymarco.org)) Ms. Claire.

(PS-NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR MS CLAIRE AT MOTHERS MORNING OUT!)

See you January 4, 2022!

**God Bless,**  
**Claire Orgass, Director M.M.O.**  
[mmo@wesleymarco.org](mailto:mmo@wesleymarco.org)





# GRIEF RECOVERY IS NOT ABOUT "MOVING ON", BUT "MOVING FORWARD".

**A Brand-New Year is a Great Time to Begin Your Journey Toward Healing with GriefShare.**

If you're grieving the death of a family member or friend, you don't have to struggle through this painful experience alone. GriefShare provides comfort, encouragement, and practical advice from dozens of Christian counselors, pastors, and people like you who are learning to rebuild their lives, with God's help, after the loss of a loved one. Each session consists of a video lesson, group discussion, and a few brief workbook exercises (to do at home).

A new 13-week **GriefShare group** will be meeting (in person) every **Wednesday at 10 AM** (starting **January 19**) at **Marco Presbyterian Church**. You can learn more and register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/140847>.

They will also be hosting a "**GriefShare: Loss of a Spouse**" seminar (specifically for widows and widowers) the previous Wednesday (**January 12**), also at **10 AM**. See <https://www.griefshare.org/loss/events/4375> for details and registration information.

If these don't fit your schedule, there are other groups and seminars that will be meeting in person in Naples. If you'd prefer to participate online, you can choose options from farther away, as well. Find these and other helpful resources by visiting <https://www.griefshare.org> or calling **1(800) 395-5755**.

## **Donations to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)**

### **Tornado Relief**



We ask you to pray and consider the UMCOR disaster relief response for those in Kentucky and middle America who suffered the extraordinary losses of recent tornadoes.

**UMCOR number 901670 will route your gift to its proper impact.**



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



01/03 Gary Grisko  
01/05 Chuck Lawson  
01/09 Gary Bymaster

01/09 Ronald Hasler  
01/11 Cheryl Moore  
01/12 Diane Drevs  
01/15 Sue Miller  
01/20 Eileen Carlsen  
01/21 Ellen Morgenstern  
01/21 Patricia Parsons  
01/26 Rebecca Ruth Gill  
01/26 Shirley Stamp

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

01/10 Bill & Syondra Cox  
01/16 Vance & Susan Neal  
01/17 Jim & Betty Larson  
01/23 Joshua & Kristin Baudin  
01/23 Chuck & Linda Lawson



## Monthly Giving Update: 2021

### November Year-to-Date

Budget	\$ 32,555	\$ 394,655
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Actual	\$ 26,133	\$ 345,984
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### tithes & offering

Worship the Lord in Giving



### THREE WAYS TO GIVE

#### 1 CHECK OR CASH

mail to 350 S. Barfield Marco Island, FL 34145 or drop in box when in-person services resume

#### 2 GIVE ONLINE

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



### AmazonSmile

Thanks to customers shop at [AmazonSmile](#), everyday purchases generated over **\$200 million** in donations to charities worldwide so far.

Track [your AmazonSmile impact](#) at any time.

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



# Wall Plaque Presented to Rev. Bill and Kim “God’s Hand”



**New address for Rev. Bill and Kim:**

**Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Bill Fisackerly  
27856 Carl Circle  
Bonita Springs FL 34135**



**Marco Island Sunset December 31, 2021**



# Wesley UMC, Marco

*LOVE God  
LOVE People*

*Walk Together in  
The Way of Jesus*



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## WESLEY STAFF

Pastor.....	Rev. Daphne Johnson
Office Manager.....	Nanette Moll
Financial Secretary .....	Gail Gates
Christian Education Director.....	Joshua Baudin
Communications Director.....	Joshua Baudin
MMO Director .....	Claire Orgass
Custodian.....	Claire Orgass
Audio-Visual Technician. ....	Matt Conley

## FEBRUARY WESLEY WAVE

### Newsletter Deadline

- ALL entries must be **SENT to the Church FIRST :**  
[office@wesleymarco.org](mailto: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**.
- **Cambria 12** for Headlines and **Cambria 9** for text. (NOT in all Caps)
- **WAVE deadline is**  
**Third Monday of January**  
**(January 17)**
  - Please plan accordingly.
  - THANK YOU and God bless.



Newsletter Editor—Kathleen Schneider

