



The Wesley Window

Take a *Look* Inside!

The Pastor's Corner



Greetings in the matchless and mighty name of Jesus! It has been one year since I arrived here and what a great time it has been. I am so wondrously blessed to be the proud pastor of the great Wesley United Methodist

Church. We have done some good things in one year. (It seems that it has been longer than a year.) Time sure does fly when you are having fun. I look forward to many productive years here at Wesley. I am grateful for the opportunity to be here and to be surrounded by a wonderful congregation. In one year we have done so good things. We have improved our sound quality with new sound equipment, projector and screen, monitors, and a revamped music ministry. Worship attend-

ance has improved by 40%. Outreach and Inreach ministries have impacted our congregation and community. Bible study participation is great. The financial giving is up. But more importantly, our Youth Ministry is doing a great job engaging the youth. The youth have really bonded because of the various activities they have sponsored. I thank God for every ministry leader and church officer. We could not do what we do without your servant leadership.

Charles A. Woolery, Sr.

The 2014 Taste of Wesley

On Saturday, July 19, 2014, we had our annual evangelism event called "The Taste of Wesley". It was held outdoors in the church parking lot. The purpose was to

host a fun-filled, family-friendly, faith-promoting, and community-building event. We had a great time in the LORD. Everything went according to plan. We

had good attendance; the food was great; the Christian entertainment was uplifting; the children and youth had fun; and the fellowship with our neighbors was

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Wesley's 3rd Annual Jazz Luncheon

Wesley, we did it again! Our 3rd Annual Jazz Luncheon, which was held on Saturday, April 26 at Georgios in Orland Park, was a hit. We had a wonderful time with our Wesley Family and friends. The weather was sunny, the music was outstanding, the food was delicious, and most importantly, the fellowship was uplifting for the more than 600 people present. How do we know? Many of you and our guests have told us! It is amazing what we can do when we

come together for the common purposes of evangelizing to others and letting our light shine so that others see our good works. The proceeds from this successful event will be used to build Wesley's mission of reaching out to others.

Thank you, Wesley. Now, let us stay strong in Jesus Christ and move Wesley to even greater service.

Stay tuned! We are planning a 4th Annual Jazz Luncheon for Spring



2014 Jazz Luncheon Committee

Vacation Bible School 2014

Over the years, churches have used Vacation Bible School as a fun, low-pressure evangelism tool. Many adults today can attest to the fact that VBS was where they first learned about Jesus Christ, resulting in their salvation. Vacation Bible School is a good way to reaffirm the commitment of God's

people through the centuries: "...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord" (*Psalms 78:4*).

Wesley's Vacation Bible School.
July 18—August 1, 2014, from 6—8 p.m. Register Today!

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Changes in the Sanctuary Space

There have been some changes in the sanctuary space. Mainly we have made some changes to the pulpit lectern by taking the "platform" off of it so now it sits directly on the floor. We have centralized the pulpit lectern so that the speaker is in the center of the pulpit and

not to the side. We have moved the altar table because of the space limitations. It was taking up too much space and with the candles being so close to the edge of the table it became a danger. I was fearful of a candle falling on me and igniting my robe. That would have been

a problem.

When the space is renovated and we attempt to make more room up there, there is a possibility that the altar will be put back. It just depends on how we configure the space.

Building Committee Updates

The permits for our Renovation Project have been submitted and are at City Hall. We will know our start date for renovating in several weeks. I know it has been a long process but there is light at the end of the tunnel. When the renovation



Workers in the Sanctuary

does begin the plan is to start with the Fellowship Hall and stairwell. Once the Fellowship Hall is completed we will then move worship downstairs until the upstairs, e.g., the sanctuary, office space, and overflow, is com-

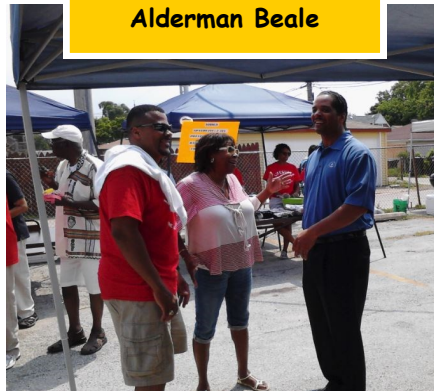
pleted. Some good news is that our digital sign is being fabricated and should be installed in 5 weeks. More updates will follow and we thank you for your patience. We thank the Building Committee for their hard work and dedication in seeing this project through.

The 2014 Taste of Wesley

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excellent. We thank every volunteer who helped to plan the event and also work it. We thank everyone who came out and invited others to come out as well. God truly blessed our efforts. Thank you to the Planning Committee (and sub-committees) for

Pastor Woolery with Alderman Beale



all of your hard work. Thank you to the United Methodist Men and Women for all of your hard work also. We look forward to doing it again next year.

Financial Matters

We are in the summer months and typically people go on vacation. We want you to go on vacation and enjoy family reunions. However, we have to remind you that the church still needs and expects your tithes and offerings. Ministry still goes on even when you go

on vacation. We are asking that you remember to leave your tithes and offerings with the church before you go on vacation or pay them on-line. Although we may take a vacation, the work of the Lord never takes a vacation. We do not want our offerings to dip in

the summer months. Let's remember our church even in the summer months. God is first! Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

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**"The Church with the
Warm Heart"**

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Wesley United Methodist Church is to make disciples by Evangelizing to God's People, Empowering members for ministry, and Engaging the community through service.

Our Vision Statement

The vision of Wesley United Methodist Church is to be a beacon of hope and love, and a source of inspiration and spiritual growth, within the community.

Congregational Concerns

Our church family has been hit with a wave of deaths since the last church newsletter. We ask for continued prayers for the following families: Lidell Magee, Rhonda Smith-Leach, Faye Smith, Mydia Barker, Mark & Cindy Tolliver, Ron Mills, LaRue Grizzard, Mary McCullom, Henry Stephens, and Carnice Carey.

We ask that you continue to pray daily for those members on the Sick and Shut-in list.

The prayers of the righteous availeth much.

I want to thank the faithful women who make up the Repast Committee and who plan and serve our church dinners. They do an awesome job every time they are called upon. They are Yvonne Wormsby, Shirley Adams, Edith Belisle, Julia Porter, Yvonne Darden, Catherine Hudson, Betty Jenkins,



Pray without ceasing...
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Monique Howard, Mydia Barker, and those who I have forgotten to mention. You all are an asset to our church and provide great ministry.