



## WESLEY MEMORIAL UMC UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES & PRAYER CONCERNS October 10, 2018

On Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> we finish our **five-week sermon series on the book of James**. Through history, James' work has been a source of controversy because salvation is by grace through faith, not because of our own accomplishments. But what James teaches us is what faith that works looks like. This will be a great opportunity for us to think deeply about how we should live out our faith!

**Michael Rodgers** will once again be sharing his incredible voice in worship on Sunday, October 21. Spread the word and make plans to be part of this special service!

On Sunday, October 28, we will observe "**All Saints' Sunday**" during our worship service. This is the time each year when we name and remember all the saints of our church who have died since our last observance of All Saints' Sunday. It has been a difficult year here at Wesley Memorial, with the loss of many saints, and we are expecting many family members to worship with us on that day. To that end, we will offer a small, "finger foods" reception in the Gathering Point after worship. If you are willing to provide some finger food dish (cucumber sandwiches, nuts, etc.), please sign up and list your dish on the sheet on the bulletin board by the office.

Mike McAfee is collecting **coats for the homeless** again this year. If you have new or used winter coats that you would like to donate and will put them in the closet in the Gathering Point, they will be picked up, periodically, and distributed.

**CALEB** (Chattanoogaans in Action for Love, Equality, and Benevolence) needs your help in establishing a community bail fund to help people awaiting trial. Statistics show that sixty percent of the people awaiting trial will be found innocent. However, those who cannot afford bail are effectively jailed for being poor. A public meeting will be held at First Centenary UMC on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30pm to discuss progress and goals. If you have an interest in this, more complete information is posted on the bulletin board in front of the church office.

The Scenic South District (our District), will be hosting four of our delegates (voting members) to the special General Conference on Sunday afternoon, October 21, 3:30pm, at Christ United Methodist Church (8645 E Brainerd Road). The delegates will give information about the General Conference and the proposals for a "**Way Forward**," and they will be available to answer questions. (If you are unable to attend the session on October 21, another will be held at Ooltewah UMC on Saturday, November 10, at 10:00am.)

Sip&Seek Coffee Bible Study has just begun their Fall discussions by studying "A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place" by Beth Moore. This group meets in the Library every Thursday from 10-12noon to discuss guided weekly study questions, pray, serve and fellowship. Everyone is invited to join us as we open our hearts for what God has to teach us as a group and as individuals. Contact Jane Newman for more information. [cre8dzins@gmail.com](mailto:cre8dzins@gmail.com)

The Sisters are currently studying "Psalm 23, The Shepherd With Me." In this 7-session study by Jennifer Rothschild, gain fresh insight and encouragement from Psalm 23. Explore the depths of God's compassionate care while debunking the self-reliance myth. Learn how your vulnerability is not a liability because you can trust the Shepherd's goodness throughout each season of life. Please see Pam Varnell if you are interested in participating in this study.

The HOPE Sunday School Class is currently studying the book of Exodus with the goal of "Looking for Jesus in Exodus." We are discussing the book verse by verse to learn what Jesus meant by "...And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the scriptures concerning himself..." (Luke 24:13-35). Everyone is welcome to join in this quest. The HOPE Class meets in the library beginning at 9:30am.

WiFi is available throughout the building. Login information is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the church office.

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**Current Prayer Concerns:**

The family and friends of Becky Sullivan, Steaven Rogers, The Owens Family (Friend of Pam Brooks), Janice Coleman, Alisha Borders (Friend of Karen Mansfield), Deane Barker, Fred Thomas (Friend of Pam Brooks), Steve & Susan Cox (Uncle & Aunt of Pastor Clair)



<b>ATTENDANCE &amp; OFFERING</b>	
<b>October 7, 2018</b>	
Morning Worship	46
Sunday School	32
Offering	
General Fund	\$ 7,471.00
UMCOR	<u>825.00</u>
Total	\$ 8,296.00