



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP

PAINT NIGHT

SCAN QR TO RSVP



FRIDAY MARCH 13 @7:00PM

Wesley Memorial UMC Fellowship Hall
6100 Memorial Highway, Tampa Florida 33615
ALL SUPPLIES PROVIDED!!!

TURN A T-SHIRT INTO A BLESSING.
Support our outreach ministries and make a difference—one shirt at a time. **\$20 each or Buy One, Give One for \$30.** Your second T-shirt will be donated to someone experiencing homelessness.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

For the month of February we are collecting **stuffed toys**. Please place your donations in cabinet in the conference room.

HOMELESS CLOTHING DONATIONS

Donate new or gently used clothing for our Homeless Ministry—especially warm-weather items. New socks and shoes are also welcome.

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Craft Ladies	Tues, 2pm - 5pm	Craft Room
Choir Rehearsal	Tues, 7pm - 8pm	Choir Room
Promiseland Children	Weds, 6pm-7:30pm	Promiseland Room
Bible Studies	Weds, 6:30-7:30pm	Conference Room
Needles Group	Thurs, 9am - 12pm	Craft Room
Men's Breakfast	Sat, 7am - 9am	FLC Fellowship Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rose Harper	02/23	Stewart Robb	03/05
Kathy Newlan	03/02	Donna Harris	03/08
Zahara Christie	03/03	Joe Rocci	03/12

WEDNESDAY EVENING
BIBLE STUDIES
GENESIS
WITH **CHARLIE DITTMAR**

6:30 PM - CONFERENCE ROOM

WOMEN OF WESLEY'S
SPRING
Craft Fair

SATURDAY • MARCH 14 • 9AM - 2PM

Enjoy hand made items, baked goods, second hand rose, and more!



6100 Memorial Highway | Tampa, FL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: MEDIA HELP

Are you looking for a way to become involved with Service? We are currently looking for technicians to learn ProPresenter, our on-screen program. No experience is needed and it's quite easy to learn. Our best techs are ready to teach and guide! No permanent commitment needed - maybe one Sunday per month. Please reply to Jean Rowe at 813.767.5264 or JKRI885@yahoo.com. Thank you.


GIVE TO WESLEY MEMORIAL UMC



- THERE ARE MULTIPLE WAYS TO GIVE:**
1. Online- wesleytampa.org/give/
 2. Text the word "donate" to 813-548-6100
 3. In Person: Drop in offering plate
 4. Mail: Mail donation to:
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HOPE

I N T H E
WILDERNESS

LENT 2026

MATTHEW 4:1-11

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2026

9:00 AM | 11:00 AM

Rev. Antonio Christie, Senior Pastor
6100 Memorial Highway, Tampa FL 33615
www.wesleytampa.org

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
ORDER OF WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

THANK YOU FOR SILENCING YOUR PHONE.
*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

GATHERING MUSIC “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” Jean Rowe

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In the beginning, God formed us with love and purpose—to tend what is holy, to live within God’s life-giving boundaries.

People: We belong to God, and we are not alone.

Leader: In the wilderness, voices get loud—fear, shame, scarcity, temptation.

People: But we will listen for God’s voice.

Leader: When the serpent whispers, “Did God really say...?”

People: We will hold fast to what God has spoken.

Leader: When the tempter offers quick fixes and empty power,

People: We choose the way of Jesus—trust, humility, and faithful obedience.

Leader: Come, Spirit of the living God. Tune our hearts in the valley.

People: We come to worship—clinging to God’s voice. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy and gracious God, You placed humanity in the garden to live in trust — to receive Your gifts with gratitude, to honor Your wisdom with obedience, to walk with You in the cool of the day. And yet we confess: we know the wilderness too. We know what it is to hear competing voices— the voice of fear that says we won’t have enough, the voice of shame that says we are not enough, the voice of scarcity that says we must take control, the voice of temptation that says there is an easier way. In this season of Lent, lead us again by Your Spirit — the same Spirit who led Jesus into the wilderness. Give us courage to face what is true, strength to resist what is false, and hope that grows deep when we cling to Your Word. Speak, Lord. Your servants are listening. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” UMH 358

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, In the garden, You invited us to trust You, but we reached for what You did not give. We believed the lie that You were holding out on us. We listened to voices that twisted Your goodness and we stepped outside Your life-giving way. In the wilderness of our lives, we confess: we chase quick answers instead of faithful patience; we feed our appetites instead of our souls; we grasp for control instead of leaning on Your care; we trade integrity for approval; we hide in shame instead of coming into Your light. Forgive us, O God. When we are tempted to doubt Your love, speak again. When

fear gets loud, quiet our hearts. When shame tells us to hide, call us by name. Teach us to cling to Your voice above every other voice — for we belong to You. Have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, who met the tempter with truth and walked the path of obedience for our sake. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE / PARDON

Beloved, hear the good news:
When we reach for fig leaves, God does not abandon us.
When we fail in the wilderness, God does not discard us.
In Jesus Christ, God meets us with mercy and makes a way forward. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Leader: Glory to God. **Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” UMH 420

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

***GLORIA PATRI**

OFFERTORY “The Mercy Tree” Jean Rowe, Piano

***PRESENTATION OF TITHES, AND OFFERINGS**

***DOXOLOGY**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of God, breathe on Your Word.
When we hear the stories of the garden and the wilderness, open our eyes to see ourselves with honesty, and open our hearts to see You with trust.
Make Your Word living and active in us today, so that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from Your mouth.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7 Christy Davis

ANTHEM “Here I Am to Worship” Chancel Choir

***NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Matthew 4:1–11

SERMON “Hope in the Wilderness” Rev. Antonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

For those wishing to become members in this congregation of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church either by profession of faith or transfer of church membership, please contact Rev. Antonio at antonio@wesleytampa.org.

***CLOSING HYMN** “How Great Thou Art” UMH 77

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Antonio Christie

CLOSING “Yours Is The Kingdom” Jean Rowe, Organ

MODERN WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 22, 2026 | 11:00 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING SONG

“Dessert Song” Faniel Pradel

OPENING PRAYER

***SINGING OUR PRAISE**

“Build My Life”

OFFERING

“In Christ Alone”

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rochelle Mock

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 2: 15–17; 3: 1–7

***SONG OF INVITATION**

“Trust in God”

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 4: 1–11

SERMON

Hope in the Wilderness Rev. Antonio Christie

CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION

PRAYER REQUESTS

We invite you to share your prayer needs or join us in praying for others. Please scan the QR code to submit your prayer requests or visit

wesleytampa.org/prayer-request



Thomas Wehr and Family
Shirley Gravlin
David Rose
Mary Lynne Fyda
Terri O’Neal
Christine & Jaymi
Linda and George Weiland

Karen Marotz
Marjorie Schramm
Christy and Steve
Sandra Dettori
Tom & Jane Cross
Faith Scheirer