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## Whittier First UMC

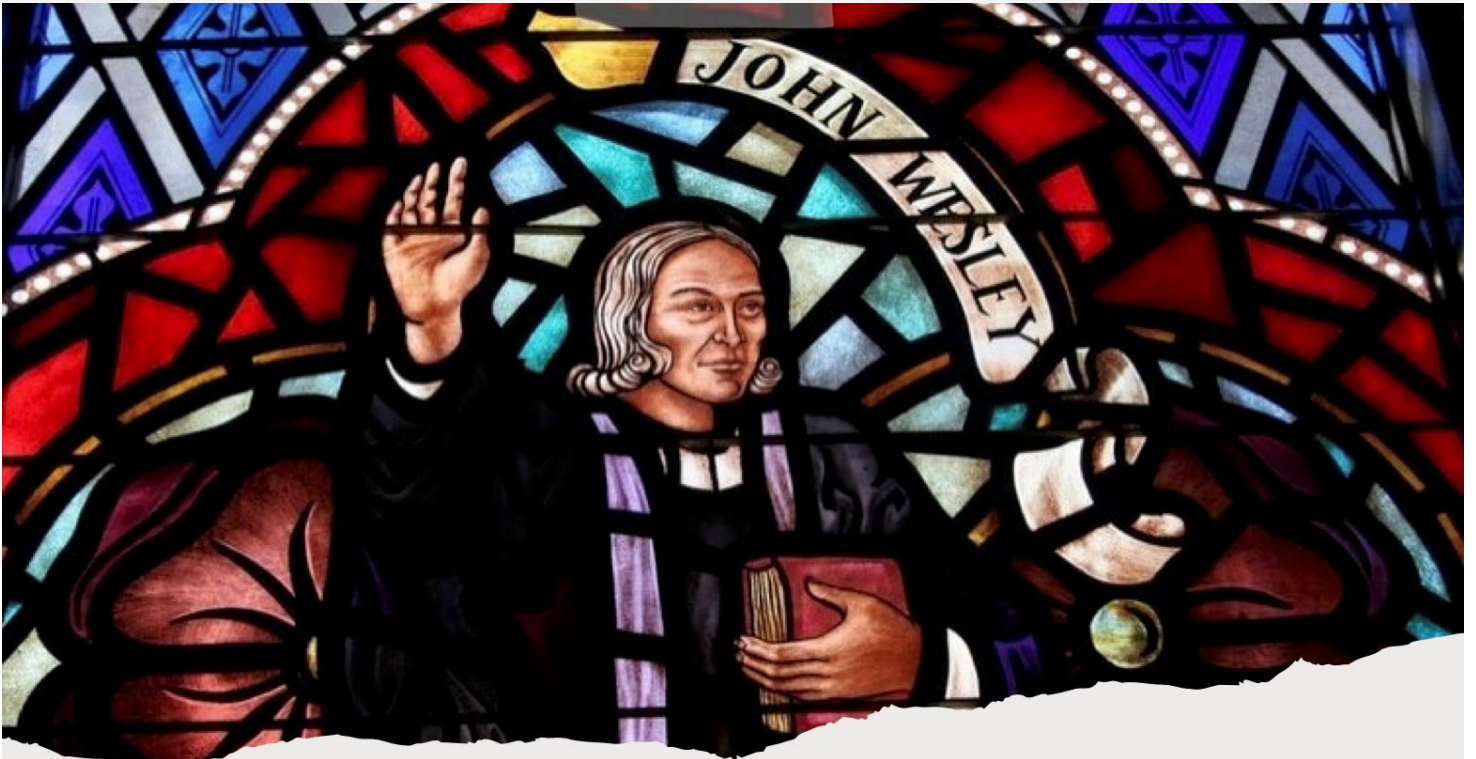
Good News for All...through learning, action, and love

**IN-PERSON & ONLINE Worship every Sunday @ 10am**

 **Whittier First United Methodist Church**

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*“What Does it Mean to be a United Methodist?”*

In the musical Jesus Christ Superstar Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, “What is truth?” For as long as humans have been able to ponder, we have been asking this question. Often we settle on an answer that works for us. But truth is often more complex than we admit. So do we throw up our hands in despair for lack of truth? Not at all. In the Methodist tradition, we do not define God’s truth as much as we provide a pathway to discern God’s truth. Join us this Sunday as we continue our sermon series “What it Means to be a United Methodist” as we will be learning about “Discerning God’s Truth.” -Pastor Jon

**In-Person & Online Worship**  
**Sunday, August 18, 2024 @ 10am**

*“Discerning God’s Truth” Matthew 13:10-16 Rev. Jon Wesley Waterson*

## COMING UP AT WHITTIER FIRST UMC

**Sun, 08.18.24**

8:30 am **M&M Challengers**  
Kraft Friendship Room

10 am **Traditional Worship**  
Sanctuary/Online

10:20 am **Children's Sunday School**  
Library

**Tues, 08.20.24**

5pm **Messy Church**  
Wesley Lounge

**Wed, 08.21.24**

9 am **Sew n Sew**  
Sewing Room (Admin 101)

7 pm **Finance Committee Meeting**  
Online

**Office Hours next week:**

M 10am-5pm, T 10am-2pm,

W 10am-2pm, Th 8:30am-5pm, F closed



August 18th-September 1st  
and October 6th-13th

Sign up for:

Overnight Monitors and Meal Donations

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**In-Person:**

Sunday, August 11, 2024: **49**

**Online (Facebook & YouTube):**

Sunday, August 4, 2024: **188**

**Rally Day:** Sunday, September 15th, at 11:30, in the Wesley Lounge and patio. Join us for freshly grilled tacos and fixings made to order, along with ice cream, and green salads as we celebrate choir and classes coming back. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend to church, invite someone back who's been absent, or "rally" your whole clan for festive fun, food, and fellowship. RSVPs helpful and donations accepted to cover the cost of the "Taco Guy", but don't let ANYTHING STOP you from coming anyway-- ALL ARE WELCOME AND WANTED!

**BLESSING of the BACKPACKS**  
Sunday, August 18th, during worship

**Beach Meet:** Calling all families, youth and young adults! Our annual outing to see sand and sea is Sunday, August 25th from after church until 10 p.m. Drop in whenever you can and stay as little or long as you like. We'll have a fire ring and saved space near Tower 17, right at the entrance to HUNTINGTON CITY BEACH (make sure you don't turn left off the Blvd. and go in the State Beach side.) Smore's stuff will be supplied, make sure to bring your own drinks, snacks/ meal towel and sunscreen. Swim and play in the sand in the day, youth and young adults are encouraged to join in singing and sweet snacking when the sun sets.