



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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December 9, 2018

A SEASON OF CELEBRATION

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS- December 9, 11:00 a.m.

This morning our 11:00 a.m. worship experience will be the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a service of Christian worship celebrating the birth of Jesus that is traditionally followed at Christmas. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, and choral music.

THE NATIVITY PAGEANT- Wednesday, December 12, 6:15 p.m.

This Wednesday night our children will share with us once again the story of the child who changed the world and more specifically changed you and me. The program will begin at 6:15 p.m. following our Wednesday night dinner. If you are coming to dinner and don't have a standing reservation, please make sure and make a reservation by calling or emailing the church office. This will be our last Wednesday night dinner until January 9.

**JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PROGRAM-
December 16, 4:30 p.m.**

Next Sunday at 4:30 our youngest children will present their Christmas program and music. There will be a dinner following the play, but you need to make a reservation by calling the church office.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICES

10:30 a.m.- Service of Word and Table

3:30 p.m.- Family Friendly, children-focused Communion Service

6:00 p.m.- Choir Special Music and 6:30 Communion Service



**Where There Is No Vision the People Perish
Proverbs 29:11**

The writer of Proverbs tells us that "where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:11) The vision in play is not some wild imagination of our own dreams and desires, but it is, instead, a picture of what it is like to follow our God. Advent provides us with a dedicated opportunity to focus our own visioning on those things that are essential to our living of the Faith we have in Jesus Christ. As we prepare for His coming again, we will focus on Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

A special thank you is extended to Sara Livingood whose calligraphy helps us envision our weekly themes as we light the candles of the Advent Wreath.

Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God by Alan Campbell for the life of M'Liss Williams, who through her walk of faith affected the lives of all who knew her for the better.

Administrative Board Meeting

The Administrative Board will meet tomorrow, Monday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. on the 4th floor of the Education Building in the Choir Room. As part of the agenda, the board will vote on the 2019 budget.

Messenger Brigade

The Messenger Brigade will meet this Thursday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205.

UMM December Meeting

The last United Methodist Men's dinner meeting of 2018 will be held on December 20, at 6:00 p.m. (SHARP) in the Fellowship Hall. This will be an open meeting, without any speaker, to enjoy a "wrap-up" of 2018, and the company of fellow members, guests, and friends. Come and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Suzanna King; cost is \$6. We welcome all to enjoy this great evening together.

Wesley Community Center

The United Methodist Women will be distributing the WCC Bags of Hope item lists and contribution envelopes on Sunday, December 23. Please return your contributions or items in your bag of choice to the church on Sunday, December 30. (Please place the bags on the Gordon Street side.) As always, your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Stewardship Update

Thank you to everyone who has turned in your estimate of giving cards for 2019. So far we have received 146 cards totaling \$915,164 in estimated giving for 2019. That compares to 175 cards totaling \$1,048,294 in commitments for 2018. You can return the card to the office in person or by mail, or fill it out online on our website.

A Year-End Reminder

All 2018 contributions to the church must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2018 in order to comply with IRS regulations regarding charitable deductions.

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Ellie Tardif

Docent: TBD

Offering Steward: Jerry Benson

Ushers: Bill Tedder, Josh Hayes

Greeters: Donna Benson, Pat Killewald

Children's Church: Laura Blake

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Adam Kobek

Docent: Valerie Vaughan

Acolytes: Lincoln Kraueter, Jed Thompson

Greeters: Joanne Faulk, Don & Vicki Teague

Offering Steward: Tim Mooney

Ushers: Brian West, Dan Bradley, Doug Carroll, Walton Carroll, Jake Coakley, Bob Cole, Bobby Lee, Sam Daniel, Andrew Dekle

Nursery: Infants: Meghan Scoggins Toddlers: Bethany Stearns

Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Ashley Gallegos, Lisa Goodman

Children's Worship K-3rd: Kelly Hagan, Jenny Byrd

Monica Dekle, Director of Music and Organist

Carol to Hospital and Cancer Patients

Volunteers are needed to carol to children and adults in the hospital and cancer unit at Memorial on December 20 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. All levels of singing skill are welcome! Sign up with Monica Dekle.

Cabaret for Craig

Date: Saturday, January 12, 2019 Time: 6:30 P. M.

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church. 10 W. 31st Street, Savannah

Wesley member Craig Hanson had a life-saving liver transplant on October 15. For 18 years Craig has taught 5th grade science at Isle of Hope Elementary where he has been teacher-of-the-year 3 times. For 11 years he has sung with the Wesley Choir.

Grab your flapper dresses and fedoras and join the Wesley Choir for a Roaring 20s Dinner Cabaret benefiting Craig. Dine on a three-course meal with wine, and feast your ears upon music from choir members including songs by Ella Fitzgerald and Nina Simone, as well as music from *Carmen*, *Cabaret*, and more!

Menu: Steak House Chopped Salad. Roast Filet of Beef with Marchand Sauce, Escalloped Potatoes, Haricots Verts, and Broiled Tomato. Home-made Chocolate Mousse with Cake Slice. Red and White Wine.

Tickets: \$100 donation. One hundred percent of your ticket price goes directly to Craig's account to pay his expenses. Tickets available: Craig.eventbrite.com, from Choir Members or Church Office

Carolyn Hale Cubbedge, Congregational Care

In Need of Angels

Our Epiphany Art Display in the Parlor of Oliver Hall will be December 30 and January 6. If you have an angel to display, please see Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Tiny House Open House

Thursday, December 13, 4:00 p.m., please arrive early to ride the shuttle from 761 Wheaton Street. Wesley will build 20 Tiny Houses and a medical clinic for homeless veterans, led by Wesley member, Nick Hitt. Please sign up for the Open House in advance with Nelle, 912-234-9245. Enjoy hot chocolate and tour a finished home; formal program at 4:00 p.m.

Charli Weeks, Director of Children's Ministry

Christmas Fun Day for Babies through Kindergarteners

On Saturday, December 15, the nursery will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for Christmas Fun Day! We enjoy having the children come and spend the day with us, and we hope all of their parents have some time to enjoy the Christmas season. We have lots of activities planned for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergarteners. We are providing lunch and plan to eat around noon. We'll make ornaments, bake cookies, play on the playground, and watch a Christmas movie. It is fine for the children to come for the whole day or for any part of the day. To register, send an email to charli@wesleymonumental.org with the time they will be arriving on the 15th.

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries

Preteens (4th & 5th Grade)

Mission & Fellowship Event, January 13

All 4th and 5th graders are invited to join us for a Mission & Fellowship gathering on January 13, following the 11:00 service. We will be making Valentines for our church's shut-ins.

Youth (6th—12th Grade)

Youth Christmas Party Tonight

Tonight is our annual Youth Group Christmas Party for all 6th-12th graders! Students are asked to bring a side dish or dessert, and a white elephant gift for our infamous white elephant gift exchange. You are also encouraged to dress in your best tacky Christmas sweater or outfit! There will be prizes for the best dressed.

Ski Retreat

Our annual ski retreat is February 7-10. We're going to Snowshoe, WV. The cost is \$350 per person and that includes ski rentals, lift tickets, meals at Snowshoe, and lodging.



A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (12/2/18)

8:45 A.M. Worship	96
11:00 A.M. Worship	335
Total Worship	431
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	133
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	XX

Finances: (12/2/18)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,868,620.10
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,582,078.17
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,678,633.28
Construction Loan Balance	\$491,066.53

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Ben Martin.....Senior Pastor	Daphne Burrows.....Administrative Assistant, Reception
Rev. Nelle Bordeaux.....Outreach and New Members	Jennifer Brookins.....Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Staff, Media Communications
Rev. Carolyn Hale Cubbedge.....Congregational Care	Suzanna King.....Director of Hospitality
Monica Dekle.....Director of Music and Organist	Nathaniel Legree.....Custodian
James P. Owens.....Director of Student Ministries	Betty Dudley..... Housekeeper
Charli Weeks.....Director of Children's Ministry	Micah Sprünger.....Wesley Gardens Property Manager
Jimmy Flowers.....Church Administrator	Kenneth Hayes.....Wesley Gardens Groundskeeper/Maintenance
Tom Anderson.....Financial Manager	

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The Sermon Extended:

Monday	Jeremiah 29:1-13	How am I seeking God?
Tuesday	Matthew 6:1-21	Am I seeking God through Spiritual disciplines?
Wednesday	Luke 7:18-30	Am I seeking Jesus through his on-going work in the world?
Thursday	Matthew 25:31-46	Am I seeking God in the least fortunate?
Friday	Hebrews 4:7-13	Am I setting aside time to rest and listen for God's voice?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We focus our prayers this week on Peace. May God help us to be the Peacemakers this world so desperately needs.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, December 9

- 8:45 A.M. Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 A.M. Coffee & Donuts, FH
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School
- 10:00 A.M. New Member Class, OH 205
- 11:00 A.M. Lessons & Carols, SNC
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Christmas Party, FH

Monday, December 10

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 5:30 P.M. Administrative Board Mtg,
4th Floor Choir Room

Tuesday, December 11

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Holland Hse
- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 9:00 A.M. Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 2:00 P.M. Prayer Comm. Mtg, OH
- 6:00 P.M. Scout Troop Pack 77, EB 3rd Flr

Wednesday, December 12

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 11:00 A.M. Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 12:00 P.M. Missions Comm. Mtg, OH 205
- 4:45 P.M. Call to Prayer, SNC
- 5:00 P.M. 4th/5th Grade Bible Study
- 5:30 P.M. Supper, FH
- 7:15 P.M. Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, December 13

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place
- 9:30 A.M. Sewing Class, OH Rm 310
- 10:00 A.M. Messenger Brigade, OH 205
- 12:00 P.M. Bible Study w/Nelle, Ruth's Chris
- 6:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship, OH

Friday, December 14

- 9:00 A.M. Eli's Place & Drop In Care
- 10:00 A.M. Docent Tours

Saturday, December 15

- 9:00 A.M. Christmas Fun Day, EB/FH
- 12:00 P.M. Alpha Fellowship Christmas Party, FH

Pastors on Call This Week

- Sunday (12/9) - Thursday (12/13)
Ben Martin912-547-1835
- Friday (12/14) & Saturday (12/15)
Nelle Bordeaux912-234-9245

Wednesday Night Supper (12/12)

Program: Nativity Pageant
Menu: Chicken Parmesan, Pasta,
Mixed Vegetables
Children: Pizza

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In Our Prayers.....

Stephanie Painter (daughter-in-law of Judi Painter), Jane Weldy, Ana Molero-Pullin, Anne Thompson, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Ann Ernst, Sara Ryan (sister of Becky Pullin), Diane Wells, Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Kathy Delaigle, Chad Kelly (friend of Robert McCorkle), Lily Marler, Joel Williams, Nicole Geen, Harriet Bland, Peggy Murphy, Mary Burnsed (mother of Marilyn Hitt), Craig Hanson, Les Wilkes, Cindy Murphy (daughter-in-law of Peggy Murphy), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), Jim Davis, George Vail, Carla Thomas, Spencer Davis, John Martin, Sr., Sid Boone, Caroline Moore, John McKissick (grandfather of Richard Call), Scott Hunter (son-in-law of Art and Sandra McGowen), Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Melissa Krawitz, George LeMay, Martha and Erv Sloan, Todd and Lauren Martin, Chad Jacobs Family, George Wickham (father of Kelly Hagan), Sherry Ingram, Vickie Coley (aunt of Will Coley), Jim Gietzen, Randy Warner, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Denise LeMay, Harley Anderson (infant son of David and Elizabeth Anderson), Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Ann Lott, Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Melinda Lanier, Toni Olds, Mark Thomas, Dick Wallace, Judy Freeman, Will Ronning, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenkel), Sandrae McCorkle, Vivian Wilson, Cheryl Richardson and Family, Nancy Beckmann, Richard Bartels, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Susan Clingman (cousin of Deanne Rimes), Sammy Reesman

At Home/Extended Care

Georgia Dickerson, Betty Murray, Bella Grace Bartels, Grace Bockes, Anne Chase, Becky Heckard, Hal Griner, Michael Mamalakis, Bobbie Mattox, Linda McKibben, Ryan Sailors, Betty Weeks, Lillian O'Donovan, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Jerred Pyles, Max Jackson, Ryan Davis, Matt Hepinstall, Justin Geen, Matthew Allen, Matt and Melinda Allen, Evan Townsend, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Justin Koenig, Joshua Laws, Rob Harless, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Whit Watts

In Sympathy....

Wick Searcy,
husband of Camille Searcy

The Washburn Family
on the death of Karen's sister,
Ruth Edenfield

Brian Allen
on the death of his mother,
Patricia Woods