



Membership/Missions

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Welcome, New Members!

Our next New Member Course will be January 5 and 12 at 10:00 a.m. both Sundays. Please call the church office to sign up, 912-232-0191. We are thankful the following joined during December.



Beth and Matt Linebarger and daughters, Lily and Harper Linebarger

Beth and Matt own a Savannah volleyball coaching company. Their daughter, Lily, age 6, attends J.G. Smith Elementary, and their daughter, Harper, age 2, attends Eli's Place. Already Lily is in the children's choir, which drew

their family to Wesley.

Shepherds: Elizabeth and Craig Delaney, Children's Shepherds: William and Thomas Delaney

Pew Hosts

The Evangelism Committee, chaired by Chris Donegan, is seeking Wesley members who want to greet guests in worship while sitting in their pews. Please just tell Chris or Nelle where you prefer to sit and which morning service you attend. What a great way to welcome guests!

Servanthood Sign-Up

Do you want to do one daily conscious act of servanthood? Please tell Nelle, 234-9245, or tbordeaux@prodigy.net, and you will receive a weekly email of encouragement with a Bible verse and an example of servanthood.

Homeless Breakfast

Saturday, January 25, 7:45 a.m., meet at East Gordon Street church entrance, please sign up in advance on Perfect Potluck, last name Wesley Monumental, password 7385. Please sign up in advance so we don't duplicate breakfast items. Needed are dark socks, batteries (AA, AAA, or D sizes), cooking oil, bicycle inner tube accessories, gloves, and warm men's jackets.

Tithe Your Time

The Bible explains the concept of a "tithe" as a tenth of all that a person has. It first appears in the Bible in Genesis 14:20, when Abraham gave the tithe, and it became law in Leviticus 27:30-32. As a New Year twist on this Bible idea, the Mission Committee asks you to pray about giving one-tenth of your time in service to others in need. This idea is not intended to be legalistic but rather a joyful and deliberate way for us to serve. An example might be that you call a friend who has not been in worship lately or you might help rake the yard for an elderly neighbor or you might help at the next homeless breakfast or Urban Hope or Family Promise event. Please put the card below in the offering plate, and please speak with Nelle if you have questions. Children and youth as well as adults are welcome to participate! Please call Nelle, 912-234-9245, if you need more information.

Pledge Card

I pledge to tithe my time during 2020 to serve Jesus Christ through His church and beyond its walls by helping others in need, as He guides me to serve Him.

Name _____

New Year--New Start--New Bible Study

Have you always wanted to be in a Bible study?
All are welcome!

♦ **Eli's Place Chapel** Mondays, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Bible people. Thank you to all who help Nelle cut out Bible memory verse shapes (paper and patterns provided). Our January Bible memory verse is, "But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods." Daniel 3:18a

♦ **Young Mothers' Bible Study and Bible Buddies** Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall Shepherd to King: the Life of David. Nelle teaches the mothers while Carmine Cowart, Miang Chow, and Charli Weeks teach the children the same Bible story.

♦ **Downtown Bible Study** Thursdays, noon to 1:00 p.m. Ruth's Chris 1 and 2 Thessalonians and corresponding events in Paul's journeys. No charge for meal; please bring a donation for the waiters. Nelle teaches.



Memorials & Honorariums As of December 5th

MEMORIALS

The Children's Ministries

Gifts have been received in memory of

Dwaine L. Willett

From:

Mr. and Mrs. W. Waldo Bradley
Michael Gillet and Rosemary Gillet

The Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of

Stan Dixon

From

Beth McClurg

Gifts have been received in memory of

Danny Wendt

From

John and Pat Beasley

The Wesley Garden Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of

Sid Boone

From

Camille O'Neill

The Monumental Music Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of:

Rae Lanier

(mother of Madge Edwards)

From

Anne and Charles Holley

Danny Wendt

(Husband of Carolyn Roth)

From:

Ann and Charles Holley
Kenneth and Deanne Rimes

The Music Endowment Fund

Gifts have been received in memory of

Danny Wendt

From:

Carl and Kathleen Pedigo
Bruce and Sarah Spradley
Henry and Pamela Thompson

Janet DeLoach

Patricia Geluso

Diane and Herbert Hockenbery

Jim and Karen Pannell

Darnely A. Wendt

Les and Ge-Juan Wilkes

Rosalind Evans

Patsy and Randal Robinson

Frank and Florence Anderson

Linda K. Sapp

HONORARIUMS

The Monumental Music Fund

Gifts have been received

in Honor of:

The Faithful Children's Choir Volunteers

From

Holly and John McCormick



January At-A-Glance

Please refer to "This Week at Wesley" in the Sunday Order of Worship, or visit our website for a detailed list of worship times, additional events, and information.

Wednesday Night Supper (WNS) Schedule

4:45 Call to Prayer, SNC
5:00 4th/5th Grade Bible Study, OH 405
5:30 Supper, FH
6:00 Joyful Noise, EB Rms 202, 203, 205
6:00 Children's Choirs, EB Rms 303, 304, 305
6:00 Youth Girls' Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
6:00 Youth Guys' Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
6:00 Bible Study, FH
7:15 Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr
*WNS times and events are subject to change.

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day—Church Office Closed
No WNS/Programs

Sunday, January 5

10:00 New Member Class, OH 205
4:00 Youth Choir, 4th Flr
5:00 Youth Group, FH/4th Flr

Tuesday, January 7

Eli's Place Returns from Break
5:30 Evangelism Comm. Mtg, OH

Wednesday, January 8

See WNS Schedule
6:00 UMW Board Mtg, OH 310

Thursday, January 9

9:30 Sewing Group, OH 310

Sunday, January 12

10:00 New Member Class, OH 205
10:00 Confirmation Class, EB 406
4:00 Youth Choir, 4th Flr
5:00 Youth Group, FH/4th Flr

Wednesday, January 15

See WNS Schedule
6:00 Confirmation Class, OH 205
6:00 Susanna Wesley Circle, OH 207

Thursday, January 16

6:00 UMM Dinner Mtg, FH

Sunday, January 19

4:00 Youth Choir, 4th Flr
5:00 Youth Group, FH/4th Flr

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Church Office & Eli's Place Closed

Tuesday, January 21

6:00 Pacesetters Mtg, FH

Wednesday, January 22

See WNS Schedule

Thursday, January 23

9:30 Sewing Group, OH 310

Saturday, January 25

7:45 Homeless Breakfast

Sunday, January 26

4:00 Youth Choir, 4th Flr
5:00 Youth Group, FH/4th Flr

Monday, January 27

2:00 Joy Circle
5:30 Missions Comm. Mtg, OH 205

Wednesday, January 29

10:30 Jane Shirah Circle,
Home of Gloria Eitel
See WNS Schedule

Friday, January 31

5:30 Winter Wonderland, FH



Sewing Group

Start off the new year with a fun sewing project like the make-up bag pictured left. In January, the Wesley Sewing group will meet Thursdays, January 9 and 23 at 9:30 a.m. in room 310.



Children's Ministry

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Season of Advent



During December in Children's Sunday School, we have been teaching about the season of Advent and how it is a time to "get ready" for the coming of Jesus, our Savior. We've talked about the prophecies, the great heroes of faith, the joy of the shepherds, and the love of God shown in His amazing gift to us. We've made Advent wreathes, Christingles, Jesse Tree ornaments, and popsicle stick Nativity sets. It's been a busy time of "getting ready" for Jesus' birthday. As we have taught about "getting ready," I've been thinking about how "ready" I am for the day when Jesus will return and what choices I am willing to make in the new year to "get ready"? The beginning of a new year is a great time to make new choices, to start something new, or to begin again something we have resolved to do in the past. We hope your choices will include joining us for some new and some not so new activities in this bright, new year.



What is a Christingle?

The idea of the Christingle began in Germany in 1747. A minister who loved children was looking for a simple way to explain the happiness that comes to people from Jesus. A Christingle has 5 parts that help us know God and Jesus. The first part is the orange. It stands for the world. We read in the book of Genesis how God made the world. (*Genesis 1:1-4*) The second part is the red band around the orange. The red band is the love and the blood of Jesus. (*John 3:16, Mathew 26:26-28*) The dried fruits remind us of God's creation and how God provides all we need through the four seasons of the year. (*Matthew 6:26, Matthew 6:28-30*) The four toothpicks remind us of the four corners of the world, north, south, east, and west and that we are to spread the good news about Jesus all over the world. (*Matthew 28:19-20*) The candle reminds us of Jesus Himself. (*John 8:12*) Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." We remember that Jesus is the light that came into the world at Christmas.



Thanksgiving Program & Pie Party





From Ben's Desk

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January 2020

Maybe it is because I was born in 1960 that decade changes seem a little more attention getting than other years. Today it sunk in, 2020 is here. 2020! I am old enough to remember the 1968 release of "2001 A Space Odyssey," a futuristic science fiction film by Stanley Kubrick. Back then 2001 was hard to imagine and now it is but a distant memory, two decades ago. "Time waits for no man" is a saying the origin of which goes back to at least 1225, it is a timeless truth. Another decade has come and before we know it, it will be gone. The question for us all is what will we do with a new year or a new decade? Will it be just another one, like the last one? I read somewhere that routine makes time seem to pass more quickly and that one way to slow down our experience of time passing is to more frequently break out of routine. Do something new or something old in a new way, go somewhere new, meet someone new, do something to make each day, week, month of the year more memorable. The Psalmist gave this advice. *"This is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it."* Or maybe at the dawn of a new year and a new decade we could say, *"This is the year that the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it."* What am I going to do this year that will make it different, make me different, than last year? These are thoughts and questions that need to be reflected upon as an act of faith. Maybe we should begin prayerfully asking God to show us what we need to see about our own lives, relationships, work, that needs to be cherished more or changed. One of the really valuable things about Sunday worship is it calls us to step out of our weekly routine and to reflect on deep and significant things, to regain our perspective that gets so easily distorted or lost by the frantic daily activities and pursuits. I look forward to journeying with you into a new year and a new decade on our way to what Paul describes as "a life that really is life." Happy 2020!



Congregational Life

Rev. Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Care
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Read below to find out what the Merry Makers will be doing this Spring!

Monday, January 13

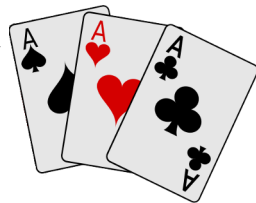
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall at the Church, Lunch \$7

How many of us have lost someone close to us and not known how to take care of their affairs? Or, how many of us have thought about taking care of our own affairs ahead of time as a gift to those we love? Come meet Marilyn Athey, a Personal Affairs Manager, as she shares her wisdom and leads us through the tool "Five Wishes." Planning is important - and it can even be enjoyable - when we are able to make preemptive decisions based on our own individual desires for the future.

Monday, February 10

10:00 a.m. - until, Wesley Gardens, Brunch \$7

This year we are going to combine our Valentine's celebration with game day! Don your red clothing and come eat a yummy brunch prepared by Suzanna. Then, plan to stay and play games or enjoy time just visiting with others. This will be a laid back time of fun and fellowship! Bring your favorite games or cards. (We will eat brunch first so that those who want to stay and "hang out" at the Gardens can do so without time limits).



Monday, March 9

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Lunch \$7



If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be? Jim and Melissa Emery chose the small country of Bhutan in Asia. This fascinating place is nestled between Nepal, India, and China. It is a rural, Buddhist nation of peaceful, impoverished people.....but, interestingly enough, it also rates very high on the happiness index. Come and hear why!



Music

Monica Dekle, Director of Music & Organist
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Dear Congregation,

Thank you for supporting the music ministry through your attendance at The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and Handel's *Messiah*. Thank you for supporting and encouraging the children through your attendance at their Nativity Pageants. With grateful appreciation, the choir and I acknowledge those who have given monetarily to support the long tradition of exemplary music in our historic church. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Epiphany!

With thanks,
Monica



Youth

James P. Owens, Director of Student Ministries
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Our students had a great December! We enjoyed the Youth Group Christmas Party on December 1, which included wrapping each other up like presents, an "ugly Christmas sweater" competition, and our infamous white elephant gift exchange. Our youth choir sang beautifully with the chancel choir at the Lessons and Carols service, and several students participated in Christmas caroling in the community.



As we ring in a New Year, we are looking forward to another great year in the youth ministry in 2020. Here are a couple things that are coming up:

Ski Retreat - We're planning for another awesome ski trip this winter! The Ski Retreat will be February 6-9, 2020. Cost will be \$350 per person, which includes lodging, lift ticket, and ski rentals for two days of skiing.

Summer Mission Trip - We will be going to the Eastern Shore area of Virginia and ministering to the community with Youthworks next summer. The dates of the trip are July 19-24, 2020. This mission trip is open to all 6th-12th graders. It will be an awesome opportunity to serve God together!





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Life at Wesley



Joyful Noise Choir sings in worship.



Our Family Promise guests received pillow cases sewed by Wesley Member, Pat Killewald.



Bible Buddies help serve a Thanksgiving meal (prepared by the Young Mothers' Bible Study) to the children of Urban Hope.



Each month, several Wesley members serve breakfast to the homeless.



Messenger Monthly Spotlight



Courtney Gaines Circle



On November 18, members of the Courtney Gaines Circle packed fruit baskets which were delivered by Care and Share members to several Wesley groups.

(Photos courtesy of Melissa Emery)

