



Celebrating 150 Years 1868 - 2018

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OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

Christmas gift giving often prompts us to get rid of old things as they are replaced with new things. However, the problem with some of us is when we receive new things, we don't get rid of any old things. We keep some items because of nostalgia, they carry a memory even though they may no longer have present value or actual use. We keep other items because we want the security of having at least two of everything, who knows when something is going to break, and sometimes we just keep old things because we just don't take the time to go through and get rid of them. Then of course, what we end up with is clutter.

You could say we do the same thing internally. We move to a new place in life and resist getting rid of old things and we end up with spiritual, emotional, and relational clutter. As we begin a new year, many of us will or have made New Year's resolutions. But, we really can't make a New Year's resolution without going back into the past year, or years, to see what we want to get rid of or change. It's easy to plan for something new to avoid dealing with getting rid of something old. Spiritual growth is exactly that, out with the old and in with the new. One of my favorite "new" hymns is entitled, "This is the Day of New Beginnings." Hear these lyrics as we begin a new year together:

*"This is the day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

*For by the life and death of Jesus God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.*

*Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
our disappointments, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths,
and sure to find.*

*Christ is alive and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new."*

I pray this will truly be a day of new beginnings as we begin a new year together at Wesley.

Ben

Morning Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, pg. 2)

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

"The God Chasers"

Ben Martin

Holy Communion

Invitation and Confession

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

James P. Owens

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major, BWV 560

Annie Lillian Bordeaux, organist

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

The First Noel

arr. Dan Forrest

Offering

During the 11:00 a.m. service, please remove the attendance sheets from the book and give to the acolytes as a symbolic offering of our presence in worship.

* **Hymn of Response**

DIX

As they offered gifts most rare;
At that manger rude and bare;
So may we, with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ! to Thee our heavenly King.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the
high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ri-sen; Christ will come a-gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
That we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

**Children's Worship
Participation in Communion**

Today, and each first Sunday, the children in Children's Worship will take communion together in the sanctuary.

Just Born

Congratulations to Cynthia and Aaron Cradduck on the birth of a son, Emerson Ray Cradduck, on December 17, 2019. A rose is by the altar today in honor of Emerson.

Debt Elimination Campaign Update

Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to our Debt Elimination Campaign. We have met our goal in gifts and pledges, and any additional gifts will go to the Building Fund.

AV Team

Our church is in need of people to serve in the role of audio engineer. Each person on this team would serve during one morning worship service per month. Prior experience with audio electronics and sound reinforcement is most helpful; in addition, training will be available. For more information, please speak with Rev. Martin. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

New Member Course Starts Today

January 5 and 12 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205. Nursery provided. Class will join January 12.

Winter Wonderland

A family event! Friday, January 31, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for an evening of pizza, desserts, and a little dance party. Suggested donation, \$25 per family. Proceeds to benefit Children's Ministries. For more information, email the Susanna Wesley Circle, swcirclewm@gmail.com

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Attendance: (12/29/19)

8:45 A.M. Worship	84
11:00 A.M. Worship	243
Total Worship	327
9:45 A.M. Sunday School	16
Nursery (8:45 & 11:00)	9

Finances: (12-31-19)

Total Budget for the Year	\$1,931,779.07
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date	\$1,950,366.03
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$1,903,925.67
Construction Loan Balance	\$379,359.56

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart	Docent: Lori Miller
Offering Steward: Jeff Miller	
Ushers: Henry Whitfield, Bill Tedder	
Greeters: Lori Miller, Pat Killewald	
Communion Stewards: TBD	
Acolytes: Savannah Yost, Sarah Jean Yost	
Children's Worship: Ellen Williams (Madelyn)	

11:00 Service:

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Reese	Docent: Linda Sapp
Acolytes: Caroline/Lincoln/Charlie Kraeuter	
Greeters: Florence & Frank Anderson, Dorie & David Gaskin	
Offering Steward: Randal Robinson	
Ushers: Brian West, John Beasley, Andrew Dekle, Mehmet Ergul, Art McGowen, Jim Pannell, Willie Roberds, Kenneth Spriggs	
Communion Stewards: TBD	
Children's Worship 3's & PreK: Kristy Valdez, Neilie Dunn	
Children's Worship K-4th: Emily Jones, Courtney West	

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Matthew 2:1-12	What is my motivation to seek God?
Tuesday	Jeremiah 29:11-14	What does it look like for me to seek God with all my heart?
Wednesday	Psalms 63	Do I feel a real need for God? Why or why not?
Thursday	Philippians 4:7-14	Have I been spiritually satisfied with less than knowing Christ?
Friday	Psalms 139:1-18	Am I overlooking God while looking in all kinds of places for Him?

Sermon Notes

As a Praying Church...

We ask you, dear Lord, to compel us to fully and wholly commit to following you. We ask that you would give us the desire and the will to make our own spiritual lives a priority. Please remind us to be truly present in our times with you – whether those times are when we are alone or are worshipping alongside others. Move us to do *more* to connect with you. And, dear Lord, please bless our upcoming Bible studies which begin anew this year.

This Week at Wesley

Sunday, January 5

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee and Donuts, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM New Member Class, OH 205
- 11:00 AM Worship, SNC

Monday, January 6

No Eli's Place Today

- 6:00 PM Mark Spradley Trombone Choir, SNC

Tuesday, January 7

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, Sunny Side Up
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, FH
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, FH
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg, OH

Wednesday, January 8

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 310
- 4:45 PM Call to Prayer, SNC
- 5:00 PM 4th/5th Grade Bible Study, EB 304
- 5:30 PM Supper, FH
- 6:00 PM Bible Study, FH
- 6:00 PM Crazy Love Book Study, OH 308
- 6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir, EB 202/203/205
- 6:00 PM Children's Choirs, EB 303/304/305
- 6:00 PM Youth Girls Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM Youth Guys Bible Study, EB 4th Flr
- 6:00 PM UMW Board Mtg, OH 310
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir, EB 4th Flr

Thursday, January 9

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 9:00 AM Removal of Greenery, SNC

Friday, January 10

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place
- 10:00 AM Docent Tours, SNC

Pastor on Call This Week

Ben Martin912-547-1835

In Our Prayers.....

Sherree Luke (cousin of Dan Kurtz), Dionne McAfee, Sylvia Boone (sister of Susan Wallace), Karen Nickles, Dean Muenckler (son of Jim and Libby Muenckler), Ashley Ball (Linda Sapp's step-grandson's wife), Mark Case, Katie Bennett (cousin of Meb Ryan), Ann Lott, Bill Taylor, Ryan Davis, Wesley Hudson (nephew of Leigh Connor), Betty Collins (mother of Becky Ike), Andrew Brown (great nephew of Gaye Reese), Leigh Conner, Sandi Dixon, Debby Warner, Chad Ebel, Gene Herrington (mother of Will Herrington), Joe Stubbs (father of Joe T Stubbs), Danny Wright (son of Betty Dudley), Norma Day (mother of Dorie Gaskin), Louise Page, Hendrick Smock (grandson of Judy Smock), Mary Williams, Patty Ronning, Bob Franz, Harriet and Bill Bland, David Burke, Abby (granddaughter of Toni Olds), Joe Clark (father of Maureen Culbreath), Adam Corey, Joe Gold, Jan Nyborg, Bourke Cannon, Diane Wells, Rev. Matt Hearn, Lauren and Yates Parker (daughter and son-in-law of Susan and Tom Colgrove), Les Wilkes, Patsy Robinson, Rita Gietzen (sister of Joyce Cole), Kathy Delaigle, Betty Roberts (aunt of Anna Ivey), Earl Goodwin (brother of Beth Aldrich), Alison White (niece of Linda Sapp), George Vail, Carla Thomas, Rev. John Martin, Sr., Spencer Davis, Caroline Moore, George LeMay, Martha and Erv Sloan, Fenton McEvoy (son of Kate and Brian and grandson of Ron and Judy Freeman), Jim Gietzen, Denise LeMay, Randy Warner, Toni Olds, Janice Dukeman (daughter of Erv Sloan), Dick Wallace, Chuck Brown (brother of Gail Rountree), Grace Crosby Utomo (friend of Jean Remley), Patty James, Mark Thomas, Sammy Reesman, Vivian Wilson, Richard Bartels, Mandy Hawkins and Family, Debra Chapman (daughter-in-law of Ruth and Elton Stuenkel), Cheryl Richardson and Family

At Home/Extended Care

Carolyn White (mother of Jennifer Thompson), Ann Ernst, Bella Grace Bartels, Peggy Murphy, Grace Bockes, Georgia Dickerson, Betty Weeks, Michael Mamalakis, Linda McKibben, Lois Wooten, Bobbie Mattox

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Jason Childers, Austin New, Jerred Pyles, Justin Geen, Matt and Melinda Allen, Yates Holleman, Daniel Ealy, Dan Barton, Joshua Laws, Shea Murray, Charles Smock, Chris Watson, Clint Guild

In Sympathy...

The Grund Family
on the death of Curtis' mother,
JoAnn King

Wednesday Night Supper

Winter/Spring Semester Resumes January 8, 2020

Pay in Advance for 19 Wednesdays & Receive 1 Wednesday Free

Payment:	Weekly	Semester
Nursery (Ages 0 to 3)	Free	Free
Children (Ages 4 to K)	\$3.00	\$57.00
Children (1st to 5th Grade)	\$3.00	\$57.00
Youth (6th to 12th Grade) & Adults	\$6.00	\$114.00
Family Maximum	\$18.00	\$342.00
College Students	Free	Free

If you have a "permanent" reservation, you will not need to renew for the Winter-Spring session. (If you wish to cancel your permanent reservation, please notify the church office, 912-232-0191.) If you would like to be added to the permanent reservation list, please complete the form on back of this insert. **Most of all, if you are not going to attend a particular night, please advise the office so we can plan for the appropriate number.**

Winter/Spring Adult Bible Study Options

For the winter/spring semester, we will offer two Bible studies for adults. Both studies will take place following dinner.

1. Rev. Ben Martin and Rev. Nelle Bordeaux will teach from **1 and 2 Thessalonians and Ecclesiastes**. This study will meet in the Fellowship Hall.
2. Rev. Jennifer Thompson will lead a 10 week, discussion-based, "no guilt" (come if you read the book or not!) study of Francis Chan's **Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God** in room 308 of Oliver Hall. Chan's book will lead us toward a life of "more God" in a world that claims to have "enough God." Books are available in the church office for \$10.

Children's Choirs

Children's Choirs for ages three through fifth grade resume Wednesday, January 8 with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and choir from 6:00-7:00 p.m.! All are welcome to join.

Wednesday Night Supper in the Nursery and Joyful Noise Choir

We welcome children younger than 1st grade beginning at 5:15 p.m. for a child-friendly meal and Joyful Noise Choir. The children enjoy time to play with their friends before dinner and at 6:00 p.m. we take children who are 3 years old and older to the second floor for choir. Children younger than three remain in the nursery with our nursery staff. During choir the children move through three learning stations, singing, playing instruments, and music theory. During the winter, parents can pick their children up from the nursery at 7:00 p.m. Now is a great time to join the choir since we are starting on new music to sing in worship in February.

Preteens & Youth

All 4th-5th Graders are invited to join us for Bible Study on Wednesday afternoons from 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m., right before church supper. Through skits, games, and drills, your kids will learn how to read their Bibles and learn skills like locating passages by book, chapter, and verse, and distinguishing different types of books of the Bible.

Our Youth Bible Studies meet every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. following church supper.

Additional Announcements

Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach and New Members

Servanthood Sign-Up

Do a daily act of servanthood. Receive a weekly Bible verse email of encouragement. Email tbordeaux@prodigy.net to sign up.

Thank You for This Week's Y'All Haul for Refugee Families

Thanks to all who helped, Jon Pannell, Nick Hitt, Peter Delters, and Ski Grabowski, for their muscles and their trucks to haul furniture. Thank you to Derek Llamas, Adrienne Tietz, and the Grabowski family for this week's furniture donations. Right now we don't need clothes, but Kroger gift cards (any amount) are needed.

Downtown Bible Study - Resumes January 16

Ruth's Chris, 111 West Bay Street, Thursdays, noon to one p.m. Meal is provided, but please bring a tip for the waiters. Nelle teaches 1 and 2 Thessalonians. All are welcome.

Jennifer Thompson, Congregational Life

Merry Makers January Program

Monday, January 13 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost of lunch is \$7.00. How many of us have lost someone close to us and not known how to take care of his/her 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.

Wednesday Night Supper

If you are not on the Permanent Reservation List and would like to join for the Winter/Spring semester, please complete the form below.

Place in the offering plate or return to the church office.

Name: _____

Dinner Reservation is for:

_____ Every week for the semester (January-May)

*Reservations for a particular week may be canceled by 5 p.m. Mondays

Eating in the Fellowship Hall:

Adults/Youth _____

Children _____ (Ages K-5th Grade)

Eating in the Nursery:

Children _____ (Ages 4-K)

Children _____ (Ages 0-3)

Nursery Children NOT eating**

Children _____ (Under 3)

**Helps us provide enough caregivers