

December 2024

GoodNews

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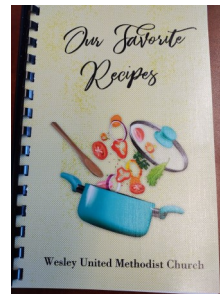
Cookie Walk

Did you bake?

We need your cookies!

Drop off is Friday 12/6 8:00am-noon
and Friday 5:30pm during set up.

The Wesley Cookie Walk is
Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 am to 11:00



Our new
Wesley Cookbook will
also be available for \$10.

Merry
Christmas



Greetings from the Pastor

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” Luke 2:14

Merry Christmas to all!

2024 is coming to an end. Jesus came to us in this season 2024 years ago.

We believe that Jesus, son of God came to the world as a human, lived with his people, died for people for the forgiveness of sins. If we hold on to this love, there won't be anything that threatens our faith.

On Dec. 14(Sat) at 4:00 and Christmas Eve (Tue) at 4:00 pm, we will celebrate the birth of Jesus. Let us do this with our songs, prayer, and heart. What a difference the birth of Jesus made in our life! This Christmas, I hope all of us meet Jesus, who came to us. He would be with us in every corner of our lives.

We praise his name throughout our lives.

Thank you very much for your loving heart and support this last year. Your kind support has helped, challenged, and encouraged me a lot.

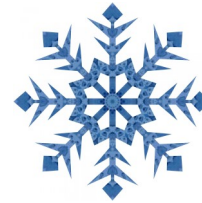
Thank you to Ad. Board members for your prayers and dedications! Thank you to all volunteers for the church and community! Thanks to all of the parishioners for your love and prayers (this, I really appreciate) for me and my family.

I don't know how to reward your love. I believe he who honors God, will honor God. In the new year, I will continue to do my best in the ministry for God and all of you, the church and community. I will do my best in honoring God in my life and ministry and see how God honors us and blesses us in the new year!

God bless you and your family in this Christmas season.

Love in Christ,

Pastor David



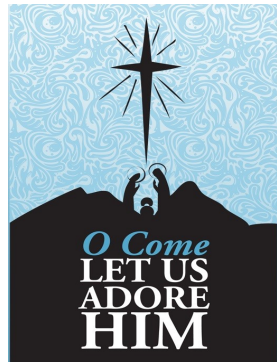


*Prayer
Requests*

*Remember
in
Prayer*

Ruth Callan
Virginia Roders
Ellen Shumate

To keep our list updated, we will remove names after 30 days. Please notify the office to place/re-place a name on the list. Thank you for your help with this ministry.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

**Sunday, December 24
4:00 pm**

Christmas Concert

Come to our Christmas concert.

December 14 at 4:00 pm.

Please join us as we celebrate our Savior's birth in voice and instrument. Take this time, in the center of Advent, to remember the reason for the season.



thank you!

A big thank you to Gary Dreyer, Andrew Hanson, Lennie Hill, Bill Thurau, Jean Thompson, Janice Mowry, John Khoury and everyone else who helps to maintain our building and grounds, keep us organized and create a clean and comfortable place to worship. A lot of time and effort goes on behind the scenes to accomplish this and it is very much appreciated!



United Women in Faith



United Women In Faith seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership, development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

Each year Wesley United Women in Faith members vote to honor a special person in the UWF unit or in the congregation for service to the congregation or to society as a whole during UWF Sunday, that took place on Sunday, November 17, 2024.

This year we selected **Deon Freiri** for her support of the values of the United Women In Faith and their vision to turn Faith, Hope and Love into action on behalf of women, children and youth. She truly is a role model to our youth and appreciate the time she devotes to both our youth and our church family.

thank you!

Mini Loaves 4 Many Missions

Thank You Wesley for all your support for making our UWF Mission project “Many Loaves 4 Many Missions” such a success and to all the UWF members who baked and for all those who helped during the sale and YOU! for buying all we had.

Thank you for helping us support the UWF!

Elizabeth Circle will not be meeting in December. Wishing everyone a Blessed Holiday and Happy New Year.

We will resume meetings in January, 2025.

Deborah Circle meets on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 pm



DECEMBER

- 1 Marge Pellizzi
- 5 Patti Sloca
- 6 Margie Kugler
- 8 Bill Thurau
- 9 Jen Bara
- 10 Alicia Holliday
- 13 Saphira Holliday
- 16 Kingston Gaines

- 3 Joyce Dreyer
- 3 Joan Hall
- 9 RJ Barrientos
- 12 Bill Ricchio
- 14 Deon Frieri
- 14 Kathy Mulroy
- 18 Mary Brehm
- 18 Bill Peche
- 23 Christie Hansen
- 25 Lauren Kugler
- 25 Leigh Kugler

COUNTERS

- Dec 1 Cyndi Wolf, Jean Thompson
- Dec. 8 Arnold Parise & Patti Sloca
- Dec. 15 Arnold Parise & Patti Sloca
- Dec. 22 Kris Trumbo & Bob Dorsey
- Dec. 29 Kris Trumbo & Bob Dorsey

I want to start 2025 off with resolving to get a chance to celebrate all the milestones in all your lives. Please send via email to the office, your; birthdate and anniversary and any other significant date that you would like celebrated. Also, if you have gotten rid of your landline, changed your phone number, moved..... You get the idea—important stuff we need to know. Thank you all.




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| 15 | 16 | 17 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm | UWF Debo 6:30 pm |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Service 4:00 pm | |
| 29 | 30 | 31 |  |

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| 4 | 5 Yarners 10:00 am Office Closed | 6 Cookie Sale Set up 5:30 pm | 7 Cookie Walk 9 am Soup Kitchen |
| 11 | 12 Yarners 10:00 am | 13 | 14 Dress Rehearsal 2:00 pm Christmas Concert 4:00 pm |
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Shalom Center Food Pantry

Arnold Parise delivered 30 pounds of your donated food to the Shalom Center Food Pantry for November.

As evidenced by the number of people Wesley serves at the Soup Kitchen, the need never diminishes. Please buy an extra can or two or many and bring them to church.

Wesley Day at the Soup Kitchen

Saturday, December 7



There are still open spots to fill. Please check your calendar and sign up on the Outreach bulletin board.

Please contact *Andrew Hansen* at 262.705.5775 or *Kris Trumbo* at trumbkl@sbcglobal.net to let them know if you can help.

Thank you for supporting this much needed service.

Melodies of Compassion

Globally, 1 in 9 people still have no access to clean water. For people in many countries, water is a daily and crippling challenge. Without water you can't grow food, you can't build housing, you can't stay healthy, you can't stay in school, and you can't keep working. Children often bear the burden of walking miles each day to find water in streams and ponds, full of water-borne diseases that are making them and their families sick. Both these illnesses and the time lost fetching it robs entire communities of their futures.

Access to safe water improves the health of families and children, keeps the young in school, and gives people back their time lost collecting water. Our Melody of Compassion for 4th quarter is Water for Life, an organization created to fight these problems. Water for Life has several programs developed to help people across the world to have access to fresh water, Their mission is not to simply provide safe water to those in need, but to train individuals and communities to create and maintain their own local water resources.

The filter program provides communities in need with portable filters that can make dirty water clean and usable. For a cost of \$50, a filter can transform a small community. The Wesley Outreach Committee has set a goal of 10 water filters to be provided out of our Melody giving for the quarter, These filters will enable thousands of people to have access to fresh water, without sending their children for miles to gather it.

Sourced from Waterforlife.org and lifewater.org

Rebooting for Advent, by Christie Hansen

The other day, the ice maker in our fridge stopped working. I peeked in it and saw that the tray was stuck in the “dump” position. So I decided that maybe unplugging it and trying to reset the system would work.

I kept it unplugged as I took a shower, then I plugged it back in and waited for a few minutes. Opening the ice maker after a while, I noticed that the tray did indeed reset itself. I was so pleased. After I got home from work, I was also pleased to see that the icemaker had successfully produced ice once again.

Andrew joked that I was like an IT professional, they always tell you to reboot the system and see what happens. I am just glad we have ice once again.

Don't you wish life was that easy? If something goes wrong, just reboot and see what happens? Sometimes we can decide that a relationship is toxic, and let that person go. Or find a new job. Maybe something not so drastic, just get to the gym more often. Also just taking the time to focus on yourself for a while can help.

This Advent season, for those who celebrate, can be that time of refocus, taking the time to refresh. This season for anyone can be hectic, buying Christmas gifts, attending parties, and working at a stressful job.

So as we head towards Christmas, take a little time to focus on what is important in your life, a little rebooting. Look forward to coming of the Christ-Child and family gatherings, enjoy the time. Try to live that peace of Earth thing carolers are singing about.

May the stress of the season not get you down. May you take some time to relax and go see some Christmas lights. Or if you like to stay cozy, make some hot chocolate and curl up with a good Christmas movie.

Kathy's Korner

WESLEY YARNERS



Knitting and Crochet is considered to be a simple craft because you only use sticks and string. It is complex because with those 2 tools you can come up with many complex and different stitches and projects, there are endless possibilities. Knitting is believed to have originated in the 5th century in the Middle East. Then traveling wool trade routes to Europe, The origin of crochet is a little bit more mysterious. There are a few theories on where crochet came from. One belief is that it came from Arabia and then traveled westward to Tibet, then to Spain and from there other Mediterranean countries. Another one is earliest evidence of crochet came from South America, where a primitive tribe was said to have used crochet adornments in rites of puberty, and yet another is in China where there are examples of three-dimensional dolls made with crochet. Regardless on where they originated from, we now get to enjoy the satisfaction of creating something with our own hands. If you would like to experience the joy of creating something to help others, please join us. You do not need to have experience in knitting or crocheting, we have individuals to show you how and we have the tools you need to learn. So please join us and start leaning a new craft.

We will be meeting

December 5 at 10:00 am
December 12 at 10:00 am

Offering envelopes

If you need envelopes for your offerings for next year and you did not have any this past year, please let Kathy Mulroy know, and I can get you one for the 2025 year. If you prefer not to have envelopes you can use the pew envelopes or give online. Online giving can be set up for what works best for you, whether it is a one-time gift, weekly giving, bi-monthly or monthly giving. You can also pick which day is the best for you to have the money with drawn. This is especially convenient if you are not at church due to vacation, illness, or other reasons that you couldn't make it to church.



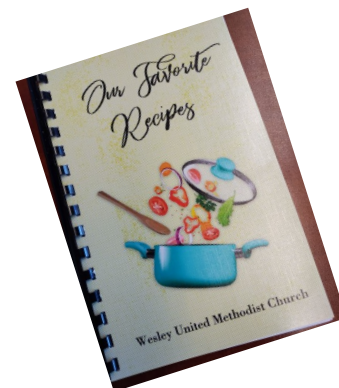
Curtis Strange

The outreach team has decided we want to help 8 families through our Christmas *Adopt a family* project.

We are starting to collect presents and food for the families, please take a card off the tree and bring back the item (gift or food) along with the tag. I have a master list to make sure the gifts get to the right families. There are many different items to choose from and many different price ranges. We will be providing 2 gifts per person in the household, Christmas dinner and food for the time the children are off school. The students from Curtis Strange receive breakfast and lunch every weekday because of the lower income of families in the school. That is why we also provide food while the children are off so they know they will still have a meal. Please help with this great mission to help others within our community and neighborhood of the church.

We will be looking for volunteers to help wrap gifts for the families. Look for a wrapping day to be announced soon.

Volunteers are needed to help children shop and wrap gifts that are purchased at the Santa's workshop during the week of December 16. The children bring money from home and can shop for members of their family to get a gift for them. Those students who cannot afford to buy gifts get to "earn money" to buy gifts for their family by doing math problems, spelling, or reading to teachers or other staff at the school. The hours needed will be during the school day, between the hours of 8-1:45. Let me know if you can help with this and the dates and times you are available.



Cookbooks are now available and for sale for \$10.

If you are interested, please see Kathy or Alan Mulroy to get your copy. They will also be available at the cookie walk.

Thank you all who provided recipes to help make this a success.

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COME WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday Worship: 9:00

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