

December 2017

# GoodNews

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You are invited

## Wesley Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 9 at 7:00pm

Sunday, December 10 at 9:30am

Join us as we take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Enjoy a musical event that is sure to put your heart in the Christmas spirit as we focus on Jesus' birth.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

December 17th ~ 9:00 am

Christmas Pageant Time! This year it's *"Christmas Morning Live!"* We'll join the You Witness News Team and their On-Site Reporters sharing details of the events taking place in Bethlehem.



Special Dates to remember:  
SUNDAY, 12/10 arrive at 8:30am  
SATURDAY, 12/16 Dress Rehearsal 10:30-noon  
Sunday, 12/17 Pageant Day arrive by 8:30.  
Adult Volunteers Needed!



*Our Pageant Mission Project this year is again to Curtis Strange Elementary Families. Details inside this newsletter.*

# GRACE NOTES

## *Choose to Hope*

Advent Season is upon us—a time of waiting; a time of preparing for the coming of God on earth in the form of the most vulnerable being—a baby.

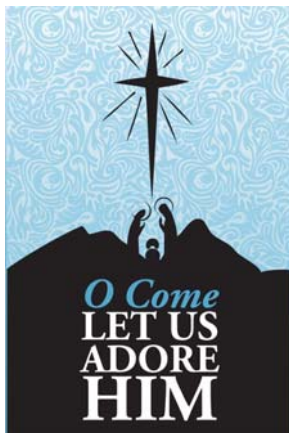
In a time where we live in a world engulfed in violence, hatred, conflict, evil “isms”, as children of God who follow the Human One, our call is to choose hope.

So, in the coming Sundays of Advent, we begin our time together in worship singing of hope—intentionally choosing to hope while we face our daily reality of darkness. For we need to recognize darkness for us to recognize light. We need to face and be real and present with evil for us to be real with hope, love, joy, and peace.

Our faith requires of us to be real and authentic with our joys as well as with our pain, so that we can align our will with God’s will to choose hope.

*In excited anticipation,*

*Pastor Grace*



## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24

9:00 am Children’s Service

4:30 pm Lessons & Carols



## Remember in Prayer

Bill (Kim O'Brien's brother), Tommie Garnett, Barbara Follstad, Renetta Ball-Patterson

Melodies of Compassion in December goes to the United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin, Inc

*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.*

The South East District would like us to pray for these churches and clergy in December:

- December 4-10 Kenosha Korean UMC Pastor Han Du Kwak and 30 members.
- December 11-17 Kenosha Principe de paz Pastor Marino Chacon and 81 members
- December 18-24 Kenosha Wesley UMC Pastor Amelita Grace Gonzalez Cajuat and 181 members.
- December 25-31 Lake Geneva UMC Pastor Heather Brewer and 166 members.

# Cookie Walk

The Wesley Cookie Walk is  
**Saturday, December 2nd 9:00 am  
to 11:00 am.**

Cookies should be brought to church on Friday, December 1, from 8:00-noon or 5:30-7:00pm

*Happy Baking!*  
*Renee Strupp & Mary Brehm*  
*Cookie Walk Co-Chairs*



There will be a box in the gathering space for Christmas cards and gifts for Pastor Grace. The monetary gift will go toward the purchase of a lawn mower for the church which she hopes to drive. We will present these to her on Christmas Eve.



Many of the bugs of the new site have been worked out.

The trays and entrance have been moved and the soup sits on a table rather than its own rolling rack. This clears up a lot of space at the beginning of the line. We still have to make sandwiches outside the kitchen on one of the tables and clean up (sweep/wash tables) after, seems preparing in the kitchen would work better and be better for clean up? However as previously stated the new facility is big, clean, modern, and closer to my house.

Wesley volunteers served 57 people a delicious bowl of ham, bean, and rice cheese soup. The main course was hamburgers. Sandwiches, salad, corn, mashed potatoes, fruit, dessert, and a drink were also served.

Thanks to the Guilberts for preparing the soup. Those who served/helped were the Guilberts (Paul, Val, Aiden, and Rory), the Krystowiaks (Pete, Nora, and Eli), the Hansens (Andrew and Ava), the Cannons (Trisha and Jordan), The Martins (Craig and Shannon), Dodie Smith, Bill Thureau, Richard Boris, Stella Guadalupe, Moises Guerrero, and Isaiah Frieri.

That is an incredible 19 volunteers from Wesley! It was inspiring to see that amount of volunteers. Thank you to all for taking part of your Saturday night to demonstrate what it means to be a member of Wesley UMC.

The sandwiches were prepared by the Guilberts, the Krystowiaks, and Dodie.

The next serving date is Saturday December 2. Text or call Pete (262-945-9755) to let him know if you would like to come and help.

**BE IN MISSION  
THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON  
at Wesley UMC**

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT  
PROJECT**

**Deadline for the collection will be  
December 10th.**

This year we again are going to collect gifts for our friends at Curtis Strange Elementary School. Below is a list of suggestions for items that would be appreciated.

Gift Cards - Target, Shopko, Wal-mart, K-Mart, etc

Games - card games, board games  
Dolls

Legos - boys & girls

Pokemon

Marvel comics superheroes - Batman, Spiderman, Wonder Woman

Art Supplies

Crafting Supplies

Books

Balls

Sport team hats

Peppa Toys

Disney anything

**Get Ready for ...  
UNDIE SUNDIE  
December 3rd**

The Outreach Team will be collecting underwear on Sunday, December 3rd. After touring the UMCS building it was determined that underwear of **all ages and sizes** were greatly needed. Please bring **NEW** underwear to church for our collection.

**LAST SUNDAY FOOD  
COLLECTION FOR  
THE SHALOM  
FOOD PANTRY**

Our total for October was 188 pounds of non-perishable food items. Thank you so much! December will be a very busy month so feel free to bring items at any time and place them in the cart.

Our last Sunday will be December 31st.

They will be delivered on January 2nd!



**WiFi LUNCH  
WEDNESDAY, December 13  
12:00 pm**

All adults are welcome to join us for a home cooked meal, program and fellowship.

Our meal will be sirloin tips, baked potatoes & toppings, broccoli cranberry salad, warm rolls & butter and lots of desserts.

Ali Schultz from Anton's will be here to give us a holiday demonstration.



Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas may be purchased in memory or honor of a special loved one or occasion. The cost of each plant is \$8.50. You may take your plant home after Christmas Eve 4:30 worship. Please fill out the order form below and include \$8.50 per plant and put it in the offering basket or send it to the office.

**The Deadline for orders will be  
Sunday, December 10th**

**POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of

\_\_\_\_\_  
 In Honor of

\_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the office or offering plate in an envelope with your donation of \$8.50 per plant.

**Deadline to order is  
Sunday, December 10th**



- 1 Marge Pellizzi
- 2 Rory Guilbert
- 3 Doris Duchac  
Peggy Johnson
- 6 Margie Kugler
- 9 Jen Bara
- 10 Alicia Holliday
- 14 Tammy Branca
- 16 Kingston Gaines
- 16 Terry Hardman
- 16 Sephera Holliday
- 20 Karen Steege
- 21 Anita Lange
- 26 Jean Sheffield
- 30 Jerry Cooper



**ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!**

**Tuesday, December 5th ~ 11:00am**

If you like Christmas Parties, I think you will love this one!

On Tuesday, December 5th, we will gather in Fellowship hall at 11:00am for a Devotion, Announcements, Brunch and BINGO!

We would appreciate it if you could let Mary Brehm 654-4865 or Atha Atkinson 694-1043 know what dish you are bringing to share.

We suggest that each of us bring 3 prizes, wrapped for BINGO. You need not be a member to attend.



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<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>41</b>

# ***MELODIES OF COMPASSION***

## ***UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF WISCONSIN, INC.***

### **RESOURCES**

**UMCS** operates the **Family Resource Center** which is one of the largest food pantries in Milwaukee County. In 2016 almost 150,000 pounds of food were distributed to over 7,500 people. Emergency food for 3-4 days is provided for individuals and families. In addition over 150 seniors who live in poverty are provided with Senior Stock Boxes so they don't have to choose between food and medication. The Center operates a clothing and hygiene product bank. The center also has supportive services including Food Share and Health Insurance application assistance so the community members receive adequate benefits.

The Hunger Task Force provides donations of food. Food, clothing, and hygiene products are donated by individuals and congregations throughout Wisconsin. The center encourages congregations to donate clean, usable winter clothing such as coats, hats, and gloves. Individual and group volunteers keep the center running smoothly all year.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Poverty is challenging for families in the Washington Park neighborhood. Families are challenged with trying to develop roots, to connect with others, and to develop strong ties within this neighborhood. Poverty hinders them investing time and energy to help improve the community at large since focus on meeting their own basic needs is more pressing than engaging in the community.

**Washington Park Partners** is a collaborative initiative that allows residents to partner and to have a place at the table and a voice in improving their community in numerous areas such as housing, education, safety, health & wellness, arts & culture, parks & recreation, as well as businesses & jobs. Examples of this are:

Vacant lots being transformed into a community gardens so what was once an eyesore now is a beautiful garden providing health food.

Improving relations with the Police Department and residents thus reducing crime which is accomplished by activities such as community cookouts attended by police officers. There are also monthly meetings with residents and police to improve relationships by discussing and implementing strategies to increase safety and reduce crime.

ordinating events such as ice cream socials where the police block off a street, set up tables with ice cream, sprinkles and other toppings. This provides positive interactions between children and police officers. Police officers also provides balloons, gifts like sidewalk chalk, and toss footballs around with the children.



## ***DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS***

### ***Ushers***

- 3 Andrew & Ava Hansen  
Kim Sekas, Kelly Euler  
10 Stella Guadalupe, Kelly Euler,  
Terry Miller, Sandy Clausen  
17 Paul & Margo Fegley, Mary Brehm  
Cindy Vandenbranden  
24 9:00 Margaret Christian, Karen Lindsey  
Alan & Kathy Mulroy  
31 Gale Thompson, Dylan, Ricchio  
Andrew & Ava Hansen

### ***Liturgists***

- 3 Bob Petersen  
10 Jill Misurelli  
17 Joan Hall  
24 9:00 Kim Sekas  
31 Alan Mulroy

### ***Readers***

- 3 Jane Sekas  
10 Marna Frank  
17 Nora Krystowiak  
24 9:00 Candice Briscoe  
31 Eli Krystowiak

### ***Acolytes***

- 3 Ava Hansen  
10 Moises Guerrero  
17 Candice Briscoe  
24 9:00 Autumn Rust  
31 Abby Ricchio

### ***Communion Stewards***

- 3 Sandy Petersen, Kim Sekas  
Joy Delwiche, Sandy Clausen

### ***Counters***

- 3 Dan Kugler, Paul Fegley  
10 Bill Thurau, Barbara Follstad  
17 Gale Thompson, Lana Frank-Krause  
24 Donna Jones, Jill Misurelli  
31 Dan Kugler, Paul Fegley

### ***Advent Candle Lighters***

- 3 Sekas Family  
10 Holliday Family  
17 Brooks & Conn Families  
24 9:00 Christensen-Bara Family

## **Hospitality**



### ***DECEMBER***

- 3 Christie & Andrew Hansen  
10 Luanne Lindow, Elaine Young  
17 Mary Brehm, Kelly & Julia Aita  
24 Terry Hardman, Richard Petersen  
John & Janie Khoury  
31 Michelle Christensen & Jen Bara

### ***JANUARY***

- 7 Donna Jones, Jill Misurelli  
14 Kelly & Kevin Aita  
21 Paul & Val Guilbert  
28 Sid & Mary Brooks  
Bob & Beth Conn

### ***FEBRUARY***

- 4 Kim Sekas, Elaine Young  
11 Lana Frank-Krause, Jean Thompson  
18 Alicia & Anthony Holliday  
Felicia & Carlton Gaines  
25 Stella Guadalupe, Deon Frieri

### ***\*PLEASE NOTE:***

#### ***Coffee hour is served 8:00-10:30***

If you are unable to host on your scheduled day we would appreciate it if you would find a replacement or contact the office. Thank you.

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Serve Everyone*

*The People of the  
United Methodist  
Church*



**DECEMBER 2017**

Sunday Worship: 9:00  
Sunday School: 9:00-10:15  
Sunday Adult Studies: 8-8:45 & 10:15-11:00  
Hospitality: 8:00-10:30  
Wednesday Worship 6:30 pm

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**Sunday Schedule**  
 Adult Study 8:00  
 Sunday School 9:00  
 Worship 9:00  
 Wednesday Worship 6:30

 **December 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00 Cookie Walk 4:10 Soup Kitchen
3 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> Sekas Family	4	5 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	6 6:30 Wednesday Worship	7	8	9 7:00 pm 
10 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> Holliday Family 9:00 Christmas Concert	11	12 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	13 12:00 WiFi Lunch 6:30 Wednesday Worship	14 6:30 Outreach Team Meeting	15	16
17 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> Brooks & Conn Families 9:00 Children's Pageant	18	19 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	20 6:30 Wednesday Worship	21	22	23
24 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> Christensen-Bara Family Christmas Eve 9:00 Children's Service 4:30 Lessons & Carols	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> Office Closed 	26 Office Closed	27 6:30 Wednesday Worship	28	29	30
31 Last Sunday Food Collection	Jan 1 Office Closed	