

Wesley United Methodist Church



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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

During this time of political transition in our nation as we move from one President to another, I am amazed as I watch the celebration. The United States is the only nation in the world that has this peaceful transfer of power celebration. It is an amazing sight to see as people gather to celebrate. There are many people who were there to experience this celebration even if they did not agree with who was elected just because of the magnitude of what the celebration means. For just a few hours we forgot about the hatred, the anger, and despair of what our world may look like. But amidst this new transition there are many times as Christians, our desire is that we want to put someone in power that will 'save our nation'. We want to put someone in power that can be the 'savior of America'. I have a major problem with this thinking. There is only one Savior and his name is Jesus Christ. When we put our full hope and trust in one man or a group of men and women to save our nation we lose track of who the true Savior is and we betray our God. We must not try and ask the government to do something that church should be doing. As the Church we care for the poor and the downcast. We need to put our full hope and trust in our Lord and Savior and not any government. There has never been a true Christian nation, true Christian government in modern times, and there never will be, and to think so, we are deceiving ourselves as the church. We can pray that our leaders hear the word of God upon their hearts to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord. But as the church we must reach out in love to those around us and we cannot and must not rely on the government to save us, that is God's job.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Congregational Life:

A Ham Pot Pie sale will take place Feb. 18, 2017. Pot Pie will be sold by the quart at \$6.00 a quart and may be picked up between noon and 3pm. Please use the 12th Street entrance to pick up your pot pie. You can place your order by calling the church office at 684-3341 or by using the order form that will be available at the church.

Finance Committee:

The finance committee met December 29 to review the yearly income and expenses of Wesley Church over the past five years. They also reviewed responses to their request from committee chairpersons as to their financial needs for 2017; this information was used to create a budget for 2017. The finance committee feels the 2017 budget is an excellent beginning to putting our finances on a solid base. A copy of the budget is posted on the church bulletin board. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions after reviewing the budget, please feel free to contact the finance committee chairperson, Wayne Hall, at his email wwh448@aol.com or call him at (814) 386-2957.

Bell Choir:

We are still in need of a Bell Choir Director. If you know of anyone who plays the bells and may be interested in this position, please have them contact the church office at 684-3341.

Children's choir:

Please consider bringing your children to our Wesley Childrens' Choir. Practices are held after Sunday School from 10:00 to 10:20 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. No auditions or age restrictions. Any child willing to sing is more than welcome to come and learn new, contemporary music that will catch their interest. The children sing on the third Sunday of every month until May and on holidays. Any questions, please feel free to contact the children's choir director, Rachel Chamberlain, at (814) 553-3362 or email her at rlegrand138@gmail.com.

Agape Youth Fellowship:

A group for youth grades 5 – 12 will be meeting on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. All youth are welcome regardless of their church connection. There will be food, games, singing and worship as key parts of this group as we strive to provide a safe place for youth to learn about God and to have fun at the same time. All youth are encouraged to come and invite a friend.

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Imagine No Malaria

WE ARE JOINING OTHER CHURCHES TO HELP STAMP OUT MALARIA.

The kids at Wesley are working from now until Easter to raise money to help stop malaria from killing children in the poverty areas of Africa where the Anopheles female mosquito transmits this disease. February 5th, during our worship service we will be sharing our ideas on ways our church can raise money to help stamp out Malaria. We need your help.

The United States eliminated Malaria by 1950. However in sub-Saharan Africa, a child is dying every two minutes from this killer disease that is totally preventable!

Read further for a little more information about what is being done.

Imagine No Malaria is part of a global partnership that is working together in raising money to be used to help beat malaria once and for all. The monies donated are being used to improve the ways people fight the disease: buying bed nets (these mosquitoes come out only at night), providing access to diagnostic tests and medicine, draining standing water, improving sanitation, and educating the communities. The United Methodist Churches joined in this great endeavor in 2008. We have already helped reduce malaria deaths by more than half. Imagine No Malaria combines integrated health infrastructure, education and advocacy to address death and the debilitating effects of malaria in sub-Saharan Africa.



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Upcoming Mission Trips

Date	Location	Contact	Price
Feb 6-10	Christ UMC Selinsgrove	Gary Bunch- glbunch50@gmail.com	-
02/13/17	Christ UMC Selinsgrove	Gary Bunch- glbunch50@gmail.com	-
Feb 16-25	Haiti	Jodi Crimmel- 570-881-0029	
March 9-18	Haiti	Jodi Crimmel- 570-881-0029	
March 12-18	North Carolina	Joy Shields- bass8767@verizon.net	\$250
March 19-25	Haiti	Mark Messner- mmessner@susumc.org	
April 2-7	Connellsville, Pa	Penny Shadeck- pennysshadeck@yahoo.com	
April 23-29	Evergreen , VA	Pennsy Waltman- Ptwaltman@aol.com	
April 23-29	West Virginia	Marti Shiffler- mjshif76@aol.com	\$250
May 7-13	West Virginia	Carl Koch- ckoch@epix.net	
May 11-13	Mt Asbury Camp	Rev Jeff Fisher-missions@calvaryunitedmethodist.org	
May 16-20	Wesley Forest Camp	Rev Jeff Fisher-missions@calvaryunitedmethodist.org	
May 19	Neighborhood Center- Harrisburg	Rev Jeff Fisher-missions@calvaryunitedmethodist.org	
June 18-23	Allport-Bigler-Woodland	Rev Jeff Fisher-missions@calvaryunitedmethodist.org	\$10/day
June 24- July	Cochabamba, Bolivia	Jennett Wertz - jwertz@susumc.org	
June 29-July 10	Douglas, AK	Ron Salsman- rsalsman@susumc.org	\$1,300
July 22-29	Belize	Rev Jeff Fisher-missions@calvaryunitedmethodist.org	
July 25-30	Onodaga Nation, NY	Rev Jeff Fisher-missions@calvaryunitedmethodist.org	
Aug 18-26	Oklahoma Indian Conference	Rev Jeff Fisher-missions@calvaryunitedmethodist.org	\$1,600
Sept 17-23	North Carolina	Curt Knouse- cknouse@susumc.org	est.\$275
Sept 22-28	Nicaragua	Pastor Steve Cowfer- scowfer@susumc.org	Approx \$1,000
Oct 14-28	Gilgil, Kenya	Jill Pecht- jpecht@pa.net	
Jan 4-14	Costa Rica	Ed Lerch- ed@lerchr.com	\$1,500

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

6th- Ruth Elder

8th- Peg Baney

10th- Judy Rodgers

13th- Ruth McNelis, Norman Miller

Happy Birthday Everyone

Anniversaries

Feb 2nd- Bernie and Charlene Hand

Feb. 14th- Scott and Joby Hunter

Happy Anniversary

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