

Wesley United Methodist Church

JANUARY –
FEBRUARY 2018

In This Issue

Editorial – New Year, New
Challenges, New Directions

Upcoming Events/Bulletin
Board

2018 Officers & Committee
Members

Find the hidden objects

Committee Reports

Food Bank

Children's' Ministry

Wesley Missions

Member Special Events and
Activities

Ministries Schedule for
November/December

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Newsletter Staff

Pastor David
Darlene Ritter
Peggy Adams
Joyce Hewel
David Hess
Adda Frye



A NOTE FROM PASTOR'S DESK

Now that Christmas Day is over, the first thing that we want to do is say, "Oh well, time to take all the decorations down and put things away, Christmas is over". Did you know that when we sing the song the 12 days of Christmas, that is not the 12 days leading up to Christmas but the 12 days after? The 12 days of Christmas are the 12 days leading up to Epiphany. This is when we celebrate the coming of the wise men.

We cannot let Christmas become just a routine part of the schedule; Christmas must mean something more. Let us allow the Christmas season to change us. Let us let Christ change us this year. When people meet Christ, Christ changes them.

Maybe the change is in knowledge. Jesus, at a young age, went to the temple and taught the rabbis many things. They were changed in their knowledge of God. Maybe it is a need for a change in priorities. When Jesus met with Mary and Martha, Jesus showed Martha that her heart was in the right place, but her priorities were not. Maybe this Christmas, Christ will change your actions with a convicting spirit; just as he did when he met with Zaccheus and convicted him of his wrongdoing.

Maybe this Christmas there will be a complete change of heart and belief. Maybe right now your faith in God is not fully yours. Maybe this Christmas Christ will change you from the very inside, just as Christ did with the thief on the cross. In all of these situations, Christ took someone from one place to a completely better place. Christ can do that to you as well. If it is our desire to truly know Christ, Christ will transform our lives. Once Christ transforms our lives, we need to share that with the world. Won't you let this time change and transform you.

May God Bless you all.
Pastor David

Our Mission: As members of Wesley Church we are called by God to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGES, NEW DIRECTIONS

By Darlene Ritter

Wesley UM Church is starting a new year; carrying some of the challenges from 2017 with us and looking forward to working with and for the Lord in 2018! We are one big family located in Tyrone, PA and we are part of the World Wide United Methodist organization. How can we serve each other, our community, our nation, and the world? We are so much better if we all work together. What can each of us do to fulfill the great commission Jesus gave to his disciples in Matthew 28:19 (NIV), “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations . . .”?

We do not need to go on mission trips to other countries or even other states to serve our Lord and Savior; unless of course, this is where your heart lies, by all means, do it. But, we can serve the Lord and each other right here in our own little community, in our church, our homes, our places of employment and any other place we meet with family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers.

How do we prepare ourselves to complete this mission? First, is to seek guidance from the Lord; study his word, pray, join together with other believers at church, in bible studies, and in other small groups. Remember that He tells us “Wherever two or more gather in my name, I will be there also” (*Matthew 18:20 NIV*). Next, one-on-one time with the Lord is also a great way to get to know how to be of service. Have quiet time with Him, pray, listen, and then act on what you have learned. Finally, get up and get involved!

Within Wesley Church, there are committees to join, Sunday School classes for all ages, two ongoing weekly Bible studies; musical opportunities with the Adult Choir, the Handbell Choir, the Praise JAM singers for your kids; a prayer group that meets once a week; and a yoga class is held three times a week. Get involved with other members of your church family. Volunteer to serve on one of the committees, or to serve during Saturday night or Sunday morning services. There is a need for ushers, acolytes, nursery attendants, and other areas in which your help would be appreciated. Saturday night service would welcome volunteers with musical talents to provide the music.

Will we still be here in 5 years, 10 years, or longer? Let us know what you want to see at Wesley Church. Are there new things we can add? Are there things that we have been doing that are no longer effective? When we held the “after church congregational meeting” last summer, one of the areas mentioned for growth was “better communication”. Talk to the committee members or to the pastor; share your thoughts and ideas so we can grow.

If we plan together, work together, reach out to others in peace and love, and follow the directions of our Lord and Savior, we will succeed in our mission, “To honor God by making more disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World”.

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. --- That's FAITH.

2018 - OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Following is a list of the officers and committee members who volunteered to serve Wesley church by taking on the responsibilities and business tasks for 2018. Yes, the church, as well as being a group who come together to worship God, does have a business side. Decisions that affect all of you are made by this group. Please talk to them, share your joys, your ideas for improvement, and your concerns.

Church Council Chairperson: Joyce Hewel
 Church Council Members: Chairpersons of each of the following committees
 At Large Member of Church Council: Joby Hunter
 Financial Secretary: LeVonne Angelo
 Church Treasurer: Lori Eckert
 Lay member to Annual Conference: Jean Bressler
 Alternate Lay member: Joy Hall

Board of Trustees: David Hess, Chair

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Terry Elder	David Hess	Peg Baney
Joyce Hewel	Gerald Campbell	Larry Broadbent
Earl Bressler	Scott Hunter	Tim Ashcroft

Staff Parish Relations Committee: Amy Stever, Chair

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Fran Bigelow	Maribeth LeGrand	Suzanne Cherry
Adda Frye	Joyce Hewel	Joan Smith
Dallas Eckert	Ron Hildebrand	Pat Hovan

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development: Pastor David Keyworth, Chair

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Amy Stever	Vicky Fetterman	Adda Frye
Ellie Spangler	Rachel Chamberlin	Darlene Ritter
Steve Lucas	Karl Estright	Ed Jaskowak

Finance Committee: Randy Miles, Chair

Lori Eckert	Lynn Cupp
Myra Isenberg	Donna McFarland
Melissa Miller	Darlene Ritter

Endowment Committee: George LeGrand, Chair

Lori Eckert	Adda Frye
James Bigelow	William Duey
Melissa Miller	

Congregational Life Committee: Karen Rumberger, Chair
 Adda Frye, Lori Eckert, Carol Weyer, Carol Elder, Sharon Duda, Jean Bressler, Fran Bigelow, Charlene Hand, Donna McFarland & Joyce Hewel

Hospitality/Connection Crew Committee: Darlene Cupp, Chair
 Adda Frye

Children's Ministry: Myra Hess, Chair

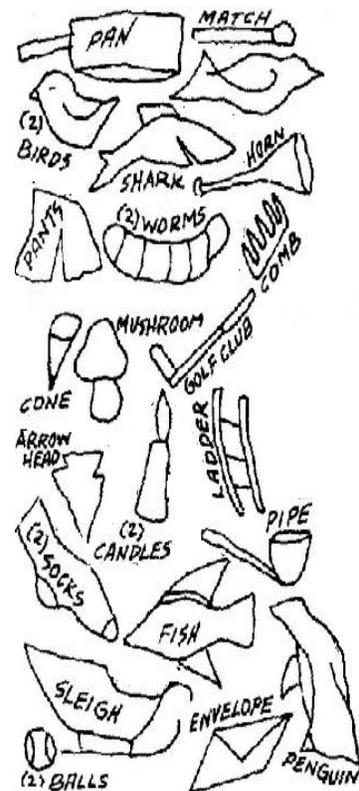
There are three crowds in every church: those who don't know what's happening, those who wonder what's happening, and those who make things happen.



January – February schedule of events

Every Sunday	8:30 am	Breakfast in fellowship hall
	9:00 am	Children and Adult Sunday School Classes
	10:00 am	Praise JAM singers' rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Wesley adult choir rehearsals
Tuesdays	10:00 am	“Book & Beyond” (second Tuesday of each month-choir room)
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Ecumenical Bible Study (beginning January 17, 2018)
Wednesdays	11:30 am	Prayer group
Wednesdays	5:30 pm	Food bank (second Wednesday of every month)
Wednesdays	6:00 pm	Bell choir (will resume in March)
Thursdays	9:30 am	Food bank
Thursdays	6:00 pm	Bible study in choir room
Saturdays	6:30 pm	Worship Service in fellowship hall
<i>Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8:00-9:00 am Yoga classes in the nursery</i>		

When you're on your knees you can't stumble



Find the Hidden objects



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Council: There was an Ad Council meeting on Sunday, December 17th in Fellowship Hall. The budget for 2018 was presented and approved. Security issues for the 12th street entrance to the church were also discussed.

Staff Parish Relations Committee:



For the past eight or nine years, I have had the privilege of serving on the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC); first as a member and the last three or four years as the chair. Now it is time for me to step down. In my opinion, “*The Chair*” is not the most important part of this committee; the members are! Having great people to work with is what made this position so enjoyable for me and what kept me saying “yes” each year I was asked to return. We have prayed together, learned together, worked together, made decisions together, and sometimes struggled with issues together, but our Heavenly Father has walked with us and we accomplished much. I will not list names, because I’m sure I will forget someone who served during the past decade; but it has been my pleasure and my privilege to work with all of you. May God bless each and every one of you as you continue to serve Wesley Church and the Lord in 2018.

PS: I’m not going anywhere; I will still be attending Wesley and working in other areas. I will continue to pray for all of you.

Blessings and Love, Darlene Ritter

Worship Committee: With suggestions from some of our gracious volunteers, a new committee has been formed. Darlene Ritter has agreed to be the chair of this committee, consisting of our music directors, the organist, ushers, acolyte leader, communion stewards, the pastor and others will work together to enhance our Sunday morning worship time. Darlene will be contacting committee members to set up a meeting in early February.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The children and youth of our church family packed boxes that were distributed during the Operation Christmas Child Program. According to the tracking labels for Wesley Church our gifts were sent to Kenya, Africa. Please pray that these gifts sent with love from Tyrone, Pa will bless a child in that country. Thank you to those who purchased items and donated money.



Food Bank: If you know of anyone who could use the services of the food bank please don't hesitate to send them for help. Hours of operation are every Thursday from 9:00 to 10:30 am and the second Wednesday of every month from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Packers are needed for Thursday mornings and the evening of the second Wednesdays of the month. Anyone who might be interested in helping, please call Debbie Reynolds at 632-9813. Items being collected for the month of January is *cereal and for the month of February soups of every kind*. In addition, please feel free to shop for what is on sale; we can use all items every week.

Children's Ministry: On Sunday morning, December 24th our Sunday school classes enjoyed a great Christmas breakfast followed by some fun games. "*The best wrapped gift*" game was played where two people would wrap a gift together with one hand behind their back.



Wesley Missions Team: Wesley Missions Team will be selling frozen strombolis and cinnamon rolls from Claysburg Pizza. If you would like to help sell these items you can contact *Julie Dillon (684-4332), Kendra Daughenbaugh (686-0314) or Jean Bressler (684-5303)* to get an order form. If you just want to order instead, please contact Kendra, Julie or Jean to place your order. All orders must be prepaid. The cost of the strombolis is \$11.00 per box and contains two strombolis; the cinnamon rolls are \$7.00

for a two pack. The choices of strombolis are ham, roast beef or taco. We make \$4.50 on each box of strombolis and \$3.50 for each pack of cinnamon rolls. All orders and money must be turned in by January 30 with delivery and pick-up on February 5th.



Building Security: With the changes in the world we realize the need to protect our congregation and visitors. Therefore, all doors will be locked at all times. There is a bell on the main door (off of Logan Avenue). During office hours LeVonne will remotely open the door after you ring the bell. On Sundays, the main door will be open from 9:45 am until our worship service starts at 10:30 am. Once the service starts and the greeters have taken their seats, the door will be locked

Also, a bell has been installed on the 12th Street entrance. If you are coming for meetings or other events on that floor, ring the bell for admittance and those with whom you are meeting will be responsible for letting you in the building.

You Say . . . God Says

<i>You Say</i>	<i>God Says</i>	<i>Bible Verses</i>
I can't figure it out.	I will direct your steps.	Proverbs 3:5-6
I'm too tired.	I will give you rest.	Matthew 11:28-30
It's impossible.	All things are possible.	Luke 18:27
Nobody loves me.	I love you.	John 3:16
I can't forgive myself.	I forgive you.	Romans 8:1
It's not worth it.	It will be worth it.	Romans 8:28
I'm not smart enough.	I will give you wisdom.	I Corinthians 1:30
I'm not able.	I am able.	II Corinthians 9:8
I can't go on.	My grace is sufficient.	II Corinthians 12:9
I can't do it.	You can do all things.	Philippians 4:13

SPECIAL EVENTS AND CONGREGATION ACTIVITIES



Desert Sampling and Basket Auction:

Our second annual Dessert Sampling and Basket Auction was held on Sunday, November 12, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This year our auctioneers traveled from the “*land down under*” to assist us in raising money for the “Trustee’s Wish List” fund. It was our pleasure to welcome “*Crocodile Dundee and his favorite crocodile*” (Revel Kemp & Amy Stever) who entertained us with some stories, some dancing, and some Australian trivia. Thank you to all who donated baskets, all who provided desserts and to all who attended.



“NO MATTER THE AGE, EVERYONE LOVES A VISIT FROM SANTA”



Hanging of the Greens Service:

Sunday, November 26, 2017, Wesley Church held their annual “Hanging of the Greens” service. At this service, we have an opportunity to prepare for the start of Advent by decorating our sanctuary and other rooms for Christmas. The evening started with a visit to the children by Santa, followed by a supper of soup, sandwiches, and dessert and then the actual decorating of the sanctuary. Special thanks to Lori Eckert and her helpers for all their work and to those who participated in the decorating. Also, special thanks to the kitchen staff and to Santa for his visit.



THOSE SERVING IN OUR MINISTRIES FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY-FEBRUARY

JANUARY

Acolytes:

7 Kasey Daughenbaugh & Annie LeGrand
14 Sean Foster & Cooper Keen
21 Drew Irons & Nick Ashcroft
28 Reagan Irons & Mattie Cherry

Greeters:

7 Sean Foster
14 Sharon Duda
21 Carol Weyer
28 Lori Kirke

Liturgist:

7 Pat Hovan
14 Joyce Hewel
21 David Hess
28 Pat Hovan

Nursery:

7 Carol Elder & Jean Bressler
14 Jane Ashcroft & Jean Bressler
21 Kendra Daughenbaugh
28 Linda Albright

Ushers: - Women's Team: Ann Ammerman,
Julie Dillon, Amy Stever & Jean Harader

Altar Guild: Adda Frye

Chairlift: Earl Bressler

Communion Steward: Julie Dillon

FEBRUARY

Acolytes:

4 Colby Daughenbaugh & Cooper Keen
11 Megan Sinnott & Annie LeGrand
18 Hayley & Meaghan Foster
25 Kasey Daughenbaugh & Adalyn Jefferies

Greeters:

4 Amy Stever & Revel Kemp
11 Jim & Fran Bigelow
18 Walt & Jean Harader
25 Shirley Bailey

Liturgists:

4 George LeGrand
11 Karen Rumberger
18 Kendra Daughenbaugh
25 Joyce Hewel

Nursery:

4 Jane Ashcroft
11 Julie Dillon
18 Carol Elder
25 Kendra Daughenbaugh

Ushers: - Team One: Revel Kemp, Steve
Lucas, John Ott, Tom Rumberger & Ed Jaskowak

Altar Guild: Lori Eckert

Chairlift: Dallas Eckert

Communion Steward: Lori Eckert

Birthdays

January

8 Jean Bressler & Terry Elder
9 Mariel Miller & Miriam Miller
11 Carol Brown, Myra Isenberg &
Patty Isenberg
12 Lynn Drake
17 Kayla Smith & Michele Miller
20 Peggy Adams
23 Anna Mae Campbell
24 Donald Dillon

Anniversaries

16 Ron & Michele Miller

Birthdays

February

1 Melvin Rhine
8 Peg Baney
10 Judy Rodgers
11 Karl Estright
13 Ruth McNelis & Norman Miller

Anniversaries

2 Bernie & Charlene Hand
14 Scott & Joby Hunter

Wesley United Methodist Church
1200 Logan Avenue
Tyrone PA 16686



Happy
Valentines
Day



Wesley United Methodist Church
Pastor David Keyworth, Parsonage phone: 814 684-7309
Email: dkeyworth@susumc.org

Administrative Assistant: LeVonne Angelo
Church phone: 814 684-3341

“The mystery of seeking God is that He is the one who finds us.”