

Wesley United Methodist Church

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord

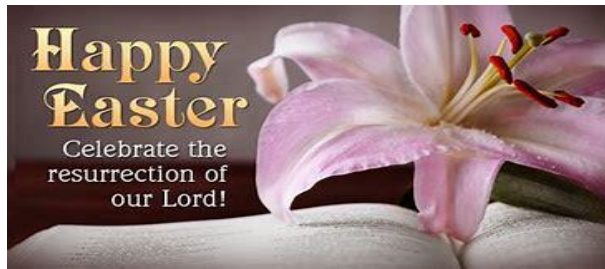
Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
(1 Peter 1:3 ESV)

As I write this I am looking out my living room window to see the snow coming down. I look at my neighbor's tree which just a few short months ago was brilliant in color and now it is desolate. This reminds me of the season we are in, not just the winter season, but the season before Easter. March 6th begins the Lenten season. For six weeks we will journey toward the cross. We will enter that period of desolation. We will weep with the followers of Jesus as we recall all that He endured on our behalf; and then we will rejoice. We will rejoice with thanksgiving knowing that God, the Father sent His only Son into the world for each of us. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have hope. This isn't a hope such as I hope to get skinny someday; it is the hope that is rooted in the faith of salvation, the presence of the Holy Spirit and the assurance of life eternal. When we have this hope for our lives, we want others to have this hope too. How do we share this hope with others? We evangelize. Evangelism.....a word most people are scared of. People tend to think to evangelize you have to do things like stand on the street corner and pass out tracts that say things like "do you know where you are going?" or you meet someone new and the first thing you say to them is "do you know Jesus?" Evangelism

is vital in building the kingdom of God; however, we don't have to stand on the street corner or confront people. Evangelism is simply being a witness to the living hope of Jesus Christ. First and foremost, pray. Pray that God brings you to the person he wants you to evangelize to and pray for the person to whom you will evangelize. How many of you would invite a friend to go to a new restaurant that you tried and found to be delicious? If you can do that, you should be able to invite that friend to come and taste the bread of life and the living water. What about the stranger? Meet them on their turf; reach out to them where they are. See what their needs are and if there is a way to help. Maybe you can't physically help, but could refer them to where they could get help. Be kind, compassionate and caring. Build trust; once people trust you, they will be open to listen to what you have to say. Share your story of the hope you have found in Jesus. Through evangelism, we pray, that others will come out of their desolation into a relationship with the living hope of the world. Let us journey to the cross together.

God's love and peace,
Pastor Tina

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



Lent

During Lent, which starts with the observance of Ash Wednesday, many Christians prepare themselves for Easter through prayer, penance, repentance of sins, and self-denial. Many Christians fast and give up certain luxuries in order to replicate the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days before beginning his public ministry, during which he endured temptation by Satan. Many read daily devotional and spend time in prayer, to draw themselves near to God.

Holy Week

Holy Week in Christianity is the week before Easter and includes Palm Sunday which was the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem described in all four gospels; Maundy Thursday, which commemorates the Last Supper, where Jesus gave his disciples the model for Holy Communion; and Good Friday, with the trial and crucifixion of Jesus ending in his death.

Easter

Celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior! In all four gospels, we learn that after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and other women went to the tomb where Jesus was laid and they found that the tomb was empty. Jesus was gone! How frightening this must have been. In further reading of scripture we are assured that Jesus had conquered death and risen from the grave. He is Risen! He is Alive!

Lent & Easter Services

Wesley United, Christ United, Church of the Good Shepherd and Warriors Mark United Methodist Church will be joining together for the following Lent and Easter Services. All Palm Sunday services will be celebrated at each of the individual churches following their usual schedules.

March 6 – Ash Wednesday worship service will be at *Wesley UM Church* beginning at 7:00 pm.

April 18 – Maundy or Holy Thursday is a Christian Holy Day commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. The service will be held at *Christ United Methodist Church* beginning at 7:00 pm.

April 19 - Good Friday the Friday before Easter Sunday commemorates the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ in the Christian Church. The service will be held at the *Church of the Good Shepherd* beginning at 7:00 pm.

April 21 - Easter Sunday, is a festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Christ United and Wesley will be joining together for a “**Sonrise**” (sunrise) service at 6:30 am in the Chapel of Wesley Church. Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the “**Sonrise**” service (a sign-up sheet will be provided in the church sanctuary or you may call the church office at 814-684-3341).

Regular Easter worship services will be held at each church starting with Christ United at 9:00 am and at Wesley at 10:30 am. Each church will follow their usual Sunday school schedules.





March/April - Upcoming Events

Sundays, Breakfast at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall every week
Adult Sunday School Classes 9:00 am – There are two classes (we can form more)
Children and Youth Sunday School Classes at 9:00 am
Praise Jam Singers (Children & Youth choir) rehearsals at 10:00 am
Wesley Choir practice - 11:45-12:30 am in the choir room
Wednesdays, Ecumenical Bible Study: Gospel of John, led by Pastor Tina, 10:30 am in the Parlor
10:00 am during Lent, March 6 through April 10

A day hemmed in prayer never comes unraveled



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Board

At the February 6th meeting four new members were welcomed: George LeGrand, Lay Leader; Larry Broadbent, Trustee Chairperson; Kendra Daughenbaugh and Rachel Chamberlin, members at large.

The Board approved a request from the Achievement House Cyber Charter School to use a space at Wesley for testing 3-4 students in April and May.

Board of Trustee Report

As the new Chairman of the Trustees I feel it's important that we let the congregation know who the current Trustees are. For 2019 the board includes David Hess, Gerald Campbell, Scott Hunter, Peg Baney, Tim Ashcroft, Terry Elder, Joyce Hewel, Ellie Spangler and myself, Larry Broadbent.

It is our duty to maintain and repair or make arrangements for repairs to the church building and the parsonage. Any member of our church should feel free to bring up anything that they feel needs to be looked into. Please put your suggestion in writing and give to any one of the Trustees. We will

do our best to check out your concern and prioritize it as needed.

In an effort to improve storage space and organization we have started a clean-out effort in the church building. As part of that effort we have eliminated a large amount of waste that has been accumulating for years. The Tyrone Bulk Waste Cleanup will be held from April 9th thru 11th. We are asking the Department heads and helpers to go through any stored materials and sort out what can be thrown out. I would like for that to be scheduled during the week of April 1st thru 6th. Further details on this will be discussed at the next Trustees Meeting and made known to those involved.

The pew pad project is completed. They look good, and feel very comfortable too. We are still having some issues with the boilers which are being fixed at this time. Other small issues with the system will be fixed after the heating season. The heating schedules (times that rooms are heated for use) are being adjusted too. Masonry repairs above the front entrance will also be done as soon as the winter weather breaks.

JESUS DIDN'T SAY "I AM FINISHED," HE SAID "IT IS FINISHED." HE WAS JUST GETTING STARTED.

I do have a request, if any church member would be willing to assist with mowing the grass or in any other form of maintenance, please contact me or one of the other Trustees. We can surely use your help.

Please continue to give to the Trustee Wish List as you feel moved. There is always something to be maintained or repaired. *In His service, Larry Broadbent; Trustee Chair.*



Emergency Readiness Planning Committee

A small group of our church members are working to devise plans and guidelines to provide security and safety for Wesley Church. The committee invited John Wagner, a local volunteer fireman, to come to tour our building and offer suggestions for improvements. John informed us that the fire extinguishers we currently have are water filled. Per his suggestion, the Trustees will research and add fire extinguishers that will meet the needs of various types of fires. He also suggested that we consider some type of emergency escape ladders for the third floor. Floor plans were discussed and we will update the floor plans to show all exits from our sanctuary and education buildings. Further plans will include devising an emergency evacuation plan. Watch the church bulletins for more information.

Currently, first aid kits are located in the kitchen, nursery, and sanctuary. We will be adding additional first aid kits so at least one kit is available in pertinent areas on each floor. John recommended that we consider obtaining an automated external defibrillator (AED). This information has been forwarded to the Trustees and Ad Council for their consideration.

CPR training will be scheduled soon for those who have signed up to take the course. If you haven't signed up and are interested, please call the church office ASAP-(814) 684-3341.

Congregational Life Committee Meeting

The congregational life committee met on January 16th. A full slate of fellowship and worship opportunities were discussed. Lenten luncheons will be held starting March 6th with Fifth Sunday luncheons starting March 31st. The Women and Children's banquet will be held on May 11th and carnations will be given to all women for Mother's Day at the May 12th church service. Hershey candy bars will be given to all men for Father's Day on June 16th. Bible school will be held with Christ Church, Wesley & Church of the Good Shepherd (dates and times to be announced at a later date). Faith Day will be held on August 24th and on August 25th, 9AM, breakfast will be held at Reservoir Park, table #1. Halloween in the church yard will be held in October. Wesley Church's annual Hanging of the Greens will be held in December as well as Jesus' birthday party (date to be announced).

The next meeting will be held April 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

See Page 5 for further details of the Lenten and Fifth Sunday Luncheons.

Serving Our Lord & Savior,

One body, many parts

Just as we can go out into the community and serve, there are many ways to serve our Lord within our church walls during our regular worship times. We are inviting you to answer the call to serve. We are in need of additional chairlift operators, greeters, ushers and nursery attendants. We hope to add greeters to our parking lot entrance. We would love to add an additional Usher team or an additional member to each of the present team. During the next couple of months, we will be calling those of you who attend our services and asking the question, "Will you be willing to serve in one of the aforementioned positions"? Please pray and ask God "Where can I serve" and then be ready to respond with a resounding "YES" when you are called. Thank you, *Darlene Ritter Worship Committee Chair.*





Tyrone Area Community Lenten Luncheons

The Community Lenten Luncheons will start on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and will continue through April 10. This year's devotions theme is "Return with all Your Heart". The luncheons and devotionals are held at the Church of the Good Shepherd from 12 noon to 1pm. Cost is \$6.00 and a canned food item. Canned goods go to the Tyrone Food Bank and the donations (after expenses) go to the Backpack ministry at the school.

Meals are prepared by members of various churches throughout the area. On March 13, Pastor Tina will provide the devotionals and the meal will be served by Christ UMC. Wesley UMC will serve the meal for the April 3rd luncheon. They will serve chicken noodle soup, sandwiches, applesauce and cupcakes. If you plan to attend, please use the sign-up sheet that will be placed on the sanctuary table or you may call the church office at (814) 684-3341.

UMCOR Sunday, March 31

For over 75 years, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has helped people in crisis all over the world. On UMCOR Sunday, we give to cover the relief agency's annual operational and administrative costs so that UMCOR may apply 100% of other donations directly to relief efforts. This Sunday reminds us of the importance of compassion and love in action. Let's join in prayer for this group to continue to serve during crisis throughout the world. A special envelope can be found in your offering box, if you wish to donate.

UMCOR doesn't receive apportionment funds and are supported solely through gifts and donations. Because of these gifts received on

UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing), UMCOR is able to cover its administrative costs.

When your church joins with other United Methodists to support UMCOR, you equip the staff to work globally to alleviate suffering and advance hope and healing. Through relationships with local organizations and trained community leaders, UMCOR can activate its network and provide emergency funds as soon as they know of an urgent need.

Fifth Sunday Covered-Dish Luncheons

At the beginning of 2019, Pastor Tina began serving both Wesley and Christ churches. She has asked both churches to join together for a covered-dish luncheon every month there is a 5th Sunday; which in 2019, will be March 31st, June 30th, September 29th and December 29th. Wesley and Christ churches will take alternating fifth Sundays to host these luncheons. March 31st will be the first 5th Sunday and Christ Church will host this luncheon.

The hosting church will provide place settings, drinks and hot dishes. The other church will provide cold dishes and desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet in both churches or you may call the church office at (814) 684-3341. Please list your name and the number of attendees from your family as well as the dish you/your family will graciously provide. The sign-up sheet will help those setting up and ensuring that there is food for everyone. *Please note that you are more than welcome to attend without providing a dish or signing up in advance.* We are looking forward to a time of fellowship with our sisters and brothers in Christ. Please plan to join us.



Children's' Ministry

On Sunday, April 21, at Wesley there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all ages! If you like to hunt for Easter Eggs, then this is for you! We begin at 8:30 am with a breakfast followed by some fun activities including the Easter Egg Hunt. Come and bring a friend. Use the 12th Street Entrance (red doors) to our fellowship hall.

NOISY OFFERING!!!! - The Sunday school classes have been collecting money to give to the Methodist Children's Home when we go to visit them in May or June. Our amount collected so far is over \$600.00. We have three more months to go to reach our goal of \$1,000 to help this much needed ministry for children and youth 12-21 years who have been abandoned.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S BANQUET



The Women and Children's Banquet will be held Saturday, May 11 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be catered by Dan Durbin and served by the men of Wesley. Ticket prices are Adults - \$12.00, Children 4 to 12 - \$6.00 and Children 3 and under are free. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, May 6 when a final count will be called in to Mr. Durbin. Tickets will be available on April 1. **No tickets will be sold after Monday, May 6. Therefore, no tickets/seats will be available the night of the banquet.**



Meals Ministry

Our Meals Ministry is ready and waiting to help those in their time of need. If you want to be part of this ministry it is EASY!!! Once our members are contacted and given necessary information about the need, dates and location, then you simply select on the schedule the day that you are able to provide a meal and what you will take. If you don't have

time to cook or do not like to cook, you can still help. One idea is to buy a rotisserie chicken, a bag of salad or macaroni salad and brownies—done!! Please check out the program we use to help us facilitate this ministry: **“Take Them A Meal”** <https://takethemameal.com/>. It gives you ideas so that anyone can help! If you want to sign up or have a need, please call Myra Hess (814) 937-2596.

HAPPILY FOREVER AFTER



This Spring, Wesley United, Christ United, Church of the Good Shepherd, and Warriors Mark United Methodist Churches are combining to produce a youth/children's musical, *"Happily Forever After"*! Turnout from our youth is incredible this year, and they are set to start rehearsing in March. Please mark your calendars for our two show dates – **Saturday, May 18 & Sunday, May 19**. The shows will be free of charge and will include meals. Any adults with an interest in volunteering are more than welcome. Please contact Rachel Chamberlin at (814) 553-3362 with any questions.

PLEASE NOTE

May 2nd - National Day of Prayer
August 24th – “Faith Day” downtown Tyrone. Wesley will again have a table. More information to follow at a later date.

REQUEST

KEYS, KEYS, KEYS



Who has keys to our church building? If you have a key to any door of the church would you please call the office as soon as possible and let LeVonne know which key/keys you may have. Thank You.



**THOSE SERVING IN OUR MINISTRIES FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH/APRIL
SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

March

Acolytes:

3 Meaghan & Haylee Foster
10 Colby Daughenbaugh
17 Annie LeGrand & Adalyn Jeffries
24 Nick Ashcroft
31 Mattie Cherry

Greeters:

3 Lori Kirke
10 Sharon Duda
17 Walt & Jean Harader
24 Janice Drake
31 Dallas & Lori Eckert

Liturgist:

3 Pat Hovan
10 Joyce Hewel
17 Debbie Estright
24 George LeGrand
31 Karen Rumberger

Nursery:

3 Amy Stever & Jean Bressler
10 Jane Ashcroft & Jackie Webster
17 Kendra Daughenbaugh & Ann Ammerman
24 Julie Dillon & Bridgit Jeffries
31 Jane Ashcroft & Carol Elder

Ushers: - Team #3

Scott Hunter, Walt Harader, Melvin Rhine and Aaron Jeffries

Altar Guild: Lori Eckert

Chairlift: Larry Broadbent

Communion Steward: Lori Eckert

Birthdays:

March

3 Linda Albright
7 David Hess
9 Tyler Estright
10 Janice Drake
15 Faye Gill
18 Bill Ritter
20 Kyler Williams
22 Lori Eckert
23 Adalyn Jeffries
26 Karen Rumberger, Taylor Hunter, Carol Elder
29 Walt Harader

Anniversaries:

19 George & Sandra Stevens
26 Bob & Linda Albright

April

Acolytes

7 Annie LeGrand & Kasey Daughenbaugh
14 Paige Webster
21 Adalyn Jeffries & Haylee Foster
28 Nick Ashcroft

Greeters:

7 Carol Weyer
14 Amy & Revel Kemp
21 Melvin & Judy Rhine
28 Susan & Larry Broadbent

Liturgist:

7 Kendra Daughenbaugh
14 Jennifer Keen
21 Debbie Estright
28 Wayne Hall

Nursery:

7 Annie Ammerman & Jean Bressler
14 Amy Stever & Kendra Daughenbaugh
21 Nursery open – NO ATTENDANTS
28 Julie Dillon & Jean Harader

Ushers: - Team #2

Wayne Hall, Bill Miller, George LeGrand, Randy Miles and Earl Bressler

Altar Guild: Adda Frye

Chairlift: Ed Jaskowak

Communion Steward: Jane Ashcroft

Birthdays:

April

6 Cheyanne Robinson
15 Kasey Daughenbaugh
18 Nora Chamberlin
19 Lynn Cupp
20 Mike Cherry
22 Betty Narehood
23 Barry Herr & Herbert Hawkins
24 Nick Ashcroft
25 Michael Cherry Sr.
27 Kendra Daughenbaugh
28 Dallas Eckert and Pastor Tina

Anniversaries:

1 Amy Stever & Revel Kemp
8 Terry & Carol Elder





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

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