

Wesley United Methodist Church

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This is a great time in our world right now. We are immersed into the wonders of athletes from all across the world. We are amazed by the beauty of other countries that we may never see. We are amazed by talents that these athletes possess, and they do incredible and often awe inspiring feats. From athletes like Jamaica's Usain Bolt who ran the 100-meter dash in 9.81 seconds and the 200-meter dash in 19.78 seconds, to America's Michael Phelps who is the most decorated Olympian of all time with 28 medals, 23 of them being gold medals. From sports in the summer Olympics like swimming, diving, volleyball, and gymnastics, to sports like water polo and equestrian, and shooting, we see a world come together. We see a world stop fighting, put aside our differences, and share in a common goal—winning a gold medal. There is something as the church that we can learn from this. Is it not time to put aside our differences and come together for a common purpose and goal, to serve our Lord our God? It is time we stop quarreling with one another over small insignificant things and rejoice in the gifts and talents God has given to each and every one of us. Let's get in the race and run the race of life till when that time that we cross the finish line and join Christ in heaven for all eternity.

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WHY



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By Pat Hovan

I grew up in a small Methodist Church in Munson where my mother and I were members. Eventually, that church combined with 3 others to become Gethsemane United Methodist Church in Allport.

Since I was living in Tyrone, I didn't always go back home for church. I usually attended another church here with my neighbor.

On several of my mother's visits we attended Wesley and really felt welcomed and comfortable.

Soon after that, my mother became a resident of Epworth Manor. I went to the chapel services with her there.

When my mother died in May of 2009, I needed to find the right church for me. I wanted one with a traditional service like I grew up with. Remembering how we felt at Wesley, I started to attend regularly. Wesley became my "Church Family." The congregation was so welcoming, the sermons were so meaningful and inspiring, and the music was wonderful! I knew Wesley was the right church for me. I transferred my membership the following year.

Thank you to my "Wesley Church Family" for making me feel so much at home!

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SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Announcement from Staff Parish Relations Committee

What Keeps a Church Going?

What keeps a church going?

First, a trust in our Lord to provide and guide us. Second, people who are willing to take on the responsibilities of getting the job done. God has richly blessed Wesley Church with a wonderful group of people who take care of our Church family in many ways. Some are volunteers and some are paid staff. All of whom put in many hours working for our church family.

On September 11, we will take a few moments at the beginning of the Sunday morning service to acknowledge these dedicated workers. We are hoping that as many of you who are able to attend that Sunday will be with us.

Those we wish to thank for their service are.

Acolytes Administrative Assistant Altar Guild members Bell Choir members Bible School Workers Chairlift Operators Choir members Custodian Kitchen Crew Organist Sunday school teachers; children and adult classes Ushers	Ad Council members Congregational Life Committee Connection Crew Endowment Committee Finance Committee Nominations and Leadership Development Committee Scholarship Committee SPR Committee Trustees And those who mow grass, paint rooms, help decorate at Christmas, etc
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The "UR" in the middle of the word "Church" is very important. **U R** needed, **U R** valued by all of us, and we thank you for all that you do.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Kick Off Sunday: Mark your calendars for September 11. Please come to the worship service at 10:30am and then stay for a spaghetti dinner immediately following the service. Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, rolls, beverages, and Bill Ritter's delicious cakes will be served. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary or call the church office to let us know how many people will attend so we know how much food to make. A free will offering will be taken.

Choir: Not sure what to wear to church? Join the Choir!! We begin rehearsals on Wednesday, August 24th from 7-8:30pm. No auditions required. What we do: meet and sing songs that honor our God and minister to our church family. Please give us a try. A robe is waiting just for you.

Yard Sale: September 10th from 8:00am- 12:30pm. Any donations can be dropped off at the back of the fellowship hall.

Basket Auction: Theme basket auction and dessert tasting will be held on November 13th starting at 2:00pm in the fellowship hall.

Bell Choir: Practice will resume on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00pm. Please make note the change of day. We have now moved to Wednesday.

Operation Christmas Child: Items needed: plastic shoe boxes with detachable lids, single subject notebooks, scissors, colored paper, colored pencils, drawing paper, crayons, coloring books, dry paint sets with brush, pencils, pencil sharpeners, small games that will fit in a shoe box, bar soap, wash cloths, small Bibles, small doll or stuffed animal, small flashlights, and any other items that would fit in shoe box. No guns, candy, or small food items. Donations in the amount of \$7.00 to cover shipping cost will also be needed.

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Did You Know? Continued

Musical: Our kids are practicing hard on Sunday nights getting ready for the musical on October 15th and 16th. Both performances are at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Come out and support our kids and those who are working to make this musical the best it can be.



Church Library: COMING SOON: We will be moving the library from the parlor to the room behind the sanctuary. This will be a location where anyone can sit and enjoy a quiet place of reflection and study. There will be rocking chairs and a nice homey atmosphere to enjoy.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: We are starting back up our study of Revelation September 7th at 10:00 am. Come and study the final book of the Bible and see the hope that this book offers us about a new heaven and a new earth. If you were not able to be with us for the start of the study, that does not matter. I will catch you up to speed to where we are currently studying.

Thursday Evening Bible Study: We will be finishing up *Screwtape Letters* in September. Starting the first week of October we will be studying the book of Titus for four weeks from 6-7:15pm. Please come out and study this with us. We will be studying Titus in the fellowship hall. I would love to have as many people there as possible, not only because we should be studying scripture together, but this is also my next step in the process of becoming an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. I am being evaluated on my effectiveness as a teacher and how I put together a Bible study, so for me to put together a wonderful sample of what my Bible studies look like, I need as many people as possible. So please come out and study with me the book of Titus in October.

Prayer Group: NEW TIME: Wednesday morning 11:15am-12pm.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1st—Leah Jeffries, Rachel Chamberlin

2nd—Shirley Bailey

4th—Darlene Ritter

5th—Lois Price

8th—Ron Miller

13th—Crystal Herr

14th—Jerry Spangler

28th—Ridge Colyer, Taylor Goss

30th—George Stevens

Anniversaries

4th—George and Evelyn Stever

8th—Lynn and Janice Drake

25th—Tim and Karen Ashcroft

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