

Wesley United Methodist Church



Pastor Tina's Tidbits...

**“And let the peace of
God rule in your hearts, to
which also you were
called in one body; and be thankful”.**
Colossians 3:15

Fall is my favorite season of the year. It is a time when the autumn colors burst forth in brilliance and splendor. Yet we know that these same bright, colorful leaves will fall to the ground and die. It is a time of change.

It is a time of change for all of us. I know when it was announced that I was coming to Wesley UMC, it meant change. It meant that once again Conference was making a decision about the leadership of “your” church. It meant a change of leadership in a short period of time, where in the last 5 years; you have had 3 different pastors. It meant that for the first time in the history of your church a woman was appointed. It not only meant change, but also wonderment.....wonder what a woman would be like, wonder about what changes she will make to “our” church, wonder about what will happen to our membership. I myself, wondered, how will I best serve God as I serve the people of the Wesley United Methodist Church and the community of Tyrone. Then I remembered words that were once said “A sign of God is that you will be led where you did not plan to go!” Well.....I don't believe any of us planned to be where we are today, but we know that God has called us together, in this place, at this time, to be one body and to be thankful.

Most of us don't like or want change. With change, comes anxiety. Anxiety that what we are familiar with will no longer be. Anxiety that where we are known and loved may be invaded with people we do not know. Anxiety that we may lose what we have worked so hard to build.

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

One change that has been brought to me is getting a screen. One thing I want us all to understand. If the day comes that a screen would be brought in, it won't be done just because. What I mean by that is I think there are those who think some of the churches that are growing are doing so just because they have a screen. I don't believe that. I also don't believe a church should have a screen just because they want to put words of a song on them. We have hymnals that give us the words. If we want to sing a song not in our hymnal, if it falls under the CCLI license, we can print the words as a bulletin insert. I don't believe we should have a screen just because we want to put the scripture up for people to read. We have pew Bibles and hopefully, people bring their Bible with them. We want people to know how to use the Bible, to be able to find scripture. If we had a screen, we might want to highlight a particular verse, but I don't believe it should ever take the place of a Bible. So what is the purpose of a screen in worship? I believe it is to show us God's word much like stained glass windows did many years ago. We live in a world where people learn the Word of God in different ways, some by hearing and some by seeing. Therefore, the purpose of the screen is to help those who learn by sight.

I have been told Wesley is a very traditional church. What exactly does that mean? My guess would be that the members want to hold on to the traditions of this church building. I love traditional worship. I am not talking about traditions of a church, but traditional worship. For me what this means is we are driven by the text of God's Word. We come together to be in the presence of God, ready to hear His Word. We sing praises to the Lord that enhances His Word. We pray together, knowing that our hearts are united as we go to our Creator with praise and concern. His Word is brought forth so those who are among us know without a doubt that God's love is for them because Christ died for each of us; it also is to encourage us and strengthen us so that we are ready to go out of GOD's church filled with the Holy Spirit and living out His Word in brilliance and splendor.

We are told, "let the peace of God rule in our hearts and be thankful." I know this is not easy. Yet if we are people of God we know in our hearts that He is with us, leading us, guiding us and yes, even changing us.

Let us embrace this change as the people of God ready to go where He is taking us. The hardest part is taking that first step. Let us link our arms, turn our eyes toward Jesus and take that first step together.

God's peace,

Pastor Tina



CORRECTION TO AUGUST NEWSLETTER: Fall & Winter church services will not start at 10:30 am on Sunday, September 9, but will start on Sunday, September 16, 2018.



September/October schedule of events

Sundays, Wesley Choir practice - 10:45-11:30 am in the choir room

Sunday, September 16 – 9:00 am, Fall Kickoff Sunday (see Myra’s article on page 5)

Wednesday, September 19 – 10:30 am, Ecumenical Bible Study in the *fellowship hall*

Sunday, September 23 – 8:30 am, First Sunday Breakfast in the fellowship hall; open to all

Sunday, October 21– 2:00 pm, Annual Church Conference, Church of the Good Shepherd (see pg 7)

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8:00-9:00 am *Yoga classes in the nursery*

Look forward to success, not backward at some failure.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Council: Administrative Council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 27, at 7:00 pm in the parlor. Any committee chairs that are planning to give a report are asked to email a copy to LeVonne at the church on or before September 21. Thank you.

Staff Parish Relations Committee: As per our annual cycle, we have completed the Pastoral Compensation Worksheet, Pastoral Review, and the Self-Review of our committee for 2018. As a committee and as a congregation, let’s keep up the excellent work of helping Pastor Tina become more settled at Wesley! With thanks - Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Worship Committee-Ushers Meeting: On August 5, Wesley Ushers met with Pastor Tina and the Worship Committee Chair,

Darlene Ritter, to share thoughts on the responsibilities of the ushers during worship service. They discussed security issues. Pastor Tina shared that we want to be an open inviting church, but at the same time provide the best security possible. We decided that the building doors will be open approximately 40-45 minutes before the service. However, once the service starts all doors will be locked **except** for the main entrance to our church which opens into the Narthex/Office area. Sunday school attendees will use the 12th street entrance that will be open between 8:15 and 8:30am.

The group also discussed other responsibilities of the ushers which covered before, during, and after the service. Notes were taken and a summary of what was discussed will be returned to the lead ushers to share with their respective teams.

The house of many mansions requires reservations in advance.

Another meeting will be held in September to review the write-up. We will also discuss communion procedures. Darlene will contact the ushers to arrange the meeting.

Endowment Committee: The Investment Policy committee met for the first time on August 9. All members were present. The committee reviewed and discussed our Wesley Audits and Investment Accounts; indicating the need to change our current investment policy. The committee will meet again after Labor Day and later in September with our financial advisor from Stifel.

Congregational Life Committee: On Saturday, August 25, Wesley Church joined other churches of our community downtown for Tyrone Faith Day Services; a day of fellowship, worship and music. Our Congregational Life and our Hospitality committee set up a table and handed out 144 bags to the children who were in attendance. These bags contained book markers, pencils, and other items plus candy, cookies and a church flyer to share with their parents. Thank you to all for your help and dedicated service with this event.

Wesley Choir:

Top 5 Reasons for Not Joining Choir



1. I like to sing but I can't read music.

Not everyone in our choir can read music. We learn as we go and help each other. There are no auditions! Just give us a try.

2. I cannot commit to every Sunday.

All of our choir members cannot either! Everyone does the best they can to be present. We miss them when they are gone, but love when they are back singing with us.

3. I do not want to sit in the choir loft the entire service.

We are no longer sitting in the choir loft for the entire service. After the anthem is sung, choir members will return to the congregation to join their families.

4. I have too many other responsibilities.

Singing in the choir is something you choose to do for YOU! It is time spent being in fellowship with other believers, learning songs that give glory to God, sharing Christ with the world through music and being blessed as you sing with other voices in like spirit.

5. I cannot sing in front of people.

You are not alone! If you want to sing, being in our choir is one of the best ways to help you overcome those fears and gain confidence. Talk to anyone in our choir and almost all of them will share their "singing stories" of their fears of performing in front of others. You are not alone!

We begin after worship on Sunday, August 26, 10:45-11:30 am in the choir room located on the main floor, across from the ladies restroom. Join us anytime!

HIGH SCHOOL AGE AND UP ARE WELCOME! GIVE US A TRY.....YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE!

Call Myra Hess (814) 937-2596 with any questions.

Bell Choir: After many dedicated years, Charlene Hand has decided to step down as our bell choir director. We have been blessed by her talents as she worked with our choir members to ring those bells in praise of our Lord. We are thankful for her and all she has done for the program! If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested in applying for the position, please contact Amy Stever, SPRC chair at (814) 786-0411 or email her at astever@ist.psu.edu.



Deadline for Nov./Dec. newsletter articles no later than October 19



Fall Kick-Off Sunday!

September 16, 2018

Summer is at its end and what a good time to come back to church! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us and see what God has in store: learning His Word in Sunday school and Bible studies - singing hymns and songs of praise – being together in worship – and growing in the Love of Jesus towards one another where you are never alone.

Lineup for Fall Kick Off Sunday

8:45-10:15 am - Sunday School Registration for Pre-K through youth, which includes a thank you gift for each registrant, breakfast munchies, meeting the teachers, games, getting to sing with The Praise JAM Singers, and finally getting a chance to win one of three grand prizes to end our event.

9:00-10:00 am - Adult Sunday School classes

10:30-11:30 am - Worship together in the sanctuary.

Following the worship service there will be a spaghetti dinner for all in the fellowship hall.



Food Bank: Are you a Boscov's shopper? If so, would you consider donating \$5 to the Tyrone Area Food Bank and receive a 25% off shopping pass for the Friends Helping Friends event on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at all Boscov's locations from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. If you want a coupon, please contact Jean Bressler at (814) 684-5303 or her cell (814) 934-7672. If you do not shop at Boscov's please consider donating \$5 worth of food on those items that are on sale the next time you go grocery shopping.



Operation Christmas Child: Christmas shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse will be packed this year by the Sunday school classes on November 4. Please pray that the children who will receive these shoeboxes will be blessed by this gift and will accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. Items needed for the boxes are toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and clothing. Other items to consider purchasing are as follows: coloring and picture books, pencils, colored pencils and sharpener's, crayons, markers, small games or balls, notebooks, small musical instruments (harmonicas), school supplies, dry paint sets (*no liquid please*), hairbrushes, combs, hair ties toothbrushes, bar soap, wash cloths and antiseptic ointments. Also needed are items such as stuffed animals, small dolls, matchbox cars, small water bottles, solar calculators, YoYo's, stickers, jump ropes, kids toy jewelry, soccer balls & pump, shoes, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, flashlights with extra batteries. *Please do not include candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war related items, seeds, food, liquid or lotions, medications, vitamins, breakable items or glass containers or aerosol cans. We also need money to help pay the shipping costs for the boxes in the amount of \$9.00 per box.*



Request for Kitchen Supplies

Please consider donating the following: - 84 inch white, round plastic table covers, 108 inch white, long plastic table covers, 9-10 inch heavy-duty white plates, 6 inch cake plates, white heavy-duty bowls, 8 ounce styrofoam cups, and heavy-duty plastic knives, forks, spoons (white or clear). If you chose to donate cash or check, it will be kept in a separate account and used to purchase the above mentioned kitchen supplies and fresh items (beverages, meat for funeral dinners, etc). Cash or check donations may be turned in to the office; please indicate for "Wesley Kitchen."



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WRAP UP FOR 2018

God has truly blessed our VBS this year as Wesley, Christ UMC, and Church of the Good Shepherd came together this summer to bring the theme “Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus” to almost 80 boys and girls who registered to attend the five-day event where almost 45 helpers from all three churches joined together in sharing the love of Jesus. Bible lessons, skits, music, crafts, games, and snacks were enjoyed by all the children. Everyone gave so generously of their monies for our mission “The Heifer Project”, that by the end of the week \$720.00 had been raised, enough to purchase six sheep to be shipped to families in third world countries! The best news of all was that eight children made a decision to follow Christ!



You are my God, I am holding on to you!



The CROP Hunger Walk Needs YOU **WHY WALK?**

Crop Hunger Walks are interfaith events that build community while raising funds to end hunger in your own community and also around the world. Your participation impacts individuals and families in more than 35 countries. One in nine people worldwide lack access to clean water and a healthy diet.

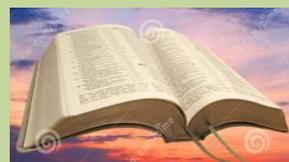
Twenty-five percent of what is collected stays in our local area and is donated to the food bank. Wesley joins with other churches to raise funds. In Tyrone, the walk will be held Sunday, October 7 at the Church of the Good Shepherd (registration 1:30 pm, walk begins at 2:00 pm). Everyone is welcome to join in the walk or if you prefer, you can donate by sponsoring a walker. If interested, please contact Jean Bressler at (814) 684-5303 for more information.



2018 - FIFTH QUARTER:

Fifth Quarter is a church sponsored event that gives the community youth an opportunity to socialize in a safe environment after the football games. Adults supervise and interact with the youth and guest speakers give a short inspirational message. It is held at the Church of the Good Shepherd following Tyrone's home football games. Snacks and drinks are provided, including pizza provided by Thrivent Financial. Various games are available; ping pong, foosball, air hockey, Optional Minute to Win it with a prize for winners and consolation prize for losers, "Rock, Paper, Scissors Championship". These gatherings are for youth who are currently in grades 5 through 12. Students will be

registered by showing their student ID and providing other information. Once you sign in, you must stay until 10:30 pm. At 10:20 pm students will call their parents for pick up at 10:30 pm. Don't forget to bring your Student ID.



September 19, 10:30am - Ecumenical Bible Study starts and will meet on **Wednesdays** in the **fellowship hall**. Pastor Tina will lead us in a study of the Gospel of John. We are looking forward to seeing returning attendees and would love to have others join us. Please use the 12th Street entrance.

October 21, 2:00 pm – We will join other local United Methodist Churches at the Church of the Good Shepherd for Annual Charge Conference. All Administrative Council members as well as other members of Wesley Church are encouraged to attend.



On Sunday, August 19, members and friends of Wesley UMC met at Reservoir Park. As always, more food than we could eat was provided by those in attendance.

Our church service was held after breakfast. Pastor Tina asked for blessings for the school-aged children and their backpacks. She also blessed the teachers, aides, and everyone who is involved with the education of our children.

Pastor chose scripture from various parts of the Bible in which "a picnic" was held; in Genesis,

the food God provided for Adam and Eve; in Exodus when God provided manna for all the years of exile, and in Matthew, Jesus feeding the five thousand with two fish and five loaves of bread.

Special music was offered by a quartet comprised of Myra and Dave Hess and Jerry and Peggy Campbell.

A great time was had by all and next year we will be at *table one*!!



BLESSINGS FOR CHILDREN, TEACHERS AND BACKPACKS



**THOSE SERVING IN OUR MINISTRIES FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER
SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

SEPTEMBER

Acolytes:

2 Kasey Daughenbaugh & Annie LeGrand
9 Sean Foster
16 Colby Daughenbaugh
23 Mattie Cherry
30 Nick Ashcroft

Greeters:

2 Shirley Bailey
9 Jim & Fran Bigelow
16 Donna McFarland
23 Bill & Darlene Ritter
30 Carol Weyer

Liturgist:

2 Debbie Estright
9 Karen Rumberger
16 Pat Hovan
23 David Hess
30 Wayne Hall

Nursery:

2 Jean Harader & Linda Albright
9 Kendra Daughenbaugh & Ann Ammerman
16 Jean Bressler & To be named.
23 Jane Ashcroft & Amy Stever
30 Kendra Daughenbaugh & Ann Ammerman

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

Altar Guild: Pat Hovan

Chairlift: Lynn Cupp

Communion Steward: Lori Eckert

OCTOBER

Acolytes:

7 Haylee & Meaghan Foster
14 Kasey Daughenbaugh & Annie LeGrand
21 Sean Fosterr
28 Kasey Daughenbaugh & Annie LeGrand

Greeters:

7 Melvin & Judy Rhine
14 Lori & Dallas Eckert
21 Lynn & Darlene Cupp
28 Amy Stever & Revel Kemp

Liturgists:

7 Joyce Hewel
14 George LeGrand
21 Kendra Daughenbaugh
28 Wayne Hall

Nursery:

7 Jean Harader & Jean Bressler
14 Julie Dillon & Amy Stever
21 Jane Ashcroft & Linda Albright
28 Kendra Daughenbaugh & Jean Bressler

Ushers: - *Team #1* – Revel Kemp, Steve Lucas, Tom Rumberger, John Ott, Ed Jaskowak

Altar Guild: Jane Ashcroft

Chairlift: Melissa Miller

Communion Steward: Jane Ashcroft

Birthdays

September

1 Leah Jeffries & Rachel Chamberlin
2 Shirley Bailey
4 Darlene Ritter & Bob Albright
5 Lois Price
8 Debbie Estright & Ron Hildebrand
13 Crystal Herr
14 Jerry Spangler
26 Judy Rhine
28 Ridge Colyer & Taylor Goss
23 Adalyn Jeffries

Anniversaries

4 George & Evelyn Stever
8 Jerry & Ellie Spangler
25 Tim & Karen Ashcroft

Birthdays

October

3 Darlene Cupp
9 Adda Frye
12 Angie Goss
18 Beth Foster
24 Jared Rodgers
30 Earl Bressler

Anniversaries

1 Melvin & Judy Rhine
13 George & Maribeth LeGrand
19 Dan & Jane Ashcroft
26 Don & Julie Dillom



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

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