

# THE BRANCH NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2023

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."  
John 15:5

### WATCH OUR SERVICE ONLINE

You can watch our Sunday Morning Worship service on Facebook live each week at 11am at [www.facebook.com/BvilleCWChurch](https://www.facebook.com/BvilleCWChurch). You can also find the links to past services on our church website at [www.communitywesleyanchurch.com](https://www.communitywesleyanchurch.com). Our church service is also aired on Spectrum Digital channel 98 and Verizon channel 30 at 5pm on Saturdays & Sundays.



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WHERE PEOPLE BECOME FRIENDS AND FRIENDS BECOME FAMILY

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### CWC LEADERS

#### 2023-2024 Ministry Leaders

*Adult Sunday School*  
Coordinator: Holly O'Hara  
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Coordinators: Susan Dyer &  
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*Junior Church Coordinator:*  
Dan Perez  
*CW Kidz Directors:*  
Dave & Debbie Lewis  
*Youth Director:* Frank Palmisano  
*After School Good News Club &  
WKFM Director:* Barb Good  
*Church Family Ministries*  
Coordinator: Tracey Perez  
*FOC Director:* Beth DeWeese  
*Chick Chat:* Dorothy Polmanteer  
*Ladies Ministry:* Lynn Hannon  
*Men's Ministry:* Paul Hernandez



## Christmas Program

December 17th  
11am

### CHRISTMAS PLAY:

Join us on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, for a special morning worship service as our children and youth perform "Just a Little Christmas." All participants in 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are needed for a practice on **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**, from **9-11am** and be at church on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, at **10am** for a final run through. Contact Debbie Lewis or Bailey Lewis with any questions.

## chick chat

Ladies Lunch & Fellowship

### CHICK CHAT:

All ladies are invited to this month's Chick Chat, a week early, on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, from **1-3pm** for our Christmas get together. Bring a \$10 gift for a fun gift exchange. Please also bring a dish to pass and join us for a fun afternoon of food and fellowship together. See Dorothy Polmanteer for more information.

**HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** If you have prayer needs you can submit your request on the church app or email it to [communitywesleyanchurch.com@gmail.com](mailto:communitywesleyanchurch.com@gmail.com) anytime or you can call the church office at 315-635-3501 during office hours.

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## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us at **6pm** on **December 24<sup>th</sup>** for our Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service. Come and take a few minutes to slow down from the rush of the holiday season to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. This year our Christmas offering will be going to Brady & Sidney Bond, a young couple who are in the process of planting a Wesleyan church in Ithaca, NY.



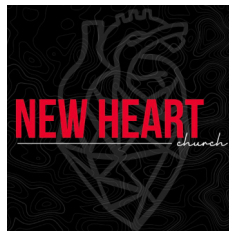
## WORSHIP & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

The December Beautiful Mess Worship Night will be on **Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm** at Abbott's Farm in Baldwinsville. Then on **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 10am-1pm** is the Hand to Hand pop up market on Butternut Street in Syracuse. Carpool leaves church at **9:30am**. See Cindy or Pastor Carl for more information.



## 2023 CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Each year during our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service we take an offering and bless another organization or ministry with it. This year we will be sending the offering to a couple, Brady & Sidney Bond, who have been called and commissioned by our district to plant a church in Ithaca. They are laying the ground work to launch the church in the very near future. The church will be called the New Heart Church. Be praying for them as they follow God's direction in reaching lost people in Ithaca, NY.



## DECEMBER CHURCH TIME VOLUNTEERS

### 3 and Under Class

December 3rd: Marian Morris & Kristin Diener  
December 10th: Stacey Hauswirth  
December 17th: Rachel Coleman & Jennifer Aquino  
December 24th: Georgi Duprey  
December 31st: Marilyn Palermo & Dorothy Polmanteer

### 4s & 5s Class

December 3rd: Chris Sykes  
December 10th: Tiffany Loftus  
December 17th: Christmas Play  
December 24th: Chris Sykes  
December 31st: Chris Sykes

### Junior Church

December 3rd: Barb Good  
December 10th: DeWeese  
December 17th: Christmas Play  
December 24th: Perez  
December 31st: Wagner

### Greeters

#### December 3rd:

- Sara Guenther (sanctuary)
- Laurel Didget (front door)
- Mike Hodell & Sam Wilmot (back door)

#### December 10th:

- Sandy Hilliard (sanctuary)
- Paul Hilliard (front door)
- Scott Spier (back door)

#### December 17th:

- Georgi Duprey (sanctuary)
- Bob Duprey (front door)
- Chuck Abbott (back door)

#### December 24th:

- Beth DeWeese (sanctuary)
- Toots Cooper (front door)
- Dick Rice (back door)

#### December 31st:

- Betty Barrett (sanctuary)
- Checka Palmisano (front door)
- Dennis DeWeese (back door)





## DECEMBER SERMON SERIES

December 3: Simeon - HOPE - Luke 2:25-35  
*God always keeps His promises, even when He takes longer than we would like*

December 10: The Shepherds - PEACE- Luke 2:8-14  
*We can experience peace right in the middle of the struggle of life because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection*

December 17: Children's Christmas Celebration

December 24 @ 11am: Mary - LOVE - Matthew 1:18-23  
*Like Mary, we can allow God to bring something new into the world through our obedience to Him*

December 24 @ 6pm: Candlelight & Communion Service



### ORDER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:

Decorate the church and your home this Christmas! You can order poinsettias to be displayed on the altar during the Christmas Eve service and then you can take it home after the service to enjoy. The cost is \$9 each and all orders must be received by **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Money is due at time of order. Please make checks payable to "Keri Palmisano." Orders may be placed by filling out the form at church and placing it in the box outside the church office, by calling the church office at 315-635-3501 during business hours, by emailing [office@communitywesleyanchurch.com](mailto:office@communitywesleyanchurch.com) or by contacting Keri Palmisano. You may also dedicate your poinsettia in honor of/ in memory of a friend or loved one and the dedication will be included in the December 24<sup>h</sup> bulletin.



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

A big thank you to everyone who donated items and funds for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection. Thanks to your generosity we were able to pack 246 boxes to be distributed to needy children around the world.

### LADIES STUDY CHRISTMAS PARTY:

the Monday Night Ladies Bible study will wrap up its current study on **December 11<sup>th</sup>** and have its annual Christmas Party on **December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** at Peggy Link's house. Bring a \$15 gift for an exchange & a dish to pass. See Lynn Hannon with ?s.



# WINTER *Quarter*

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WINTER QUARTER

*New Classes Begin December 3<sup>rd</sup> and  
Meet Weekly from 9:45-10:45am*

### #1. Study of Matthew (Wesley Press)

This quarter will focus on the words of Jesus recorded by Matthew. Looking at some of the most powerful words of Jesus, you will be challenged to make your life more like Christ and examine the strength in your faith. Some of the topics include evidence of true faith, spiritual pride and parables of the kingdom.

Teacher: Ticia Wicks

Location: Board Room

### #2. God Never Gives Up On You (Max Lucado)

Ignite your faith and be reminded that God will never give up on you. Using the story of Jacob, Max Lucado shows us how through God's grace, mercy and love, our imperfections are pathways to transformations.

Teacher: Pastor Carl Chapman

Location: Upstairs Gathering Room

### #3. Spiritual Warfare

This study will look at what believers need to know about Satan, demons and spiritual warfare. We will dive into what the Bible has to say about these threats and how we can safeguard ourselves and our families through knowledge and prayer.

Teacher: Charlie Lewis

Location: Fellowship Hall

### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Please note we will not be having Sunday School the morning of **Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>**.

Enjoy this extra time with your family and join us for Morning Worship at 11am and the Christmas Eve service at 6pm.



## CHILDREN'S *Sunday School*

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We are offering 4 classes for our children :

**3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Led by Peggy Link

**1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Led by Yvonne Hanrahan

**4s & 5s Class:** Led by Chris Sykes

**3 & Under Class:**

December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Colleen & Mike Hodell

December 10<sup>th</sup>: Gail Duger

December 17<sup>th</sup>: Georgi Duprey

December 24<sup>th</sup>: No Sunday School

December 31<sup>st</sup>: TBA

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We are in need of more volunteers to work with the kids during churchtime. We will be re-opening our nursery in January and need volunteers to staff the room on a rotation between 10:45-noon. We need a few more adults or teens to help in the 2s and 3s room this winter. We are also looking for a teacher for our 4s & 5s class the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. To get involved please contact Jenn at [jennlewis@communitywesleyanchurch.com](mailto:jennlewis@communitywesleyanchurch.com).





### MOMS CONNECTING:

Moms join us for our December get together on **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**, from **6:30-7:45pm**. Moms of all ages and stages of parenting are welcome. This month

we will be doing some holiday themed activities and be discussing "Keeping Christ in Christmas. We will also be doing a fun ornament exchange, please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to share. Moms Connecting meets the same time as CW Kidz & Youth and childcare is available for kids 5 and under.



### AFTER SCHOOL GOOD NEWS CLUB:

How I praise God for His hand on this vital club. For some of our students, this club is their only church time. Our study on "Daniel: Strong in the Lord" has been amazing! The Bible memory verses clearly show that "...nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37. We now have 5 students, with hopes of 2 more to come soon. Each is learning SO much about our all-powerful God through the excellent devotional books, Bible verses, lessons, songs, review games and DVDs. Our next unit will focus on the birth of our Savior through lessons, songs, Christmas verses, plays and "specials". The students' families will be invited to our annual mini play called "A Promise Kept" (aka "The Shepherds Find the Savior"). We always encourage the family to be a part of the play. Please pray that each of our students and their family members will believe in the Savior, who is Christ the Lord and follow Him with all their hearts. ~ For the children, Barb Good & Staff



### MEN'S BREAKFAST

On **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**, join us for our monthly men's breakfast from 8-9am. Bring your sons, grandsons, a neighbor, friend or co-worker. Please RSVP through the CWC church app so we can plan how much food to prepare. You are going to eat breakfast anyways, why not come and enjoy a breakfast that is made by men for men!



### CWC SEWING CIRCLE:

CWC's Sewing Circle will not be meeting in December. The January circle will be held on **Thursday, January 25, 2024**. If planning to attend or have any questions, please contact Kathy Weller at [Kitwhel@gmail.com](mailto:Kitwhel@gmail.com) or 315-561-3656 (text or call).



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group will be adopting a family for Christmas from PEACE once again this year. We will be shopping on **Friday, December 15th** at **5pm**. Teens contact Lynn Hannon if you would like to go and help select gifts for the family.

The Youth Group will be having a Christmas Party on **Wednesday, December 20th** at **6:30pm** in the youth house.



Teens save the date of **Wednesday, January 3rd**, from **6-8pm** for CNY Youth United at CWC.



# CNY YOUTH *United*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD  
6-8PM**

Teens and Youth Leaders Join us for a Night of Worship, Group and Minute to Win it Games and Fun with Other CNY Youth



We will be collecting **winter hats & gloves** for Beautiful Mess Ministries which serves the local community through music and monthly distributions of clothing in the City of Syracuse.

RSVP at 315-635-3501 or  
by e-mailing  
fpalmisano111@gmail.com



Evening Speaker  
Rev. Frank Palmisano



## CW KIDZ

Our theme this month is "I Am Never Alone". We will be looking at the Christmas Story and learning how Jesus' birth gives us Hope, Comfort and Peace. We will be having a **Christmas Party** on **December 20th**. We will not meet on December 27th. CW Kidz is for all kids in Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and meets **Wednesdays** from **6:30-7:45pm**

If there is a time when Baldwinsville Schools are closed or have no after school activities due to weather, CW Kidz will also be canceled.

## WKFM

Last month's WKFM went well! The Lord gave me the idea of using hats to show that missionaries wear many "hats". Using Andrew and Lydia Vaughan's newsletter I taught about the 10+ "hats" that each are wearing in their new location in Derby, England. As a student answered a question about one of their "hats" he/she got to pick a hat to wear. It was a fun way to teach missions!

For December's WKFM on **December 3rd**, we will do the mini play called "A Promise Kept" for students not in the practice time for the big play. We will talk about how our missionaries do Christmas in another country.

Please pray that each of our children will have a heart for missions, and be willing to tell others about their wonderful Savior. ~ For our children, Barb Good, Patsy Sweeney, Chip Good, Ayla Stormes and Madison Upham.