

THE BRANCH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025



"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. You can also find the links to past services on our church website at 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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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:

Join us on **Wednesday, December 24th**, at **6pm** for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Take a break from the baking, wrapping, parties, shopping and stress of the holidays to come and refocus on what the CHRISTmas season is all about. Come celebrate communion, hear the Christmas story read from the gospel of Luke, hear some Christmas music, sing some carols and be encouraged through a devotional.

chick chat

Ladies Lunch & Fellowship

CHICK CHAT:

All ladies are invited to this month's Chick Chat, on **Sunday, December 21st**, 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 an afternoon of food and fellowship together. For more information see Dorothy Polmanteer.

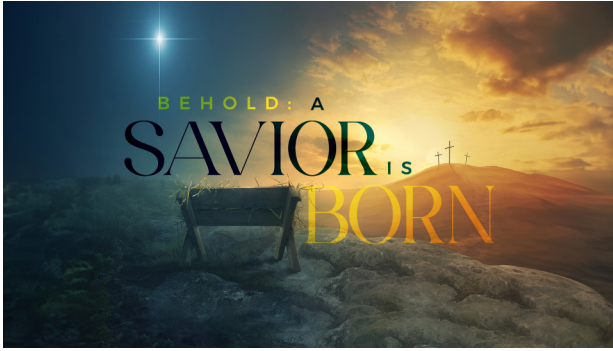
HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? If you have prayer needs you can submit your request on the church app or email it to communitywesleyanchurch.com@gmail.com anytime or you can call the church office at 315-635-3501 during office hours.

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ADVENT SERMON SERIES:

Christmas is the fulfillment of hundreds of years of prophetic predictions about the coming of the Messiah who would change the world. God's people waited for a Savior who would come rescue and restore a broken creation. They held onto hope that God would stay true to His promise. With joy, they anticipated Christ's arrival. As a humble servant, Jesus loved all He encountered from the cradle to the cross. Join us this advent season as we look at how Jesus' birth changed the world.

November 30th: *The Promised Hope*

December 7th: *The Joy of Anticipation*

December 14th: *The Servant Love of Jesus*

December 21st: *The Prophetic Peace*

December 28th: *New Year, New You*



MEN'S BREAKFAST:

Guys of all ages, join us for our monthly Men's Breakfast on **Saturday, December 13th**, from **8-9am** in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend!

DECEMBER CHURCHTIME VOLUNTEERS



Nursery

December 7th: Kristin Diener

December 14th: Stacey Hauswirth

December 21st: Kim Rice

December 28th: Colleen Hodell

Toddler Class & Floater

December 7th: Paul & Sandy Hilliard

December 14th: Kari Clark & Checka Palmisano

December 21st: Colleen & Mike Hodell

December 28th: Dorothy Polmanteer & Ayla Stormes

Pre-K/K Class & Security Person

December 7th: Chris Sykes & Paul Hernandez

December 14th: Rachel & Jason Coleman

December 21st: Family Service Upstairs & Dave Lewis

December 28th: Chris Sykes & Chris Rawlins

CWKidz JAM

December 7th: Barb Good (WKFM)

December 14th: Dan Perez

December 21st: Family Service Upstairs

December 28th: Jenn Lewis & Heather Knepp

Greeters

December 7th:

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

December 14th:

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

December 21st:

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

December 28th:

- Beth DeWeese & Sara Guenther (sanctuary)
- Laurel Didget (front door) & Paul Hilliard (back door)



FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE:

On **Sunday, December 21st**, we will be having a Family Worship Service at **11am**. The children in Pre-K through Grade 5, who are normally downstairs, are invited to join their families upstairs for the worship service. There will be childcare provided for babies and toddlers. During our Family Worship Service, we will have a special message to the children by Pastor Shane, Christmas music and a message by Pastor Carl on peace that will speak to all ages.



SHARING THE BURDEN:

On **Sunday, December 21st**, at **4pm**, we will be having our next "Sharing the Burden" gathering. Join others that afternoon at church for a time of listening and discussion. "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." See Tim Polmanteer for more information.



BEAUTIFUL MESS MINISTRIES

WORSHIP AND OUTREACH WEEKEND:

Beautiful Mess Ministries Worship Night is **Friday, December 5th**, at **7pm** at Teen Challenge, 124 Furman St., Syracuse. **Saturday morning, December 6th**, is Hand to Hand Market at Ross Towers in Syracuse. All volunteers will meet at Casa de Paz, 907 Butternut St. at **10am**. for prayer before heading to the market location. See Pastor Carl or Cindy Chapman for more details.





WINTER Quarter

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WINTER QUARTER

*New Classes Begin December 7th and
Meet Weekly from 9:45-10:45am*

#1. Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther - Wesley Press

God rules over history. Looking into the books of Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther, we see how the temple project was completed, the wall was built, and the Jews were saved from being annihilated. All because God is in control. He is the same today. God has a purpose for you in your current situation, God works through His people to carry out impossible tasks, and He shapes His people to accomplish His will.

Teacher: Ticia Wicks

Location: Board Room

#3. Spiritual Growth

Spiritual growth renews our minds so that we will hear God's voice, receive His peace and contentment, will walk in truth and healing, and will recognize spiritual freedom with our finances, so that we can follow His plan. No matter where you are in your spiritual walk these four topics: contentment, finances, recognizing God's voice and healing our emotions, will help you start your new year off by growing closer to Him.

Various Teachers

Location: Fellowship Hall, Kitchen Side

#2. Acts

In a world that is unsure of where to find truth or purpose, the book of Acts stands apart. It reveals God's plan for global redemption, his purpose for our lives, and the power He has given to accomplish His mission. Pastor Louie Giglio will walk us through the story of the early church. Acts may have been written 2000 years ago, but God is calling us to be part of the story today.

Teacher: Pastor Carl Chapman

Location: Fellowship Hall, Far Side

#4. Young Adults

A weekly young adult gathering for those age 18-25. Some weeks will include hearing from other adults you see in church and how God is working in their lives. Other weeks will be a discussion of various topics from select Bible verses. See Max or Christopher for more information.

Teacher: Max Hernandez & Chris Rawlins

Location: Upstairs Corner Room



9:45AM SUNDAY CWKIDZ CONNECT:

Children Age 2-5: Led by Chris Sykes

Children 1st-5th Grade

- December 7th: "Creative Play" with Lynn Hannon
- December 14th: "Kidz Serve" with Jenn Lewis
- December 21st: "Bible Wrap Up" with Susan Dyer
- December 28th: "Connect Time" with Shane Diener



MOMS CONNECTING:

Moms Connecting, a monthly group for Moms of all ages and stages of parenting, will have its next get together on **Wednesday, December 3rd**, from **6:30-7:45pm**. Join us for a relaxing evening with fellow moms. This month we will be doing some holiday themed activities including a fun ornament exchange. Please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to share. We will be decorating and enjoying Christmas cookies and a hot cocoa bar. At our December get together we will also be collecting gently used toys to share with parents and grandparents in need through the hand to hand market program our church participates with in the city of Syracuse. Moms Connecting meets the same time as CWKidz Club and Youth and there is free childcare available.

NOT MEETING THIS MONTH:

Lunch Bunch will not be meeting in December but will resume its monthly lunch get together for ladies in January. The Stitch and Fellowship monthly group will be taking a winter break for the months of December and January and will start up again in February.

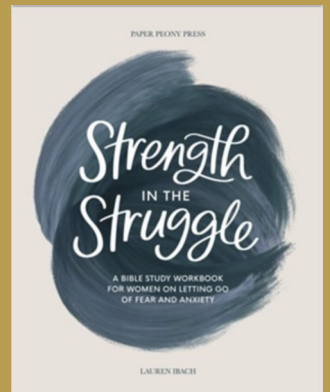
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULTS:

Young Adults age 18-25 are invited to check out the new weekly discussion group beginning **Sunday, December 7th**, at **9:45am** upstairs in the corner room at the end of the hall. For the first meeting, Cindy Chapman will be sharing how she got from working at a bank in Maryland in her young adult years to college in Pennsylvania then to CWC. Sometimes in life we end up where we didn't plan to be, but looking back we can see how the puzzle pieces fit together just right. Come visit with CWC's young people and get to know the back story of some of the people you see around church. Questions? Ask Max Hernandez or Chris Rawlins.

NEW LADIES MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY & CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The Monday Night Ladies Bible Study will complete its current study on **December 8th**. Our next study will be "*Strength in the Struggle*", an encouraging 10 week Bible study for women about letting go of fear & anxiety, and will start on **January 12th**. Books are \$8. Please let Lynn Hannon know by December 29th if you would like a book (e-mail: lkhannon10@gmail.com).



Join us for our **Ladies Bible Study Christmas Party** on **Monday, December 22nd**, at Peggy Link's house (8264 Dexter Pkwy, B'Ville) at **6pm**. Bring a dish to pass and a wrapped \$10-\$15 white elephant gift.



KID'S MOVIE TIME

CWKidz will be showing the movie "King of Kings" on December 13th for any kids who want to enjoy a fun filled movie afternoon. You are invited to bring your children and for them to invite their friends. Pajamas are encouraged and popcorn is provided. From **1-3pm** on **December 13th** come watch a new telling of a timeless tale. See Shane Diener or Susan Dyer for more information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT REMINDER

If there is a time this Winter when Baldwinsville Schools are closed or have no after school activities due to weather, CWKidz Club and Youth Group will also be canceled. We also do not meet on any day that school is closed for holiday breaks.



ORDER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:

Decorate the church and your home this Christmas! You can order a red poinsettia to be displayed on the altar during the December 21st service and Christmas Eve service. Then you can take them home after the service to enjoy. The cost is \$12 each and all orders must be received by **Sunday, December 14th**. Orders can be placed on the church app or by filling out a form at church and dropping it in the box outside the church office. Money is due at time of order. If paying by check, please make payment to "Keri Palmisano" or through venmo (venmo.com/u/KeriPalmisano) 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 21st bulletin.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group hosted its annual Pie Auction fundraiser last month. Thank you to everyone who donated and bid on pies. They also had fun with a Turkey Bowl competition at Youth Group. Watch for more information from our youth leaders on upcoming Youth Ignite events.





CWKIDZ CELEBRATES ADVENT:

During the season of Advent leading up to Christmas we at CWKidz want to celebrate Jesus' arrival into our lives. We will be using the season to focus on celebrating and preparing for a party. For each Sunday that your child comes leading up to Christmas she or he will be decorating their own "birthday decoration" for Jesus they can display at home on Christmas Day. We want our kids and families to know that inviting Jesus into our lives is not just about Sunday. Celebrating Jesus is what we do in all of life. Our kids can even be praying for their "one's" also. Let's get ready to celebrate.



WESLEYAN KIDS FOR MISSIONS:

Our November WKFM featured our missionaries, Andrew and Lydia Vaughan, serving YWAM in England. Harrison remembered meeting Luka at WKFM. We started a new theme: "How does a person become a missionary?" First, one has to become a Christian. Next, one needs to learn how to pray. We offered the children time to write out a prayer request and put it in the "God Can". God already answered one of those requests... healing of Bennett's throat! (Each month we will add to this list.) I got to tell the children how my nephew Andrew became a missionary!

DECEMBER: We will start with a mini play called "A Promise Kept" (aka "The Shepherds Find the Savior"). We will continue our prayer requests and "God Can". We will highlight our missionary Ms. Rachel and her work with Wycliffe Bible Translation. Sandra Darwish will tell the story of Dr. Helen Roseveare whose life influenced Sandra to become a missionary nurse!

Please pray that all of our children will attend the December WKFM...and have a heart for missions!

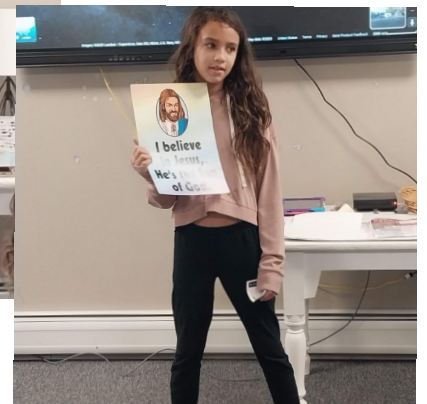
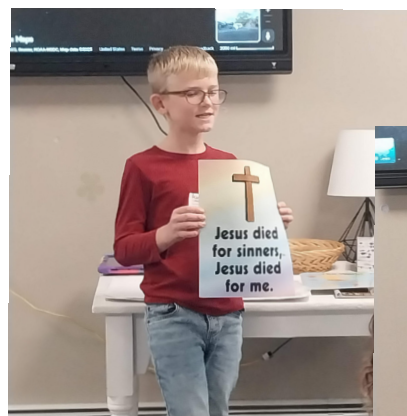


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For the children, Barb Good and Team (Chip Good, Patsy Sweeney and Sandra Darwish.)