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Notes from the Pastor



Thank you for the kind gift on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. I will put it to good use and probably eat too many cookies!

*Grace & Peace,
Pastor Christine*

Notes from the Bishop's
Evening on the Delaware
District 10/14/26

"Everything flows from Discipleship"
Tools for Spiritual Formation

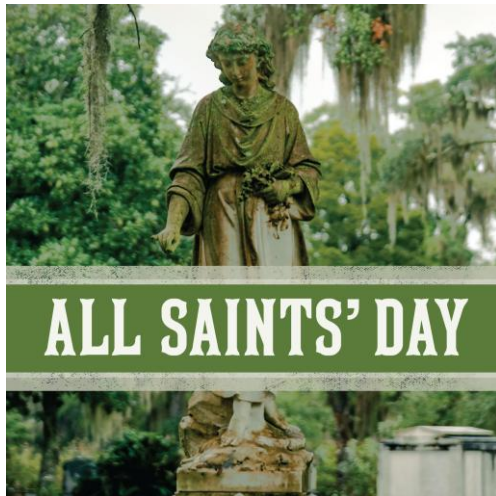
Bishop LaTrelle Easterling was in the Delaware District on Wednesday October 14th at Avenue UMC in Milford. She used this time with clergy and Laity to lay out options, resources, and training that the BWC-PDC episcopal area is developing to support discipleship development.

Rather than a "program" built to fit everyone, it offers different helps that can be pieced together to fit each local congregation and mission area. The primary focus the task of developing disciples, because disciples go on to hear and to implement God's call in our place and time.

We are already building disciples through Search Class and now Moving On. We'll look at some of the suggested resources as we plan for the future. There are other things that we can do as well. One of our Moving On classes from our first session discussed developing Covenant Discipleship groups. I'd like to move beyond talking and begin working to make that happen. Please look for another article in this month's Crier that explains Covenant Discipleship and invites you to join.

The Bishop and Cabinet also invite everyone to a daily prayer together. Beginning January 1st of 2027 they will host an online prayer time every day beginning at 7:00 AM for about 20 minutes. For some people that's early! For some people that's late! If it works for you, plan to check it out. I will share the details as they become available.

All Saint's Day



November 1 marks All Saints' Day in our life together as people of faith. All Saints Day is a sacred occasion in the life of the Church, rooted in both the ancient Christian tradition and our distinct Wesleyan heritage. It is a day to remember, honor, and celebrate the faithful who have gone before us—the saints who have lived, died, and passed on their legacy of faith. In the Wesleyan tradition, we not only remember the canonized saints but also all those ordinary believers whose lives have exemplified the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, had a profound appreciation for All Saints Day. In his journal, he wrote of how the day filled his heart with gratitude for the lives of those who had been “alive to God” and the ways their witness strengthened his own faith. In Wesleyan theology, saints are not seen as distant figures but as part of the ongoing, living community of the Church. We are connected to them in what Wesley called “social holiness,” the idea that faith is always lived out in community. On this holy day, as many churches will remember those who have passed away in the last year, we also acknowledge that we are part of a great and unbroken communion of saints, both living and departed, all bound together by the love of Christ.

The significance of All Saints Day lies in its reminder that our faith is both personal and communal. We run our individual race, but we do not run alone. We are inspired and sustained by the “great cloud of witnesses” who have shown us how to live faithfully. Their stories encourage us to persevere in our own struggles, and their lives challenge us to embody God's love in our world today.

This day also invites us to reflect on our own legacy. How are we contributing to the ongoing story of God's people? In the Wesleyan tradition, we believe that each person's life has the potential to witness to the transformative power of grace. Just as we honor the saints who have shaped us, we too are called to live lives that bear witness to the gospel, for those who will come after us.

Gracious God, we thank You for the saints who have gone before us, those who lived in faith and who have left us a legacy of grace and love. May their witness inspire us to run with perseverance the race set before us. Empower us by Your Spirit to live as Your faithful disciples, building up the Church and extending Your love in the world. In the name of Christ, who unites us with all the saints in glory. Amen.

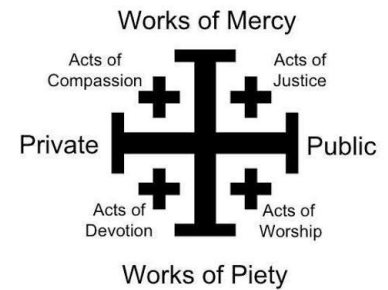
Bishop Lanette Plambeck is resident bishop for the Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church

Covenant Discipleship Groups: An Introduction

By: Pastor Christine Bowden

A Covenant Discipleship group is 5-7 people who meet together for one hour each week to hold one another mutually accountable for their discipleship. The group is guided by a covenant *they* write, shaped by the General Rule of Discipleship:

**To witness to Jesus Christ in the world
and to follow his teachings through
acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion
under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**



The goal of discipleship is to become fully the human beings God created us to be, in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ. Our map is the Scriptures which contain the teachings of Jesus Christ, summarized by him in Mark 12:30-31 "... you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. ... you shall love your neighbor as yourself".

The weekly meeting is a process of questions and answers. The leader offers a brief prayer, and the group reads the covenant preamble in unison. Leadership of Covenant Discipleship groups is shared by the group. Members take turns each week. This way the task of leading week to week does not fall on the shoulders of one person.

This process is open to every member and friend of Wesley UMC. To begin with, I will be contacting everyone who is in a leadership position in the church with an invitation to be a part of building Covenant Discipleship here at Wesley UMC. Just remember that the invitation is not exclusive, if you feel a stirring of the Spirit, please contact me for more information.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Christine

Excerpts from Discipleship Ministries /Covenant Discipleship Groups

Finding and Fostering Our Spiritual Gifts

By: Pastor Christine Bowden



Finding and Fostering Our Spiritual Gifts

The nominating team continues to meet to develop our leadership team here at Wesley UMC. Each leadership role corresponds with groups of spiritual gifts. As a simple example, someone with the gift of hospitality will be happiest and most effective in a role that involves welcoming and caring for guests. Some of us know what our gifts are, some of us may not be entirely sure. And the nominating team needs your help to understand your gifts and then offer opportunities for you to flourish.

Discipleship Resources offers an online tool to help us all assess or refresh our understanding of our own spiritual gifts.

[Discipleship Ministries / Spiritual Gifts Inventory](#)

This assessment is completely confidential, your results will not be reported anywhere and will be wiped as soon as you log off. You make the choice as to whether you want to print and share your results. If you would take the time to do the assessment, for about 20 minutes, and then share your results with the nominating team, we would have a more specific way to invite you to a ministry that would nourish and fulfill your own call. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to explore the ways that God is calling you.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

By: Carol Gambone & Mike Petit de Mange, Co-Chairs

Missions' busy season is in full swing! Fall and winter are full of opportunities to volunteer and assist at Wesley. We would love to welcome new face to our Missions committee, who meets every other month from 6:30-7:30 PM in person and on Zoom.



Big projects we are working on:

Long Underwear Drive: Thank you so much to all who participated. All clothing will be handed out in a December Community Meal as a Christmas gift to all guests who attend. Thank you again!

Redner's Food Drive: Our event was held Friday, November 4. Thank you so much to all who participated in the Redner's Food Drive!

Project Angel Tree: names have started coming in for Wesley! This is even earlier than last year. Currently, we have 58 names on our list. If you know you would like to participate in this outreach ministry, please email Carol Gambone at psu_turtle@hotmail.com for a tag of your choice. Otherwise, please look for the tree near Fellowship Hall in mid-November with the Angel Tree tags. Tags include children's first names and items they would like to have for Christmas. Wesley's congregation donates gifts to these families who have individuals who are incarcerated. More details are coming soon!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Sign-up sheet coming soon! Sign up for a one-hour time spot to ring the bell to collect donations for the Salvation Army.

Ongoing project:

Community Meal: Come prepare lunch for 80 folks to enjoy! We welcome all who love to plan, shop and chop! Set up for the meal begins around 10:30 AM, meal is served at noon with cleaning up beginning at 1 PM. We are so thankful for Carol Gambone, Tobi Hope O'Brien, Patty Field x2, Larry Josefowski x2, Val Branch from Calvary for agreeing to switch one weekend with Wesley, the Trustees, Jerry and

Eunice Craig, the Choirs and Pastor Will Grimes who attends Pickle Ball & his team from Solid Rock Baptist. Each year Wesley sets a goal of one lead, which involves signing up for one meal for the entire year! Each year we get closer to meeting that goal.

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We have started signing groups up for FY 2027. Interested in leading a meal in 2027? We would love to have you! Contact Carol Gambone psu_turtle@hotmail.com to reserve your date. Special thanks to the Search class who has already signed up for January.

Dessert making committee: This is a subcommittee to our community meal. We know that many folks would love to serve at the community meal but may not be able to take time out of their Saturday. So, we are introducing a way for you to help and be involved! Join our dessert committee! We are looking for folks to make desserts for our community meal. Email Carol Gambone psu_turtle@hotmail.com if you are interested and we will coordinate a weekend that works for you! Have a special family recipe? We would love to serve it! Enjoy making cookies or cakes? Bring them on it! Thank you so much in advance for joining this new ministry!

FOOD HANDLERS COURSE



We have some certificates that have expired or are getting close to expiring. Please make sure your certificate is current.

The State of Delaware requires us to have someone in the kitchen who holds a food-handler certificate during all events and the community meals.

A Conditional Volunteer and Food Employee Interview Form needs to be filled out by **each volunteer once a year** and kept on file in the black file box located in the kitchen. This form requires the volunteer along with the food-handler certificate holder to sign off on it.

We encourage each committee/group that uses the kitchen to have at their members take the 360 Learn to Serve® Food Handler Certification course. Cost \$10, self-paced, and takes about two hours. Just click on the link below take the course, pass the test and you receive your certificate that day.

<https://www.360training.com/course/anab-accredited-food-handler-training>

Once you receive your certificate via email, please forward the email to Michele in the church office mdryda@wesleyumc-dover.com.

Wesley Clothing Closet

It is Fall!!! Warm winter clothes are in high demand at the Clothing Closet!

The Gift of a Second Chance: How Your Unwanted Clothes, Shoes, and Accessories stocks the Clothing Closet.

When you look inside your dresser and closet, what do you see? If it is full of sweaters, pants, & coats you haven't worn in years, shoes that pinch your toes, or accessories that no longer fit your lifestyle, you are sitting on a powerful resource for Wesley's Clothing Closet. By donating your gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories to the clothing closet transforms your clutter into a lifeline for someone in need.

Requested Items

- **Outerwear & Apparel:** Winter coats, jackets, and general warm winter clothes for men, women, and children.
- **Footwear:** Men's boots (highly requested by clients).
- **Gear for the Homeless:** Sleeping bags and backpacks.
- **Accessories:** Jewelry (a very popular item for their Saturday sales).

Donation Hours & Logistics

- **Monday & Friday (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM):** Highly recommended. Volunteers are available during these hours to help you carry your donations downstairs.
- **Saturday (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM):** Drop-offs are welcome but note that volunteers may not be available to help you carry items down the stairs.

Thank you for your continued support for this important ministry at Wesley UMC.



WESLEY PRESCHOOL AND PLAYCARE

By: Sanura Hinton, Preschool Secretary



October has been an absolute blast at Wesley Preschool and PlayCare!

Our little learners had so much fun flashing their biggest smiles for Picture Day and making wonderful memories with their classmates.

The October fun isn't over yet! Get ready for **Family Fun Night on Thursday, October 29!** Bring the whole crew for an evening packed with exciting, educational games and activities we can all enjoy together.

As we roll into November, here are a few important dates to mark on your calendar:

- **November 11:** School Closed (Veterans Day)
- **November 12:** Preschool Progress Reports shared
- **November 18:** Family Luncheon (We can't wait to see you there!)
- **November 25–27:** School Closed (Thanksgiving Break)

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We are so incredibly grateful for our amazing families and everything you do to make the Wesley community shine. Cheers to another wonderful month of learning, growing, and laughing together!

Got questions about enrollment or upcoming events? Give our friendly office a ring at **302-678-8987**—we are always happy to help!

Search Class

By: Eunice Craig & Gigi Windley

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. Letter of James 3:13.

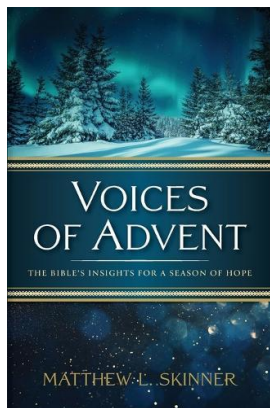


Join Search Class this Advent season on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am in the parlor as you “**grow in wisdom and understanding**” on your faith journey during this Advent season of preparation and observances for the birth of Christ.

Voices of Advent, The Bible’s Insights for a Season by Dr. Matthew L. Skinner, starts **November 8**. Dr. Skinner is professor of the New Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. This newest book of his explains how Biblical texts contribute to how we experience the Advent and Christmas season.

November 1 Final session of our 6-part series on our study of *Genesis*

Our 4-part Advent Series, *Voices of Advent*, begins.



- November 8 **Voice of Jesus**, who promises to return.
- November 15 **Voice of John the Baptist**, who prepares the way.
- November 22 **Voices of Mary, Zechariah, and the Gospel of Jesus**, who anticipate the magnificence of Jesus’ birth.
- November 29 **No Class**--Thanksgiving weekend.
- December 6 **Voices of Angels and Prophets**, who praise God when Christmas dawns.

Fellowship over light refreshments as we view a short DVD before sharing in a group discussion. Participant handbooks are available to read ahead.

Family Life Committee

By: Co-Chairs Mardi Spangler and Jim Thistlewood

The Advent Marathon Is On: Get Ready for Wesley's Festive December!

Move over trunk decorators and candy hunters—our fantastic Annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 24 was just the warmup. Thanks to everyone who brought their A-game with the vehicle themes and shared in some truly wonderful, safe fellowship. But take a deep breath, because Wesley United Methodist Church is officially entering the busiest, most joyful stretch of the year as the Advent Season approaches.



Guess the number of Candy Corn in Container



Patty & Wendy had activities for the trick-or-treaters to take part in.



To help you map out your December calendars, we have compiled the ultimate guide to our upcoming Advent marathon. Grab your calendars, dust off your holiday spirit, and get ready for a seasonal lineup packed with live animals, delicious food, and a very special guest from the North Pole!



1. The Living Nativity & Christmas Café

We kick things off downtown by bringing the Christmas story directly to life! This event is our prime opportunity to witness to the Dover community and showcase our vibrant downtown presence.

- **When:** Thursday, December 3 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.
- **The Vibe:** No memorization required! We just need warm bodies to wear costumes and hang out with the live animals.
- **The Best Part:** You can volunteer for as little as 30 minutes before heading off to choir practice or other commitments.
- **Bonus:** The Women of Faith will be hosting the Christmas Café simultaneously. Come grab a warm treat, support Family Life, and show Dover that Wesley is alive and thriving!

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2. Church Advent Covered-Dish Dinner

What is Advent without a massive feast shared among family and friends? Skip cooking a full meal and bring your appetite to the Grace Fellowship Hall for a night of pure comfort.

- **When:** Sunday, December 6 at 6:00 PM.
- **The Menu:** Family Life has you completely covered in the heavy lifting—we are providing the ham, the drinks, the place settings, and dessert!
- **Your Mission:** Bring your absolute favorite side dish (ready to serve 8 hungry people) and your best conversation.
- **The Entertainment:** Expect holiday music, festive crafts, and plenty of lighthearted fellowship to keep the winter chill away.



3. Breakfast with Santa

We are wrapping up our whirlwind Advent schedule with the ultimate morning of holiday magic for the kids (and the kids-at-heart).

- **When:** Saturday, December 12 at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- **The Fuel:** A delicious continental breakfast to kickstart your weekend.
- **The Highlights:** Holiday crafts for the little ones and an exclusive meet-and-greet with the big man in red himself—Santa Claus!
- **Say Cheese:** While you should absolutely bring your own cameras for personal snapshots, we will also have a professional photographer on-site taking photos against a beautiful Christmas backdrop completely free of charge.

Join the Festive Team!

An epic lineup like this doesn't just happen by magic—it takes an amazing crew behind the scenes. The Family Life Committee is always on the lookout for fresh faces, creative ideas, and helping hands. If you want to dive into the fun and help us shape an incredible winter lineup, **reach out to Jim or Mardi today**. Together, let's make 2027 our best and most impactful year yet!

United Women in Faith

By: Mary Ann Evans, President



Our Circles continue to meet every month. Feel free to join us in October as we gather for study, fellowship, fun and snacks.

Barbara Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday (November 10) at 3 PM in the parlor

Mary Martha meets the 2nd Thursday (November 12) at 12:30 PM in the parlor

Thank You to everyone who purchased a Boscov's Friends helping Friends shopping pass!! I do not have a total amount raised yet, but the \$5.00 you paid for a shopping pass is ours to keep! (and hopefully you found some good bargains at Boscov's!) and of course the money raised will go to support women, children and youth locally, nationally and internationally. We do not keep any of the money we raise.

In November we will do a program for World Thank Offering. At the finish of the program, we do a collation for the World Thank Offering. If you would like to donate, please let me know. (I had included a fun calendar in the October Crier to help in deciding what to donate in October)

On November 18 we will gather as a Unit at Olive Garden at 11:30 AM. We will approve our budget for 2027 and discuss other business items.

You do not have to attend a Circle meeting to be a member of the UWF Unit meetings. Everyone is welcome. Please let me know if you are interested.

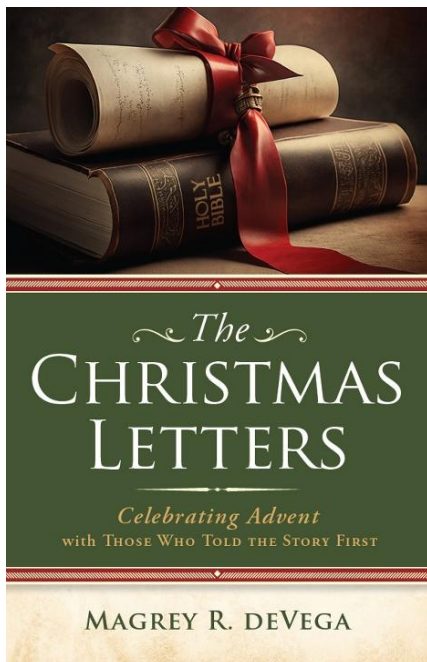
We are in the early stages of planning our Christmas Cafe but will offer some soup or chili along with a cookie sale on the evening of the tree lighting/live nativity on Thursday, December 3. Watch for more details.

THANK YOU!!

Moving On in Advent



For the Advent Season Moving On will be meeting during the day; beginning Wednesday December 2nd through Wednesday December 23rd in the parlor at noon.



We will meet each Wednesday to share the study “The Christmas Letters” by Magray DeVega.

The Epistles were actually written well before the gospels, even though the gospels come first in our Bibles. So, the epistles were actually the first writings to share the good news of Jesus Christ, and how his life changes our lives.

Please feel free to bring a brown bag lunch, we’ll meet in the parlor and spend an hour reading these early Church “Christmas cards”.





Advent / Christmas Reminders

Saturday Nov. 28 Decorate Sanctuary 10:00AM

Sunday Nov. 29 First Sunday of Advent

Thursday Dec. 3 Live Nativity 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Sunday Dec. 6 Second Sunday of Advent

Advent Dinner 5:30

Delaware Chorale Society Concert 4:00 PM

Saturday Dec. 12 Breakfast with Santa 8:30 AM

Sunday Dec. 13 Third Sunday of Advent

Barratt's Chapel

Service of Lessons & Carols 4:00 PM

Saturday Dec 19 Blue Christmas Service 4:00 PM

Sunday Dec. 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service 4:00 PM

Candlelight Service with Communion 7:00 PM

Sunday Dec. 27 Combined Service 9:30 AM

Lessons & Carols (no 8:00 service)

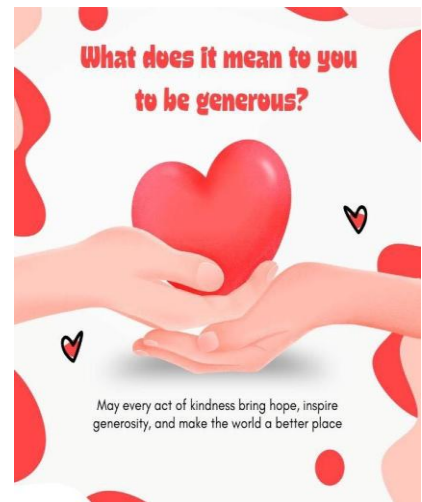
Happy New Year!

GENEROSITY: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU?

Finance Committee Donna Wilkinson Josefowski

What does it mean to be generous? While we know that generosity is not just about giving monetarily; it is also about sharing our time, our attention, our talents, and our compassion for others. We often describe this more typically, as “time, talent, and treasure”. Each week during the month of October, a slip of paper was passed out with the question “how did we serve”? Serving others is an important part of how we show generosity.

Whether it be by praying, sending a card, or helping with one of our many programs, each one is vitally important.



This month we continue the journey of sharing what we have – our generosity. So, what does it mean to be generous? During this time of the year, we often have a time of stewardship, when we ask for a pledge from each family. Pledging is important to help us as a church budget and plan for the following year and to help us be good stewards of our money and share what we have with others.

Wesley Church continues its commitment to giving back to the community – whether it was by helping create the Dover Interfaith Shelter for Men, starting our Clothing Closet over 50 years ago which remains strong today, collecting food items for local food pantries, providing toiletry kits for those in shelters, helping provide for local children, serving a Saturday meal, as well as all the financial donations we give as a congregation to national, local, and international organizations each year.

Generosity and serving is part of our core.

John Wesley himself used the well-known phrase - Earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can when discussing stewardship. We are asking you to consider and help for the next year.

In the upcoming weeks, look for letters and pledge envelopes. We hope you will consider John Wesley's words and what you can do to help. If you are online using Realm, you can also enter your pledge amount (and even set up automatic payments)

We are grateful for a generous congregation, and we are grateful for continued support during the years ahead. We appreciate each and every one of you and your generosity in the ways you share your time, talent, and treasure.

In Gratitude,
Wesley Church Finance Committee

GRATEFUL HEARTS: GROWING TOGETHER

Evangelism & Outreach, Donna Wilkinson Josefowski

With the month of November and Thanksgiving often comes reminders of gratitude. To quote one of John Wesley's writings, on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, John Wesley wrote, "Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it."



In November, look for another gratitude challenge focusing on our own church and how we are grateful for not only Wesley as a whole, but for the people, the ministries, and the gifts they bring. If you are in Worship, we will write down our answers; if you are at home, please feel free to share your thoughts to the church or me; or share on our social media. We will post questions there too.

It's so easy for us to get caught up in the negative (we all do this) – what we as a church don't do well or what we could be better at, but it's also good to remember what we do. That we do make a difference even if we have flaws. When we get discouraged, let's remember there are good and caring people, wonderful ministries that serve our community, good memories and traditions, and ways we will continue to be a blessing.

OUR FOCUS EACH WEEK WILL BE IN THESE AREAS:

November 1-7 Grateful for the People of Wesley

Congregation Challenge: Think of someone at Wesley who has touched your life or made you feel welcome. Or share more than one.

November 8-14 Grateful for our Ministries

Congregation Challenge: Recognize a Wesley ministry or volunteer whose services make a difference.

November 15 – 21 Grateful for our Church Home

Congregation Challenge: Share a favorite memory, tradition, or special place at Wesley.

November 22 – 28 Grateful for our Blessings

Congregation Challenge: Share why you are grateful for Wesley and what you hope for our future.

If you would like to share your challenge answers, but aren't in worship, please reach out to me at djosefowski@gmail.com or 302-222-0694.

Grateful to Wesley Church.



NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8 am Worship 8:35 am Search Class 9:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship	2 10 am Staff Meeting 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Pickleball	3 6 pm Evening Prayer 7 pm DCS	4 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm NA 6:30 pm Moving On Bible Studies	5 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Bell Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 6 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm ACA Mtg.	7 12 pm (Noon) Community Meal Hosted by Calvary Church
8 8 am Worship 8:35 am Search Class 9:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship	9 10 am Staff Meeting 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Pickleball	10 3 pm Barbara Circle 6 pm Evening Prayer 5:30 pm DCS Board Mtg 7 pm DCS	11 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm NA 6:30 pm Moving On Bible Studies	12 12:30 pm Mary Martha Circle 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Bell Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 6 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm ACA Mtg.	14 10 am – 12:30 pm Choir Retreat 12 pm (Noon) Community Meal Hosted by Wesley Church
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22 8 am Worship 8:35 am Search Class 9:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship	23 10 am Staff Meeting 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Pickleball	24 7 am Men's Bible Study 6 pm Evening Prayer 7 pm DCS	25 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm NA 6:30 pm Moving On Bible Studies	26 Church Closed 12 pm Thanksgiving Day Community Meal Hosted by Calvary Church	27 6 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm ACA Mtg.	28 10 am Advent/Christmas Decorating 12 pm (Noon) Community Meal Hosted by Crossroads Church
29 8 am Worship 8:35 am Search Class 9:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship	30 10 am Staff Meeting 6 pm Evening Prayer 6 pm Pickleball					

Stewardship Sunday



2027 Financial Pledge Commitment

We will bring our financial pledges to church on **Sunday, November 22**. More information will be mailed to you the week of November 1, 2026. Please ask God for guidance as you settle on your pledge commitment for 2027.

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pledge Card

Date _____ ENV. # _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip_____



Tithes/Offering to:

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

(Select one method.)

\$_____per week

\$_____ per month

BLDG. IMPROVEMENT FUND

(Select one method.)

\$_____per week

\$_____ per month

(Your contribution may be raised or lowered at any time by calling the church office at 302-678-9626)

2026 CHRISTMAS GIVING ORDER FORM



As we look forward to the arrival of the Advent season, we are preparing to beautify our sanctuary with traditional Christmas poinsettias. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please ensure your order form and payment are submitted to the church office by **Friday, November 13, 2026**. A list of dedications will be included in our Christmas program. Thank you for helping make our worship space beautiful!

Poinsettia(s) \$12.00 each Red ____ White ____

Please make check payable to **Wesley UMC**. Please note "Poinsettia" on memo line and mail or bring to the church office.

We are asking for all donations to the following funds be received in the church office by **Friday, December 18, 2026**.

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND \$_____ Please make check payable to **Wesley UMC**. Please note "Discretionary Fund" on memo line and mail or bring to the church office.

NAME_____

PHONE_____

Please print below the wording you would like in the bulletin. (Example: Joseph Carpenter in loving memory of his parents Mary and Joseph Carpenter Sr.)

You may pick up your Poinsettia(s) after the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service or after the 9:30 AM Combined Worship Service on December 27, 2026. Any plants left after December 31, 2026, will be disposed of. Thank you!