

WESLEY CHAPEL NEWS



Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

November 2017

ON A MISSION

Where are we going? What are we about? What is our purpose? What do we stand for? What is our vision? What are our goals?

These are all excellent questions whether we are talking about the church or ourselves. As United Methodists, the answers to these questions should be simple and clear. It is best summed up in our mission, "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

We have a story to tell, a story of a risen Savior, full of grace and love!

But if that doesn't give you enough to go on, maybe this prayer I came across will sum it up better for you. It is my prayer and I hope it will be your prayer, too.

A PRAYER

I'm part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have Holy Spirit power. The die has been cast, I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of His. I won't look back, let us slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking,

cheap living and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way rough, my companions few, my guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, not give up till I drop, preach till all know, and work till He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He will have no problems recognizing me.

Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Jimmy

*thankful
grateful
blessed*

It is a Wesley Chapel UMC tradition to celebrate Thankful Sunday on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The service is made unique each year as the congregation provides the message by bringing an item that represents something or someone for whom you are thankful and placing it on the altar.

Pastor Jimmy holds each item and you are invited to speak about it. If you choose not to speak about it, there will be small cards for you to write a note about the item you set on the altar.

Some items presented in years past include family pictures, car or house keys, report cards, pay stubs, bills marked "paid in full," diplomas, etc.

Men's Breakfast 7:30am Sunday, Nov. 12

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!

From Thanksgiving to Advent prayer to songs of the season, Wesley Chapel is gearing up to celebrate the birth of our savior. Here's how to get involved.



TIRED OF TURKEY? Join us for chili and Chrismons

You can only eat so many leftovers ... so we like to gather on the Sunday after Thanksgiving for the annual Chili Cookoff and Hanging of the Greens.

Join us in the gym at **5 p.m.** on **Sunday, Dec. 3** and bring your award-winning chili! After we eat, we'll head to the sanctuary at **6 pm** to finish decorating for Christmas, sing some carols and Christmas favorites, and take a few minutes to focus on the reason for the season.

Upcoming Sermons

November 6 (All Saints Sunday)

Philippians 4:4-7

“How Do I Pray?”

November 12

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

“Constantly In Prayer”

November 19

Joel 2:21-27

“All the World Gives Thanks”

November 26

Ephesians 1:15-23

“A Good Name”

December 3

1 Corinthians 9:6-15

“While You Wait”

HERITAGE CLUB



The annual Thanksgiving Devotional for the Heritage Club is **Thursday, Nov. 16** at **noon** in the **WCGym**. We'll provide the turkey, you bring your favorite traditional side dish or dessert to share.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Jimmy will begin an Advent Bible study titled, “Awaiting the Already.” **Sunday night study** begins on **Nov. 26** and ends **Dec. 17** (with no class meeting on December 3rd) at 6 pm. **Wednesday night study** begins on **Nov. 29** and ends **Dec. 13th** at 7 pm. Come join us!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Bring your filled shoeboxes to church on **Sunday, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m.** We'll pray over them and collect them for distribution. These boxes bring Christmas joy and the message of God's love to children in 100+ countries.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Emily is looking for voices to help with the Choir Christmas Cantata on **Sunday, Dec. 10 at 11 a.m.** You don't have to be a choir member to participate — everyone is welcome! Practices will be on Wednesday night at 7 p.m. and CDs of the music will be available if you'd like to practice on your own. Please contact Emily for more information.

STAFF LOVE OFFERING

The Staff Parish Relations Committee invites the membership to participate in a Wesley Chapel tradition of a Staff Love Offering that is gifted to the church staff for Christmas. SPRC will accept contributions through the first week of December. Any checks can be made payable to Wesley Chapel UMC and marked “staff love offering” on the memo line. Cash donations can be put into a sealed envelope marked “staff love offering.” For more information contact Dawn Anderson, SPRC Chair, at dawn_anderson2264@yahoo.com.

YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 5

9:15 Puppet Practice for our Christmas program. Anyone interested in performing on 12/10 please meet in Marcie's office.
10 am Sunday School in the WCGym
11 am Worship on the front pew!
4 pm Youth Praise Band - be ready to begin practice at 4. We will be working on our Christmas performance on 12/10. You need to commit to practicing on 11/5, 11/12, 11/19 and 12/3.
5-7 pm UMYF in the WCGym

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5-7 pm UMYF FISH Night. Details TBA

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11 am Worship on the front pew!
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5-7 pm UMYF

NOVEMBER 26

10 am Sunday School in the WCGym
11 am Worship on the front pew
5-7 pm UMYF Details TBA.
Watch The WCYouth FB page!

Youth News

When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. Isaiah 43:2

In November, we take time to reflect on our blessings and things we are thankful for. One thing that we are all thankful for is when we receive gift cards. To anywhere and for any amount! Right?? MUST Ministries is in need of gift cards for their Christmas Shop. Many of their teen clients want gift cards just like you do, and it is difficult for their families to provide Christmas gifts. So let's have a GIFT CARD DRIVE! Bring a gift card for us to donate to MUST. It can be any amount – just be sure to write the amount on the gift card w/Sharpie and please include the validation receipt. We will collect them for the entire month of November! Let's see how many we can collect as a group! What could you give up each week to cover the cost of a gift card? Do you have a card in your wallet that you were saving? Maybe it could cheer up someone else! Please consider providing cards from one of the following retailers:



- iTunes ▪ Amazon ▪ Movie Theaters ▪ Barnes & Noble ▪
- GameStop ▪ Target ▪ Local Restaurants ▪ Starbucks ▪

The "Other Mission Trip" details will be released in November. I'm pretty excited! I will be posting a few more hints on our FB page. For each correct answer you give, you will win a prize. The person who guesses the most correct answers will get \$25 off the cost of the trip. Space is limited. You will be responsible for helping fundraise for the trip and deposits for those interested will be due in late November. Watch the FB page for all the details. Remember – attendance and participation at Sunday School and UMYF plus mission fundraising affects your eligibility to attend because space is limited on both the domestic and international trips. Don't forget to put your name on the sign-in sheet at youth activities!

Our third Drive Thru Nativity is December 15 and 16 from 7-9 in the front of the church. This is a major outreach for our church and a lot of fun for all of us as well. This year we are practicing equal opportunity casting for our "key players." If you want to be Mary, Joseph, or the Angel, then you may "apply" for the job and we will have a drawing for our actors. This will take place at UMYF in early December. Don't miss out and remember that if you "apply" to be the Angel, you must be comfortable with heights!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 4 Barbara Petersohn
November 5 Bree Crockett
November 6 Glennis Willis
November 7 Susan Fraser
November 9 Lory Gross
November 9 Rich Pollina
November 9 *Michael & Mary Eubanks*
November 10 Ken Sinclair
November 11 Bob Bryan
November 11 Bob Tolar
November 16 Julia Gibson
November 19 Anna Harrison
November 21 Marcie Brunton
November 21 Beth Hood
November 23 Mary Lynn Mabry
November 24 Rachel Castillo
November 24 *Hunter & Beth Guckert*
November 28 Bill Thompson
November 29 Michael Eubanks

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