

The Wesley Journal

Wesley United Methodist Church • A Reconciling Congregation

Welcoming all, regardless of race, nationality, sexual orientation or gender identity.

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Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday
& Thursday
8:00 a.m. ~ Noon

Friday
8:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.

Pastor's Hours

Wednesday & Thursday
10:00 a.m. ~ Noon
**Please call ahead*

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Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Auction • Save the Date

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 1st 2020! Our annual spaghetti dinner and auction is a fun event, a great way to break up winter and wonderful food, too. A silent auction of donated items, new, gently used or services is open prior to and during the delicious spaghetti dinner which begins at 5:30 pm. Then a live auction of specialty dinners, services or special items follows at 6:30 pm. It's not too early to think about what you might donate for the silent auction or a special meal that you can share with others.

To whet your appetites, here is a listing of some of the specialty meals that were in available during past auctions:

- Prime Rib of Beef Dinner
- Indonesian Dinner
- Curry Dinner
- Burrito Buffet
- Vegetarian Sushi Dinner
- Kentucky Derby Dinner
- All Things Spring Buffet
- Father's Day BBQ

Spaghetti Dinner tickets will be on sale soon. Watch for updates & the ticket information in upcoming Sunday bulletins and weekly email announcements. The proceeds of the Spaghetti Dinner support a WUMC mission project. Auction proceeds goes to the WUMC general budget.

Auction contacts:

Deb Henson (dhenson@eco.umass.edu) or Dana Tarr (danaktarr@gmail.com)

Dinner contact:

Bonnie Wroblewski (413-247-9294) or Allison Roy (allison.h.roy@gmail.com)



Christmas Giving Update

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Thanks to the outpouring of generosity from the Wesley congregation, gifts of toys, games, books, winter clothing, and gift cards were given to over 60 people at the Survival Center, Jesse's House, Amherst Family Outreach and refugee families. A special thanks to Diane Mercomes, Carol White and Rebecca Klaus for organizing these wonderful opportunities. ~The Missions Committee

Alternative Giving ~ Veteran's Update

The Missions Committee wishes to thank the entire Wesley Church community for supporting the Veterans' Christmas Gift Cards project in 2019. Because of your loving generosity, we were able to serve 25 veterans' families in need and 15 homeless veterans. Working with the volunteer services at the Veterans Administration facility in Leeds, MA, families are identified through the counseling program and Soldier On, a program for homeless veterans based at the Leeds facility. ~ Louise Minks, Glenda Neely

Help feed the hungry at Not Bread Alone

The next WUMC dates for Not Bread Alone are **Dec. 28th and January 25th 2020**. Members of Wesley church and friends started this tradition of helping out many years ago and it has become an important mission outreach for our church. Please consider taking a turn at volunteering to help feed those less fortunate. Starting time is 9:15am until 2:00pm. Either part-time or the full-time is welcomed. Bonnie Wroblewski is the coordinator and can be reached at 967-3822 or via email: bonitacw@aol.com

Food Collection - 1st Sunday of each month Sunday, January 5, 2020 – Food Collection during Worship

Wesley UMC's food ministry includes a collection at the worship on the first Sunday of the month. For the next several months, we are going to target the needs of Not Bread Alone, a community meal program in Amherst. Here is a list of things they can use:

- Napkins for bundling silverware - the larger size of "elegant" napkins
- Regular paper napkins
- Paper towels
- Cooking oil
- Extra virgin olive oil (small amounts)
- Pine Sol for mopping floors
- Powdered dishwasher detergent
- All-purpose cleaner refill bottles: Lysol, Spic and Span, whatever
- Canned tomato products: paste, diced, sauce



Bible Study will resume on Sunday evenings in Mid-February. Look for updates in the bulletin and weekly email announcements. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Jim Harvey at jimharvey293@gmail.com Or 413-259-4404 with any questions.



Just a reminder that book club meets at the church from 7-8:30 on the third Monday of the month.

We read both fiction and non-fiction and focus on books that look at the intersection of faith and life. All are welcome to join any time or any month!

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Serwa via e-mail at sserwa@gmail.com

Here are our other upcoming meeting dates and book titles:

1/20/20
Sold on a Monday
by Kristina McMorris

2/17/20
The Island of the Sea Women
by Lisa See



Caroling Fun Had By All!

On December 8th, Wesley voices were heard all around town singing Christmas carols to church members (and many other residents) at The Arbors, Center for Extended Care, Elaine Center, and Care One, plus a couple private residences. Thanks to all who participated! (Note: I emailed Beth and Rebecca to see if either have a picture, but it might not come in time for you...if you get a picture, you can just put this message as the caption. This is not a Missions Committee event...it was organized by Cathy B, Beth, and me, but no need to put names.)



Remembering in Joy & Concern



Happy Birthday!

We give thanks and send joyous wishes to those celebrating their birthdays this month:

January 2nd

Sarah S.

January 4th

Nilda D.

January 5th

Chelsea O.

Brielle T.

January 6th

Ekua A.

John S.

Phyllis S.

January 8th

Margaret R.

January 10th

Jim C.

January 11th

Ed S.

January 14th

Catherine B.

January 17th

Glen H.

January 18th

Erin S.

January 21st

Donald G.

January 25th

Joojo A.

Kodwo A.

January 30th

Benjamin R.

Sandy K.

January 31st

Richard B.

A Prayer for The World

Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations.

Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt, the neglect.

Then let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows.

Let the warmth of the sun heal us wherever we are broken.

Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly.

So that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents, gender or skin color.

Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness.

So that we can share the joys and feel the sorrows of our neighbors.

And let the light of the sun

be so strong that we will see all people as our neighbors.

Let the earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers

to surround us with beauty.

And let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven.

Amen.

- by Rabbi Harold Kushner - 2003

Special prayers for those with ongoing issues and needs:

Emmanuel, Tim, Duane, Pat, Ginny, Francis, Michael, Doris, Joyce, Linda, Gary, Toshi, Phyllis, Bonnie, Wendell, Martha, Maggie, Ted, Kerry, Karen, Dan, Terri, Comfort & Maureen.

**Praying you have,
Comfort on difficult days
Smiles when sadness intrudes
Laughter to touch your lips
Sunsets to warm your heart
Faith so you can believe
Confidence for when you doubt
Patience to accept the truth
Courage to know yourself
And Love to complete your life.**

We remember former members on the anniversaries of their death and Resurrection into new life:

Doris C. ~ 1/13/88
Adele F. ! 1/15/19
Creo H. ~ 1/19/12
Lois C. ~ 1/21/16
Beulah M. ~ 1/27/88
Hester Q. ~ 1/28/94

HEALING PRAYER GET-TOGETHERS ~

We invite you to partake of the healing graces of our loving God either after service on the first Sunday of every month or during our Thursday evening prayer time. We also would invite you to join our healing group if you are able to make that commitment and are willing to learn the principles of faith healing.

Please feel free to contact Cathy Bennett (413-256-1502) or Nancy Nash with any questions.

Happy Anniversary to an amazing couple!

Ron & Suzie M.

Wishing many more years of happiness!



NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

Church Calendar

For the most up-to-date times and information on WUMC events please visit: www.wesleyfamily.org

JAN. 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Office closed 4:00 PM Private Violin 6:00 PM 12-Step mtg. 6:30 PM Women's 12- Step mtg. 7:15 PM Choir | 2 Office Closed 1:00 PM Spiritual Journey 7:30 PM 12-Step mtg. (GH) 8:00 PM Healing Prayer | 3 Office Closed 10:00 AM 12- Step mtg. | 4 |
| 5 Food Collection in Worship Healing Prayer after Worship 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bells rehearsal | 6 1:00 PM Tai Chi 6:30 PM 12-Step mtg. (YR) | 7 Office Closed 5:45 PM Praise 5:45 PM Praise Group | 8 4:00 PM Private Violin 6:00 PM 12-Step mtg. 6:30 PM Women's 12- Step mtg. 7:15 PM Choir | 9 1:00 PM Spiritual Journey 7:30 PM 12-Step mtg. (GH) 8:00 PM Healing Prayer | 10 10:00 AM 12- Step mtg. 1:00 PM LIR workshop | 11 |
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| 19 10:00 AM Worship w/ Praise Group 11:30 AM Bells rehearsal | 20 1:00 PM Tai Chi 6:30 PM 12-Step mtg. (YR) 7:00 PM Book Club | 21 5:45 PM Praise Group | 22 4:00 PM Private Violin 6:00 PM 12-Step mtg. 6:30 PM Women's 12- Step mtg. 7:15 PM Choir | 23 1:00 PM Spiritual Journey 7:30 PM 12-Step mtg. (GH) 8:00 PM Healing Prayer | 24 10:00 AM 12- Step mtg. 1:00 PM LIR workshop | 25 8:00 AM Leticia Davis Recitals 9:30 AM Not Bread Alone |
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Worship Schedule:
Every Sunday at 10:00 AM

Nursery care provided for infants and toddlers (to age 3)
Sunday School & Youth Group offered most Sundays
Listening aids are available.

Re-broadcasts:
Wesley's worship service are broadcast weekly on Community TV:
Sundays: 9:00am ~ Hadley

10:00am ~ Channel 12, Frontier Community Access
(covers Sunderland, Whately, Conway & Deerfield)

6:00pm ~ Amherst

For more information, visit us at: www.wesleyfamily.org