



Wesley United Methodist Church
“Building Bridges between Christ and Community”

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MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

**UPCOMING EVENTS: LOTS going on this month, so mark your calendar!
You won't want to miss the fun!**

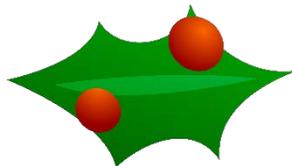
PLEASE NOTE: ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Thursday, Dec. 1st

7-8 PM

SUPPORT OUR PASTOR. SUPPORT OUR CHURCH.

PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Christmas Eve Service: Sat, Dec. 24th, 7:00 PM



Christmas Worship: Sunday, Dec 25th, 10 AM

No coffee hour on Christmas day.



BOBBER DOWN CUSTOMER APPRECIATION PARTY

3 YEARS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT!

DECEMBER 1ST

AWESOME FOOD SPECIALS

ROCK N' ROLL BINGO 7:30-9:30 PM

Bobber Down has supported our church several times during the past few years.



POINSETTIA SALE!



It is that time of year again! Ruth Schauer will be taking orders on **Sunday, Dec.4th** for potted poinsettias
Price: \$10. Proceeds will go to the general fund.

LIVING CHRISTMAS

A Drive-Thru Spectacular for the Whole Family!



Experience the Nativity complete with live animals + 8 more amazing scenes.

December 2, 3 & 4. Gates open 6-9 PM

Brighton Assembly of God
7770 Whitmore Lake Rd, Brighton
Follow the searchlights!

FREE ADMISSION! FREE ADMISSION! FREE ADMISSION!





New Members Welcome

We have had four people join the church this past year. We will officially welcome them on **Dec 4th** during coffee hour. UMW will generously supply a cake for the occasion. These members are:

Gay Pawlak

Darla Miller

Ruth Schauer

Dave Riley



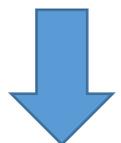
COMMUNION SUNDAYS—

First Sunday of each month. Next communion, Dec. 4th.

DECEMBER 7TH

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

Please continue to pray for our country.





SANTA COMES TO WESLEY!

BREAKFAST/ BRUNCH

DECEMBER 10, 2016

Breakfast brunch: 11 AM-12 NOON

Visit with Santa (don't forget your camera!): NOON-1 PM

Candy Cane Story Time: 2-3 PM

POTLUCK THIS MONTH!

Mark your calendar!

We did not have a Harvest dinner last month or church this month, so let's plan to come together for a really dinner after worship service on **Sunday, December 11th**. to pass and we will have fun and fellowship!



dinner for the public wonderful, tasty, Bring your favorite dish

Games Night- 3rd Friday of the month. **Next game night: Dec. 16th, 7 PM.**



Questions? Call Karen Smith at 734-449-2359.





BAPTISM

ANNOUNCEMENT--

Daniel Patrick Brough will be baptized by Pastor Fred on December 18th.



CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG!

Sunday, December 18th

4 PM

Enjoy the songs of the season!

Hot beverages and cookies will be served in the Fellowship Hall.



Collection for the Homeless—as we have done past years, it is time for our church to collect warm outer clothing for the homeless. There will be a tree in the narthex on Nov. 20th, so any items can be placed under the tree and will be distributed on Christmas day. Ideas for items include: Gloves, hats (dark colors are best), scarves, socks and small bottles of shampoo, tooth brushes and toothpaste, razors.

See Sue Harteg with any questions.



CHURCH SUPPER—No church supper this month.



Suppers will resume in January.

CHRISTMAS CARDS NEEDED!

have supported our church this
Regency nursing home in



Christmas cards for **religious themed cards** to donate for this purpose. You may give cards to Darla Miller, or place them in her church mailbox. Thanks to those who have donated already!

We need cards to send to local businesses that
past year and also to give to each resident at the
Whitmore Lake. Please look through your

Red socks, tube socks,



Knee socks, blue socks!

UMW is collecting socks to donate to the Regency Nursing Home located here in Whitmore Lake. This is in no way a competition for the clothing drive for the homeless! If you can, when buying hats, scarves, gloves or socks for the Homeless Clothing drive, pick up an extra pair of socks for the Regency residents.

Socks must be new, but can be of any kind. We need enough so that every resident gets a pair. UMW will also include a Christmas card from Wesley United Methodist church. Give socks to Sara Davis, 734-358-0594.

Thank you!



LET'S GO SHOPPING...

CRAFT SHOW—Finish your shopping!

Dec. 3rd. St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dexter-Pinckney Rd, Pinckney. **10-4 PM, FREE!**



ALPHA AVENUE CHOCOLATE SHOP

Give the gift everyone loves! Let Alpha Chocolates create a custom treat for your next event or Holiday. They have a full line of cream filled chocolates, truffles, turtles, clusters, pretzels, caramel apples and specialty items all customized to any event or holiday! And they will ship your order for you!

(989) 402-4620 or check out our website: www.AlphaChocolates.com

POINSETTIA SALE!



Poinsettias make great gifts around the holiday season. And they look so festive and pretty too! See Ruth Schauer to order one (or two). All money goes to benefit the church.

KITCHEN ITEMS-



Great stocking stuffers! Crocheted top dishtowels, bread basket towels, pot scrubbies, dishcloths and crocheted necklaces! Contact Darla Miller 248-573-7613

Oh MI Scrubs and Suds



Specializing in Luxurious Bath Products (These ladies are located in Whitmore Lake.) They were at the Wesley Tea and the Flea Market this summer. Contact them at: 248-826-4109.





GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE!

Need a small gift or stocking stuffer?

Wesley United Methodist Church is offering a gift certificate to be used for one of the church dinners! Cost is \$9.00 and it can be presented at the door, instead of cash, at any of the upcoming dinners!

See or contact Laurie Clement 734-449-9282 to purchase a certificate! Proceeds will go into the general fund.



You will notice several items for sale in the Fellowship Hall. They are for anyone who wishes to purchase them, with proceeds going to the church. These items will change frequently, and more will be added, so check it out! If you care to make a purchase, see Pastor Fred. Thanks for shopping!

The Christmas House



216 East Lake St., South Lyon 48178

248-446-9970

Lots of small Christmas items and ornaments. Great for stockings! Open on Sat and Sun thru December.

United Methodist Women's Meeting--



First Sunday of the month after worship AND last Monday of the month for Bible study. We will hold an election of officers this month. They will officially go into office Jan. 1st. If you care to run for an office, please contact Nora Post or Sheryl Hunt.





Trustees Meeting —Dec 20th, 7PM.

Remember: all church activities must be approved by the Board of Trustees. Bring your ideas and/or concerns regarding the building and maintenance to them.

If you would like to become a Trustee, please express an interest in doing so. Come to the meetings and make a difference! Trustees meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Mary Martha Room.

Ad Council/Finance meeting— 4th Tuesday of each month.

Next meeting: Dec 27th, 6:30PM.

Come and keep track of how the church is doing behind the scenes!

NEW COMMITTEES STARTING AT WESLEY

Announcing two new groups:

Membership/ Baptism Committee—This will be headed by Judy Allen. Judy will keep track of names and necessary paperwork for new members and those baptized during the year.

Outreach Committee—This will be headed by Bill Piggott. Bill will contact parishioners by phone if they have not been in church for a few Sundays. We just want to assure that everything is OK and to see if they need help in any way.

FIRST DAY OF WINTER



DECEMBER 21ST.

Brrrr!

Fellowship Hall News.... Darla Miller is in charge of the Fellowship Hall rentals. If you would like to reserve it for a party or meeting, please call her at



the number below. She will assure the proper paperwork is done and approved by the Trustees.

The newly painted hall is a great place to hold family gatherings, meetings and parties! Reasonable prices! Call Darla for more information: 248-5763-7613.

For church activities that do not require a rental: Please fill out a request form and place it in the Trustee's mailbox or Al Weidman's mailbox.



LIGHTS OUT! Please help to trim our electric bill.

leave a room, and if you enter an area that has lights on, but no one is using it, flip that switch as well!

Thank you!

Turn the lights off when you

COMING SOON:



New Member Class—Want to become a member of the church or know more about the Methodist beliefs? Come to a membership class and become informed. Membership classes: **January 15, and 22, 2017** at noon. We will receive new members on January 29th.

CHURCH SUPPER—We begin a new year with a supper on **January 21, 2017**. Possibly a Southern fried chicken dinner and all the fixins!



Happenings:

Nov. Church Supper—the last supper (sorry about the pun) of the year was held on Nov. 19th. Approximately 60 people attended and the servers were a hit in their chef attire! The dinner brought in \$445 for the general fund. Thanks all who helped or attended!

OCC SHOEBOXES--Operation Christmas Child boxes were delivered to Ward Church in Northville. A total of 26 boxes were packed from our church. Thank you everyone who helped with this project!

Wednesday Night Bible Study—Wrapped up on Nov. 23rd with weekly study and a wonderful potluck. They will resume again in the spring.

Weekly meetings...

Tuesday—Alcoholics Anonymous—8 PM

Wednesday—Narcotics Anonymous---7PM

Thursday—Samaritan Counseling—by appointment (734) 677-0609.



HERO'S CABINET—Check out the display in our hero's cabinet! This is the former Boy Scout display case in the Fellowship Hall. **God Bless our Veterans!**



DECEMBER Schedule—Time to sign up for January!



Liturgist

04



Coffee Hour

04-UMW-Cake for new members

11 Sheryl Hunt

11 POT LUCK

18 Faith Wheeler

18 Sheryl Hunt

24

25- No coffee hr. /Christmas Day

25

**If you would like to sign up to be a Liturgist or to sponsor a coffee hour,
see Pastor Fred.**

>>> Monthly
Newsletter

Do you have something to submit to the newsletter?

Don't be shy! Place news items in Darla Miller's mailbox or call her: 248-573-7613. We need recipes, trivia, jokes, upcoming events, church news and ideas to keep the newsletter fresh, informative and interesting.



DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to you!



02 Melinda Villarreal

05 Sally Sterk

08 Rose Phillips

11 Sophia Turri

13 Missy Saxon

21 David Schauer, Jr.

25 Jesus

27 Cassie Villarreal

29 Elline Sheldon



Sandy Pfaff



Thanks to those who help in very many ways!

Everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas.

Norma Piggott who sends out birthday cards to everyone!

Sara Davis who is heading the sock drive.

Sue Harteg who is heading the clothing drive for the homeless AND who was in charge of Operation Christmas Child.

Everyone who helped with the Italian dinner. To the servers who were good sports and wore the chef attire!
You were a hit!

Nora Post and Darla Miller for providing decorations for the dinner.

Pastor Fred would like to thank everyone who sent cards, called him or remembered him in prayer during his recovery!



CHURCH HUMOR

Church Ladies with Computers

They're back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! These sentences (with all the Bloopers) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.



WHAT'S COOKIN'?

SUBMITTED BY: JUNE POSSLEY

EASY BLACK BEAN SALAD

15 oz. can black beans
½ cup red bell pepper, diced
2 Tbsp. fresh cilantro or parsley
1 cup diced cucumber
¼ cup scallions, chopped
½ jalapeno pepper, peeled
1-2 Tbsp. lime juice
Salt to taste (optional)

Rinse and drain black beans. Combine all ingredients: marinate at room temperature for 1 hour before serving.



Food Donation Box—

You may have noticed a box of food from time to time in the Fellowship Hall. The donation box is in the Fellowship Hall for donations to the Whitmore Lake area food pantry. Please be sure to check the dates on what you donate, as past date food will not be accepted. Thanks!

There are several ways to help the church in addition to your tithes. Please take a look at the suggestions below. Can you help in any of these areas?



DONATE YOUR USED INK CARTRIDGES— Wesley United Methodist church wants your used printer cartridges! Place them in the drop bag under the stairs by the pop can drop box and we can take them to Staples for credit in their store! That will help with purchasing copy paper and other supplies for the office!

DONATE YOUR POP CANS--- Place them in the closet underneath the stairs. Please make sure they are rinsed first to avoid ants!

SAVE THOSE ALUMINUM TABS---from pop cans, cat food, canned vegetables, etc. They also can be donated for money! Give them to Ruth Schauer, or put them in a baggie and place them in her church mailbox.

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CHURCH

ATTEND a MONTHLY MEETING--- There are several meetings to attend. Ad Counsel, Finance, Trustees, UM Women, UM Men...Keep informed and know what is happening within the Wesley church!

OR

SIGN UP TO SIT ON A COMMITTEE—You do not have to chair a committee, but you can sit on one! Whether you can help weed flower beds, clean up after coffee hour, or help with an upcoming event, get involved! We can use your help!

See you in church!



Worship service 10 AM

