



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

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January is National Blood Donor Month.  
To find the nearest blood drive, go to: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### **ANNUAL FRUITCAKE TOSS DAY—JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

Yep, it's an actual day! Toss that cake (along with the eggnog). What a great start to a new year!



### **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 29<sup>th</sup>.





## United Methodist Women's Meeting--

First Sunday of the month after worship AND last Monday of the month for Bible study.

**New Officers were elected. They begin January 1.**

President: Darla Miller

Vice President: April Schauer

Secretary: June Possley

Treasurer: Laurie Clement

Want to be a part of the very active Wesley UMW? It's easy! Feel free to come to one of the meetings and find out what you can do to help with future activities! We will find a job that you can do!

Upcoming activities/events include:

Souper Bowl luncheon

Valentines for the Regency Nursing Home

Mother's Day Tea

Can you help in any way? We would love to have you as a member!

## JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

**“Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?”**

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Trustees Meeting — January 19th, 7PM.** 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wednesday of each month.

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.





**NATIONAL POPCORN DAY! JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
Wow, January is just full of wonderful days to celebrate!



**CHURCH SUPPER**—We begin a new year with a supper on **January 21, 2017**.  
Adults: \$9 Seniors: age 62 or older \$8 Children: age 1-9 \$5



### **GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE!**

Need a small gift? 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.



### **UMW TO PURCHASE FRYERS—**

Wesley's United Methodist Women have generously offered to purchase two fryers for the kitchen. This will help tremendously when doing the monthly dinners! Chicken, French fries, Fish, Donuts...the sky's the limit! Thanks Wesley UMW!!!

**Ad Council/Finance meeting—January 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM** 4th Tuesday of each month.

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



## Weekly meetings...

Tuesday—Alcoholics Anonymous—8 PM

Wednesday—Narcotics Anonymous---7PM

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

## JANUARY

## BIRTHDAYS!

02 Judy Allen

03 Marilyn Smith

05 David Schauer, Sr.



## January Schedule—



Liturgist

01

08

15

22

29



Coffee Hour

01 UMW

08

15

22

29

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



## WHAT'S COOKIN'



Here's a very special recipe to start out the New Year!

### RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS

1 cup friendly words

2 heaping cups of understanding

4 tsp. time and patience

Pinch of Warmth

Dash of humor

Mix together. Keep temperature low. Do not boil. Season to taste with spice of life. Serve in individual molds.

## HAPPENINGS...

**Breakfast with Santa**—Santa came for breakfast on Dec 10. Approx. 16 children attended and everyone had a good time! This event brought in \$133 in donations.

**Socks for Regency Nursing Home**—We received more than enough socks to provide everyone at the local nursing home a free pair for Christmas! The Activity Directors thank us for our generosity and for thinking of them during this holiday season.

**Christmas card collection**—Along with a new pair of socks, Wesley gave each resident at the Regency Nursing Home a hand-signed Christmas card from the church. We also gave Christmas cards to businesses and individuals around the area who supported us in various ways this past year.



**Collection for the Homeless**—We collected outer warm clothing and toiletries for the homeless. They were distributed in Detroit on Christmas morning.

**Wesley Sing-a long**— Several of us gathered at the church on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> and sang Christmas carols, laughed and watched Bill and Diane badger one another. Some wore antlers, some a Santa hat and Dennis wore his finest Ebenezer Scrooge attire! Afterward, we went downstairs for cocoa and cookies. A good time was had by all who attended. Not one “Bah, Humbug!” was heard from this group!



## ITEMS FOR SALE

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!



**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

**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.**





To **everyone** who donated socks.

To **everyone** who donated clothing for the homeless.

To **those** who got up early on Christmas morning to distribute clothing to the homeless.

For **those** who donated Christmas cards.

For **those** who donated time to help with the many projects around the church.

To **everyone** who attended the Charge Conference.

To **everyone** who bought a Poinsettia. For **Ruth Schauer** for heading this activity.

For **those** who helped with Breakfast with Santa.

To **George Brown** for portraying Santa Claus!

To **Sara Davis** for heading the sock drive!

To **Nora Post, Laurie Clement, Sara Davis** and **Darla Miller** for addressing and delivering 147 Christmas cards!

To every **committee member** and to **those who attend** monthly meetings.

To **Wesley UMW** for the fryers.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU...

Dear Friends,

Pastor Fred and I would like to thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas gift. It was such a nice surprise, and so thoughtful of you all!

You will never know how much having you in our lives mean to us, and we feel so blessed to have you.  
Wishing you all a healthy and happy new year!

Pastor Fred and Diane





**Fellowship Hall Rental....** 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.



**Food Donation Box—**

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.

**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!

**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!





## Who's who? **Committees, Leaders & Members**

As you can see, we have a few vacant positions. If you would care to take one of these positions, please contact Pastor Fred. We would love to have you on board!

### **Administrative Council—Chair (Open position)**

Lay Leader/ Lay Delegate to Annual Conference----- Sue Harteg

President Church Council---April Schauer

Board of Trustees—Chair: Al Weidman

Lay Leader—Sue Harteg

Pastor Fred

Carl Schauer

Faith Wheeler

Bob Clark

### **Evangelism— Chair (Open position)**

Pastor Fred

should have **4-6 team members**. Meets as needed.

Pastor Parish Relations—Chair: John Haling

Lay Leader—Sue Harteg

Pastor Fred

Faith Wheeler

Sheryl Hunt

Dennis Leland

### **Finance—Chair: (Open position)**

Treasurer(s) — Sheryl Hunt, Faith Wheeler

Financial Secretary—April Schauer

Lay leader—Sue Harteg

Pastor Fred

Al Weidman



Worship Committee----Chair: Pastor Fred

Lay leader—Sue Harteg

John Haling

Sheryl Hunt

Diane Joslin (pianist)

Christian education (as needed)— Chair: Katie Haling

Lay Leader: Sue Harteg

Pastor Fred

April Schauer

Nora Post

Sandy Pfaff

Diane Hatfield

Youth Leader—Diane Hatfield

United Methodist Women—President: Darla Miller

Vice President: April Schauer

Secretary: June Possley

Treasurer: Laurie Clement

Getting church mail/distribution---Carl and Ruth Schauer

Pop cans/ recycle items---Carl and Ruth Schauer

Recycle ink cartridges/toner to Staples---Darla Miller



**United Methodist Men---President: (Open position)**

**Vice President: (Open Position)**

**Secretary: (Open Position)**

**Treasurer: (Open Position)**





Head Usher/Greeter—Carl Schauer  
Assistant Usher/Greeter—Ruth Schauer

Musicians—Choir Director/Piano: Diane Joslin  
Song Leader: Bill Cameron  
Drums: Vince Turri

### **Sign Steward—Open Position**

Habitat for Humanity—Coordinator: Sue Harteg

Alpha House Contact—Sue Harteg

Visitation Ministry---Darla Miller

Office Volunteer—Sally Weidman

Membership/Baptism Coordinator: Judy Allen

Outreach Program—Bill Piggott

Hero's Cabinet—Judy Allen

Fellowship Hall Rental—Darla Miller

Church dinners—Chair: Faith Wheeler

Birthday cards to the congregation---Norma Piggott

Games Night/ Bingo at the Regency nursing home---Karen Smith

Overhead projection during worship—Pat Mowry

Restocking pews/Gathering attendance sheets---Karen Smith

Counting Offering— Ruth Schauer, April Schauer, Karen Smith

Janitorial---Sharon Mullins

Planting flowers/watering grounds in summer months-- Chair: Nora Post

**It takes a team to keep us up and running!**

**Can you spare some time to help? Volunteer today!**



**See you in church!**



**Worship service 10 AM**

