

From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Grace and Peace to you!

John 3:16 may be the most famous and well known Bible verse in the world... "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

And how is it we arrive at this most important verse in the Bible? We get John 3:16 through a theological conversation at nighttime. Jesus and Nicodemus have a conversation, and the text in John 3 is very intentional to point out the detail that Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night. And when Nicodemus meets with Jesus at night, he starts asking Jesus some really important questions about faith and life. It's interesting the differences between daytime and nighttime conversations. Fred Craddock points out that a sermon delivered at night will be spoken in a different atmosphere. There is a difference in daytime and nighttime experiences. Between Jesus and Nicodemus there is a real openness and respect between the two of them and I think the scriptures certainly tell us this conversation occurs at night by design.

I am excited that we have some upcoming opportunities to worship at night. Looking ahead to Holy Week, we will have a Maunday Thursday service at 6PM on April 2nd in the fellowship hall. We will have a Good Friday service at 6PM on April 3rd in the sanctuary. On Easter Sunday, April 5th we will have a sunrise service in the front parking lot at 7AM followed by a breakfast prepared by our men at 7:30AM. I encourage you to mark your calendars and plan to attend these very special opportunities to worship together.

I am also very excited that one of our former Senior Pastors, Rev. Carol Wilson, will be doing some consulting work with us. Carol will be attending services and meeting with different groups in the church to engage in conversations and do some visioning together. I thank God for Carol and look forward to her presence with us and to be in conversation together.

Good conversations are one of the ways we experience Gods grace and grow together. When Jesus and Nicodemus engaged in conversation together it led to John 3:16 and the world was changed forever. As we continue the journey through the Lenten season, I pray we all experience the truth that God always so loves us all.

Your brother and pastor,
Caleb



**Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
EQUIPS and EMPOWERS persons
to ENGAGE with each other and the larger community
for the purpose of making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.**

Mission Opportunities

MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING

East Pine Grove Park food distribution

The East Pine Grove Park Food Distribution is held monthly at the East Pine Grove Park Methodist Church. Volunteers from Wesley and East Pine Grove serve the distribution. On average, several hundred people are served food boxes from Second Harvest Food Bank. This has been a mission of Wesley for many years.

FOOD ITEM FOR GOOD SAM

Macaroni & Cheese



MISSION EMPHASIS

Family Promise

Needs are: Bottled water, hearty snacks individually wrapped, and items to stock a kitchen, i.e. plates, glasses, kitchenware

Please drop these off in the totes in the Tower area and Fellowship Hall.

Mission Servants for March

Princeton Transitional Worship

3/8—Cole Morris

Mission Emphasis delivery—

Hugh Johnson

Deliver Good Samaritan -

Terry White



MISSION EMPHASIS

We will use this space to explain the missions of Wesley Memorial UMC each month

Family Promise

We have been partners with Family Promise for several years. This agency is unique in that it works to prevent homelessness for families with children and helps them achieve sustainable independence. It is the only program in our area whose primary goal is to keep the family unit together and helps them obtain skills to achieve independence. Each year, Family Promise assigns us three to four weeks that we provide the families with needed supplies. This can be anything from snacks for their day center to crockpots. If you would like to work with us to help Family Promise's mission, please contact Tammie and have her put your name on the list to receive information.

Connection Point

Open Door Prayer

Wednesdays, 4:00 PM

Join Carol & Jim McGinnis in the sanctuary for a time of informal prayer for our church and community. You may pray individually or pray with Carol & Jim. You may also come and go as needed.

PICKLEBALL
EVERY SUNDAY

AT 2:00



CENTER FLOW YOGA CLASS

Fridays, 5:30PM-6:30PM in the Gym

All you need is a yoga mat!

A Yoga/Pilates flow class that will grow you longer and stronger with an invigorating 60-minute mind-body workout.

This class is free and led by Lesley Allen, a certified personal trainer and group fitness class instructor.

Connection Point Cont.

Prayer Requests

Donna Rowland
Caleb Frazier and family following death of his
cousin, Ricky Harris.
Jeanette Hawkins
Robin Crumley

Thank you

Prayers were heard and answered! To Caleb, Ken, and our Wesley Family, thank you for your precious prayers, your thoughtful cards and the awesome hospital visits to both of us during our recent surgeries and recovery process. We are both doing well. May God richly bless all of you and surround you with His love.

PAGE TURNERS

WESLEY BOOK CLUB - OPEN TO ALL

March 9, 10AM
North Woods
by Daniel Mason

Please read the book
before each meeting.

April 13, 10 am
Borrowed Life of
Frederick Fife
by Anna Johnston



Bob and Tammie Street

Dear Wesley Family,
I wish to extend my heart felt thanks, for all the cards, notes, telephone calls, prayers and visits during my recent illness.

Thank you for bringing sunshine on many cloudy days.

Love and blessings,
Sara Wilhoit

Wesley Memorial Family,
Thank you for all you have done for me, may God bless all of you.

God bless you,
Cordy McDaniel

XYZers will be meeting for lunch Thursday, March 5 at 11:30. They will be meeting at Taste Buds Restaurant & Ice Cream Parlor. Located on 2608 N. Roan Street (old Perkins location.) RSVP to Kem McKee at kemhmckee@gmail.com.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, March 21, 8:00 AM



Wednesday Nights

THE GOSPEL OF
JOHN
Finding Identity and Purpose

HABITS OF THE HOUSEHOLD

PRACTICING THE STORY OF GOD
IN EVERYDAY FAMILY RHYTHMS

Starting
January 14



Holy Week Services

**Maundy Thursday Service: April 2,
6:00 pm**

**Good Friday Service: April 3 at
6:00 pm**

**Easter Sunrise Service: 7:00 am
Easter Breakfast: 7:30 am**

**DINNER &
DISCIPLESHIP**
DINNER @5:30PM DISCIPLESHIP 6:00 PM

**MARCH 4: CHICKEN TENDERS, GREEN
BEANS & ROLLS**

MARCH 11: PASTA & SALAD

MARCH 18: NO DINNER & DISCIPLESHIP

MARCH 25: TACO BAR

**PLEASE LET THE CHURCH KNOW BY MONDAY
AT 4:00 PM IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND**



Welcome to Wesley



**New Members in February
Sean, Kristie & Aubrey Golden
Dave & Lisa Kerley**

Stats for month of January: 9:00 service avg 49; 11:00 service avg 96.5

Sunday School avg 41

Financials: YTD as of January 31 Receipts: \$38,119.59 Expenses: \$45,823.58

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