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Wesley Memorial METHODIST CHURCH

From the Scott's Desk. . .

Last week, I bought a pie from our Women's Group. It was a lattice apple pie, and it was absolutely delicious. Just sweet enough. Just tart enough. Flaky crust. As far as pies go, it was perfect.

And as I was enjoying that pie, I got to reflecting on the love that went into it. Someone took the time to select ripe apples, peel them, make a wonderfully flaky crust, add just the right amount of sugar and cinnamon, and lace a lattice top. Whoever made that pie put so much of themselves into it. I could almost TASTE the love that went into that pie.

As I thought about that love, the remarkable thing was that, whoever made that pie, put that much love into it not even knowing who it was for. They didn't know if their neighbor would buy it, their spouse, their sister, a visitor, or the pastor. All they knew was that their church asked them to make a pie, so they made the best pie they could possibly make.

That pie represented everything I love about this church. A member was told there was a need, and they stepped up with love. That is what we do every single day at Wesley.

As we enter into this Advent Season, let us reflect on the ultimate act of love. Not the act of baking a pie. But the act of Jesus Christ taking on the sins of the world and suffering death for us. Christmas tends to focus on a peaceful manger, with a new family and visitors gathered around a sleeping baby in a manger under a clear, starry sky. But Jesus' birth was the first step that led to the cross. You can't have the manger without considering the cross. And you can't get to the cross on Golgotha without going through a stable in Bethlehem. They are inextricably tied.

And in those acts, God showed his ultimate love for humanity.

I think I'll eat another slice of this pie and meditate on how much I am loved…by this church, by my family…but most importantly, by my Lord and Savior.

In Christ,
Scott



Looking for Inspiration

The Annual Bazaar may be over, but the Crafty Ladies are already on the hunt for new ideas. To that end, we made a trip to The Christmas Store in Madisonville to look at all the beautiful Christmas decor and enjoy a great lunch. Some of us even went to the Rattlesnake Ranch for some pecans. It is always rewarding to spend time with people you care about. We'll let y'all know about our next adventure as we continue looking for inspiration





















"It's the most wonderful time of the year" The Holiday Season is here!

Our SOAR group will meet on Thursday, December 3rd at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall Café for our annual Dutch Treat Christmas Luncheon. Please let Linda or Mary know if you will be joining us so that the restaurant can reserve tables and seating for everyone. RSVP as soon as possible. Please feel free to bring a friend, neighbor, spouse, etc.





The next Administrative Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 1st at 6:00pm. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend. We'll be discussing the opportunities and challenges facing our church and making plans for the new year.

JOE'S ITALIAN GRILL



The Wesley Women's group will have their Christmas luncheon on December 11th at 11am at Joe's Italian Restaurant. Please RSVP to Mattilou to let her know if you'll be joining us so the restaurant can reserve tables for us.

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The Unity Sunday School Class will be taking an in-depth look at each week's sermon. Please join us every Sunday at 10:00am in the Unity classroom.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School class is studying Parables from the Backside, Book 1. This study offers a new understanding of the twleve of Jesus' parables by viewing them through the eyes of a minor or unsympathic character.



2026

Greeter: Alan Peet
Assist with Communion: Shawn Ceppi & Pat Taliaferro
Communion Rail Offering: Santa's Helpers

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		01 Admin Council 6pm	02	03 SOAR's lunch at City Hall Cafe 11:00am	04	05
06 Handbells—9:15 Sunday School—10am Worship—11am Women's Group—Noon	07 Crafts—10am	08	09 Games Group—11am Choir—5:30pm	10 Crafts—10am	11 Wesley Women's lunch at the Joe's Italian 11:00am	12  Santa's Helpers
Santa's Helpers Setup 5:00 pm Sunday December 6th through Friday December 11th						
13 Handbells—9:15 Sunday School—10am Worship—11am	14 Crafts—10am	15	16 Games Group—11am Choir—5:30pm	17 Crafts—10am	18	19
20 Handbells—9:15 Sunday School—10am Worship—11am	21 Crafts—10am	22  NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	23 Games Group—11am Choir—5:30pm	24 ***Christmas Eve Communion 6:00 pm***	25 	26
27 Handbells—9:15 Sunday School—10am Worship—11am	28 Crafts—10am	29	30 Games Group—11am Choir—5:30pm	31		



Birthdays

Cathy Certa	12/01
Jeri Collins	12/02
Allie Wyatt Leigh	12/03
Larry Fuchs	12/07
Nan Kennedy	12/16
Stephen Heuszel	12/19
Symantha McCrerey	12/21
Dan Fry	12/21
Jennifer Jeffcoat	12/27
Heather Kooken	12/29



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Tue.-Thur. 9:00am-2:00pm
Closed Friday

Sundays
Worship Services:
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Mondays &Thursdays
10:00am Crafts at Wesley House
Wednesdays
11:00am Game Group
5:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Monthly Meetings
1st Sunday
12:00pm Women's Group
1st Tuesday
6:00pm Administrative Council
3rd Wednesday
10:30am SOAR

December Fun Facts

December's Birthstone - If you had to pick one December birthstone, which would it be: tanzanite, turquoise or zircon? From the blue to bluish purple of tanzanite, to the intense blue and green of turquoise, to the rainbow varieties of zircon. If blue is what you're looking for, all three December birthstones have their own unique take on this favorite hue. Whatever your color, style or budget preferences may be, we can help you pick the right December birthstone for you or a loved one.

December's Birth Flower - Those born in December are lucky enough to have two different birth flowers! The first of those flowers is holly. In more recent times, the red holly berries have been said to represent the bloody wounds of Jesus Christ as he was nailed to the cross. If you look further back in time, the Celts believed that holly brought good luck and protection. The second birth flower of December is the paperwhite narcissus. This pure-looking flower is said to symbolize sweetness.

Astrology Zodiac Signs of December- Those born in December can be born under one of two very different star signs. If you're born before December 23rd, then you have the sign of Sagittarius. Those born December 23rd or later have the sign of Capricorn. If you're a Sagittarius, you're said to be energetic and idealistic while also generous and open-minded. If you're born under the sign of Capricorn, then you're said to be ambitious yet realistic, persistent yet practical.

Dec 1—National Pie Day and Rosa Parks Day
Dec 2—National Mutt Day
Dec 4—Santa's List Day
Dec 7—Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Dec 12—Gingerbread House Day
Dec 13—National Guard Birthday
Dec 24—Christmas Eve
Dec 25—Christmas
Dec 26—National Whiners Day

December Fun Facts:

· The shortest day of the year is the winter solstice, which typically occurs on December 21 or 22 in the Northern Hemisphere.

· The Geminid meteor shower is one of the most spectacular meteor showers of the year, peaking around December 13-14.

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ARTICLES FOR THE JANUARY

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