

The Tower

First United Methodist Church

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The Character of a Methodist

Ministers by baptism
Every Christian

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& Property
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Organist
Chance Alquest

Nursery Director
Mandie Speegle

The Lord's Day Worship
8:30 and 10:45 am

Sunday School
9:45 am

April 25, 2018

In 1742, John Wesley published a treatise entitled, "The Character of a Methodist". Wesley considered this to be a foundational document that would keep a Methodist person or group (as explained by Dr. Steve Harper) on the right foot and sustain them for one lifetime after another. Harper has written a book entitled, *Five Marks of a Methodist: The Fruit of a Living Faith*, based on Wesley's original document.

Between 1733 and 1738, John Wesley found himself "overseeing a growing number of Christians who wanted to live their lives according to the gospel and do so in ways that held them accountable to each other. By 1742, this collection of people became an identifiable movement within the larger Christian church. Anglicans, Quakers, Puritans, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Roman Catholics, and nondenominational Christians turned to him for spiritual guidance... Wesley wrote the foundational document *The Character of a Methodist*, to provide the sustaining strength for what Methodism would become."

The Five Marks of a Methodist:

1. A Methodist Loves God
2. A Methodist Rejoices in God
3. A Methodist Gives Thanks
4. A Methodist Prays Constantly
5. A Methodist Loves Others

At this point you might be thinking that these characteristics are not particular to Methodists. And you would be right about that. Wesley didn't understand these marks in a sectarian sense. They are practices that Christians have followed since the time of Jesus. But with the help of Steve Harper, we can ponder these characteristics in a prayerful manner and apply them to our journey with Jesus. During these changing times, we can experience the five marks as foundational...what John Wesley called them (when taken together).

Let's not "miss the marks."



Jesse and Cindi Madrigal joined our church family April 22. Welcome, Madrigals!

Randy and Anna Johnson also joined our church family on April 22, and their sons, Easton and Collin were baptized. They will be pictured in a future Tower.



Brady and Nikki Thiel joined our church family April 22. Their son, Austin, was baptized on that day, and their daughter, Allyson, joined with the Confirmation Class on April 8. Welcome, Thiels!

Church Ladies

The "Church Ladies" group meets the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at College Hill Coffee. Each month we share a devotion, discussion & prayers. All women are invited to join this fun and informal group. The next meeting is Saturday, May 12. Speak with JoAnn Parsons or Pastor Beth for more info.



It's Time to Sign up for Camp!

It is time to sign up for Summer Camp. There are camps for all ages at Camp Horizon. You can register online through the church web site www.winfieldfumc.org. There are scholarships available through the church. Please come in and fill out a card indicating the amount of assistance you need, or make that request through our

website. Early bird deadline for a \$10 discount is May 1st.

Welcome Center Hosts Needed

Spring is here and it's time for a new schedule of Hosts and Cookie Bakers. You can talk to Sarah Miller or Pastor Rachelle if you have questions, or follow the link below to sign up for a date that works best for you. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4aa9ab29a1fe3-aprilmay>

Thanks for all you do! We've heard wonderful things about how welcome newcomers are feeling at FUMC. I know that's thanks to you all!! Keep up the good work.

Blessings,
Sarah Miller

Thank You



*Dearest Church Family,
Thank you so much for the Easter lily delivered by JoAnn Parsons. The Easter lily was beautiful for two weeks. Also, thank you for many birthday cards I received from my church family*

*Thanks again,
Betty Harris*

Extending Thanks to . . .

Susan Dean, Becky Reid, Noah Everett and Joy Lewis for helping with the Church Work Day. Also, thanks to the staff and Sunday School teachers who worked on their areas. You are much appreciated!

A Look at Our Loyalty		
	Apr. 15	Apr. 22
8:30 Worship	60	80
10:45 Worship	175	222
Total Worship	235	302
Sunday School	137	106
Offering	\$8,546	\$9,485
Needed Weekly		\$13,060



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating birthdays in May. The birthdays of the members and friends for whom we have records are listed below. If you have additions please call the office so we can update our records.

Send a card, make a phone call, or do a little something to help recognize these birthdays when you can.

- 5/1 Amy Lance, Rheegyn Richert, Richard See
- 5/2 Anne Rising
- 5/3 Wallace Gray, Jessilyn Parsons, Preston Richert, Terri Stoabs, Tina Sturm, Caleb Wilson
- 5/4 Sarah Storm
- 5/5 Peggy Craig, Margaret Gilger, Brian Pekarek
- 5/6 Bill Wagner Jr
- 5/7 Carter Humphreys, Dared Price, Collin Johnson
- 5/8 Adrian Colonnese, Steen Danielsen, David Parsons, Luke Rankin
- 5/9 Margaret Neal, Mercedes Nihart, Josh Reid
- 5/11 Jabari Harrod, Thomas Pipes, Chance Price
- 5/12 Thad Pekarek, Glen Sandbulte
- 5/13 Delcia Allison, Sharon McFarland, Michael Norton
- 5/14 Leigh Bradbury, Cecil Keller, Hayden Lewis, Mark Olney, Chelsea Stark, Easton Johnson
- 5/15 Luanne Warren, Zena Williams
- 5/16 Lee Byerley, Jerry O'Neil
- 5/17 Phyllis Hearn, Clyde Vasey
- 5/18 Micael Dean-Stanton, Jerry Stine
- 5/19 Trisha Smith
- 5/20 Gordon Bosie
- 5/21 Luc Adler, Luke Wilke
- 5/22 Nathan Bosie, Gracie Mugler
- 5/23 Alicyn McGinnis
- 5/24 Luke Arneson, Ely Behrhorst, Jacob Behrhorst, Nancy Finley, Noah Hunt, Breckyn Lindenman, Braden Mugler, Hannah Podschun
- 5/25 Jacob Dennett, Abigail Reid, Jason Speer
- 5/27 Dorothy Fisher, Sam Podschun, Boyd Pugmire, Jo Ann Tasker
- 5/28 Kyle Bryant, Vernon Goertz, Isabella Hunt, Meredith McCoy, Kinley Pond
- 5/29 Korban Benavides, Derek Hammer, Caroline Kaufman, Urna O'Neil, Bob Warner
- 5/30 Lydia Bumgarner

Mark Your Calendar

- May 13 Mother's Day & SC Graduation
- May 20 Pentecost
- June 13-16 Annual Conference, Wichita
- July 16-20 J Camp



Spring Has Sprung!

Spring is here and the grass is growing. That means it's time to sign up to help mow the church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet on the first floor across from the elevator. The church has all the necessary equipment and Randy will be glad to show you the ropes.

Spring Cleaning Help

Youth are available to help with spring cleaning. If you have a project, let Bill know and he will connect you with some youth. This will help the youth attend camp this summer.

Summer Intern Position

We are now accepting letters of interest for our fulltime Summer Intern position. Please talk with Bill Podschun if you are interested in applying for the position.

Prayer List

Winfield First Family

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| Mike Bradley | Barbara Ghan | Loren Pontious |
| Pat Davis | Diana Klein | Edna White |
| Ed Foster | | |

Extended Family and Friends

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| Valerie Aladieff | Sgt. Jason Hull | June Neal |
| Kenna Biddle | Curstin Jenkins | Susan Nettrouer |
| Gary Butler | Jason Jenkins | Ellie O'Neil |
| Peggy Everett | Terry Johnson | Courtney Smith |
| Chance Gates | Ashley Law | Kandy Stuart |
| Harley Hoyt | Carla Mohlstrom | Brantley Taylor |
| | Kelley Murphy | Aaron Toney |

Darci Morland's sister's friend, Alyssa
Barbara Dunn's daughter, Zera Menard
Linda Vasey's stepmother, Lee Garrison

Grief and Loss

The family of Gwen Lawing
The family of Allen Polen
Brett Butler in the death of his mother, Raylene

World Concerns

Military and their families, families in transition, peace for all nations, and fire danger.

A Message from Brenda

All through my childhood, I would put a quarter in the offering plate each Sunday at church. My parents started the tradition which I'm sure was a premeditated attempt at creating a good habit. It worked. Giving is a habit for me and one in which I participate gladly.

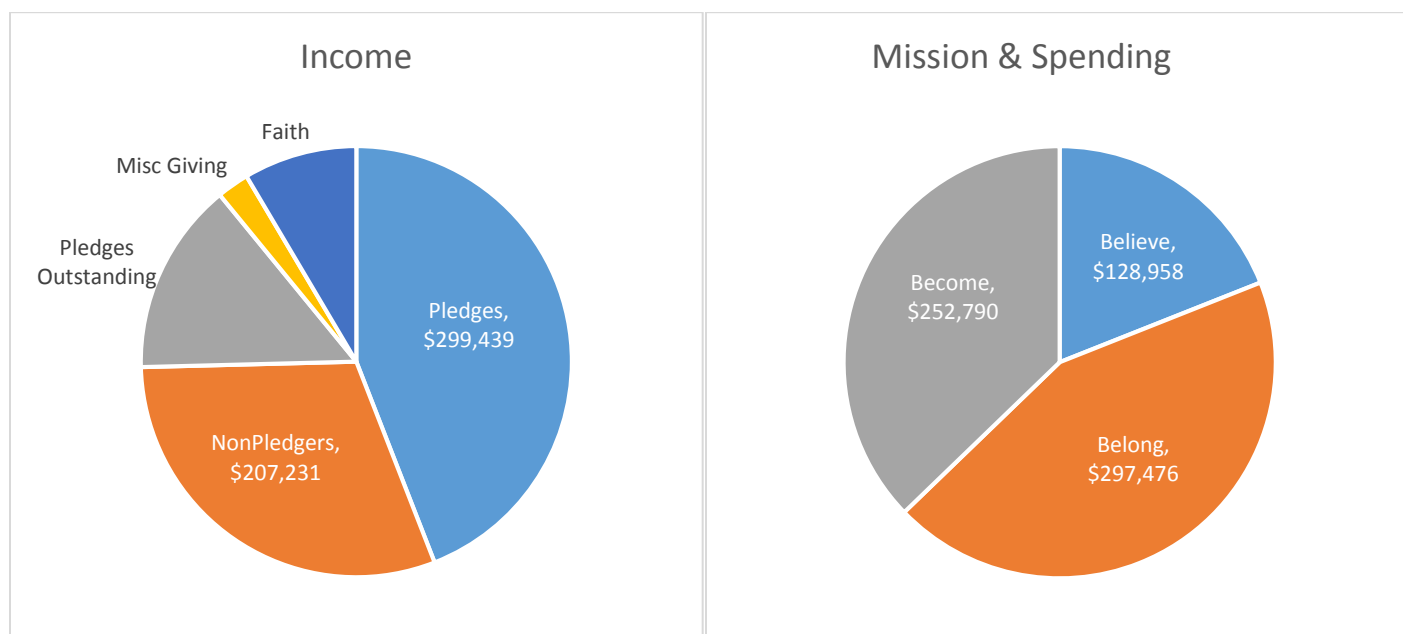
Recently, I was asked to be part of the Stewardship Finance committee. Every month we analyze how the church is doing financially. Because of the excellent work of Nancy Finley and Dean Kennedy – the spreadsheets we look at are clear, concise and easy to understand.

Because I like to think about things like budgeting and finance – I embarked upon a personal research project to see how well the church's spending aligned with the mission statement: Believe, Belong, Become. It was an interesting experience that made me feel good about how our church is doing.

As a result, I decided to resurrect my old tradition in the Sunday School class that I teach. I now put \$.25 per kid who shows up or \$1 – whichever is more – in the Sunday School offering. And I also shared my research with the committee.

The graphs published here are a pictorial representation of our church's budget for 2018. On the left, is the income pie; on the right, the expenses separated into the Believe, Belong and Become categories. Over the next three editions of The Tower, I'll be breaking up each of the three missional pieces and giving you a closer look at how FUMC Winfield uses the funds it receives. Looking forward to it!

Brenda Hicks





#Be3kids

FUMC CHILDREN'S MIN.



YOU'RE INVITED
TO JCAMP
ROLLING RIVER
RAMPAGE!

Please join us for an adventure !

- July 16th-20th
- 10 AM-12 PM
- For Rising K-5th Graders
- Registration Available online at <http://winfieldfumc.org/>

Youth Activities



Middle School Year-End Celebration

Our End of the Year Celebration for Middle School Youth will be Wednesday, May 9, from 6-8 pm. We are having pizza and a nerf night. Bring your nerf products. We will have all kinds of nerf activities. It will be a fun night! Our youth who will be in 6th grade next year are invited to attend the Nerf Night and are welcome to Summer youth group on June 3.

H.S. Summer Retreat

Our HS trip this summer will be to the Branson area June 5-10. We will be boating, going to the Passion Play and Silver Dollar City, and doing a service project. The cost is \$315 for all expenses, with support for the cost coming from camperships and fundraisers. Talk to Bill immediately if you are interested. This trip is almost full.

Graduate Sunday

Graduate Sunday is , May 6. We will celebrate with our high school graduates and their parents. There will be a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and Recognition in the 10:45 worship service.



Mission Trip

Our Junior and Senior Mission Trip for 2018 will be to Washington DC and is July 2-11. It will be a great opportunity to serve, grow spiritually and be in our nation's capital.

Confirmation Retreat

Our Confirmation Retreat for 6-7 grade youth will be June 18-21 to Kansas City. The cost is \$200. Fundraising and Scholarships are available to help with the cost. Talk to Bill immediately if you are interested in attending. Space is being finalized.



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Living Will Workshop

You are invited to a workshop on how to create a Living Will on Saturday May 5th from 3:00-4:00 pm at the Solid Rock Café. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served. The presenter is Dr. Tom Welk of Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice and the event is sponsored by Rock United Methodist Church

This workshop will:

- Explain medical ethics of terminal disease and 21st century medical interventions
- Define and identify benefits of Advance Directives
- Assist families in completing Advance Directives.

Everyone is welcome!



Office Schedule

The church office is closing on Friday afternoons at 1:00. We

apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. The office hours for now are 8:00-5:00 Monday through Thursday, and 8:00-1:00 pm on Fridays.

Prayer Chain

If you have concerns or joys for which you desire prayer, please email Carolyn Eastman, jce1936@gmail.com or the church, office@winfieldfumc.org.

Neighboring Tip

Plant a garden in your FRONT yard.

Spring planting time is upon us! Most of the time, folks plant gardens in their back yard because it offers more privacy. With this neighboring experiment, we're turning that idea upside down. Planting a garden in your front yard is awesome for neighboring in a variety of different ways. Here are few:

*Working in your front-yard garden opens an avenue for communication with your neighbors passing by.

*It looks great and/or tastes great. If you choose to grow flowers, you can add great aesthetic to your street. If you decide to grow produce, you get food!

This not only cuts down on your grocery bill but also allows you to share with your neighbors. Plus, homegrown produce is always a good option for a healthy and sustainable food source.

Let's plant those gardens in the front yard, and see if some new friendships grow!

Happy neighboring!

Blood Pressure Checks

Our Parish Nurse team takes Blood Pressures every second Sunday of the month from 9:00-10:30 am in Pastor Beth's office. The next Blood Pressure day is Sunday, May 13.