



THE WESLEY CIRCUIT: NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 2019

• **Wesley United Methodist Church •**
Charleston, IL

*Connecting everyone to a growing
relationship with God through
Jesus Christ and His mission on earth.*

2020 ALTAR FLOWER CHART IS NOW AVAILABLE

The flower chart for 2020 is currently available at the Information Center (located in the hallway just outside the sanctuary). Please stop by, pick the date(s) you would like to provide altar flowers, and leave your name, phone number and a brief description of who or what you will be commemorating that day.

Someone from the Altar Committee will contact you close to the date to confirm details.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS BEGIN NOVEMBER 17

Sunday, November 17, we will begin taking poinsettia orders for the Advent and Christmas season. Order forms will be available in the church office as well as in your Sunday

morning worship bulletin and at the Information Center. The order deadline is Monday, December 9. Silk poinsettias may be sponsored for \$10 each with all proceeds going to the Advent Offering. You may also buy a live poinsettia for \$16. Live plants can go home with you after Christmas Eve services. All plants, silk or live, can be given in honor or in memory of someone or simply given as a gift. *Please note that for bookkeeping purposes, we ask that you write SEPARATE checks for silk plants and live plants.*

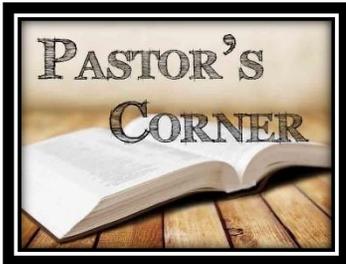
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 3



Sunday, November 3rd we will observe All Saints Sunday. This is the day we remember Wesley members and loved ones who have died since All Saints Sunday of last year (November 4, 2018). Names of loved ones will be listed in a special bulletin insert. During worship services that morning, there will be a time of remembrance for Wesley members who have passed. We will also offer Holy Communion. Come worship with us as we celebrate and remember those saints who have left us this past year.



Don't forget to FALL BACK an hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 2 so you will be here for All Saints worship at the correct time on Sunday, November 3!



“The Busiest Time”

November and December are typically the busiest months of the year

for churches. They bring meaningful, inspiring, often exciting times to the life of faith we are living together. In many ways, we look forward to these days. They are showcase times for a church that is alive.

Helping Hands & Youth Raking will take place on Saturday, November 2. This is an excellent opportunity for some of us to offer our time and energy to meet the needs of others in our congregation, and for those others to receive assistance from their Wesley Church family. Thanks to those of you who signed up to help.

All Saints Sunday will be observed during both worship services on November 3. On All Saints Sunday, “We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of our local congregations. For this reason, the names of persons in the congregation who have died during the past year may be solemnly read as a Response to the Word.” (*The United Methodist Book of Worship*)

I consider All Saints Sunday a time in which our congregation may recall those whose deaths we have grieved since last All Saints Day and hear again the hope of the gospel in the face of death. I also consider it an important opportunity for our congregation to express its support toward the families of these beloved persons. Names of the faithful dead will be read, candles will be lit, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. The scripture readings for the day will

be Ephesians 1:11-23 and Luke 6:20-31, and my sermon will be titled “Making Room.” I hope you will be present.

Thanks for Caring Cookie Delivery will be Wednesday, November 13. See page 4 for details about how YOU can help. This is a tremendous opportunity for Wesley UMC to reach out with a token of appreciation to a variety of individuals in our community who serve others daily through their work.

Consecration Sunday will be November 24. This is the day we present our financial commitments to Christ through the ministry of Wesley United Methodist Church for 2020. You will receive communication from the church about bringing or mailing your commitment card, and I want to encourage you to join me in growing our faith by growing our giving. The theme this year will be “The Difference It Makes,” and there will be some special opportunities to hear how Christ and the church make a difference in the lives of Wesley members, as well as how Wesley folks envision Christ and Wesley Church making a difference in the world.

An All-Church Luncheon will follow our Consecration Sunday worship services on November 24, and we will decorate the sanctuary and surrounding areas for Christmas following the luncheon. Once again, I hope you will be there.

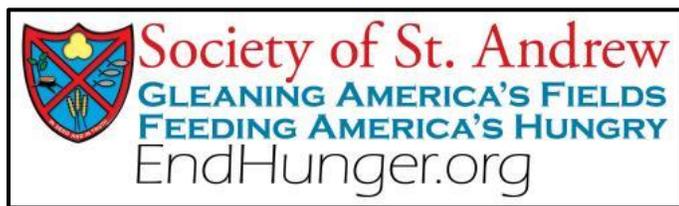
Again, we are entering a busy time. There will be more to come in December, and even a few exciting opportunities to bring some light to the typically long, dark January days.
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I share all of this mostly because I hope and pray these will not merely be busy days, but that we will take the time to savor their joy, meaning, and potential for increasing our love for one another in the body of Christ and our love for the whole world.

Faithfully yours,

Rev. Tom Corum



NOVEMBER MISSION PROJECT: SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW

The Missions Ministry Team has designated Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) as our November Mission Project. The Society of St. Andrew is America's premier food rescue and distribution ministry that partners with people of all faiths so that America's hungry might be fed out of the abundance they have been provided.

For 40 years, the Society of St. Andrew has coordinated farmers, donors, and volunteers who glean fields after commercial harvest and collect the imperfect leftover fruits and vegetables that would otherwise go to waste. Through August 2019, the Society of St. Andrew has gleaned, gathered, and distributed 13,756,000 pounds of fresh produce in 3,962 events with 13,373 volunteers. Food donated by 647 farmers has been distributed to hungry people in the contiguous 48 states through 1,463 agencies.

If you would like to donate to the Society of St.

Andrew, please make your check out to Wesley UMC with SoSA on the memo line or visit our website at www.charlestonwesley.org and click on the \$ button at the bottom of the page. If you prefer to make a cash donation, there are blue mission offering envelopes in the pew backs.

Thank you very much for your support.

Your Missions Ministry Team

Help Wanted: Weekend Custodian

Wesley United Methodist Church is seeking a responsible custodian to maintain and protect the church facilities for six hours on the weekend. It is important for the custodian to be careful and thorough in cleaning and tidying the premises. The ideal candidate will be experienced in a custodian or similar role focused on building upkeep. A keen eye for detail and diligence are also imperative. Scheduled hours to be determined. Please submit a letter of interest outlining your qualifications to the church office at 2206 4th Street, Charleston, IL 61920 in care of the Staff Parrish Relations Committee.

MEMORIAL GIFT



In memory and honor of Dr. Herman Taylor, one of our treasured organists, the Chancel Choir has made a generous donation to the Wesley

Music Fund to benefit the Music Ministry of our church. Herman's playing was a great blessing to our choir and the Wesley congregation.





"THANKS FOR CARING" COOKIE PROJECT RETURNS

The past several years, Wesley UMC has held a cookie drive to thank the many caregivers in rehab and care facilities in Charleston and Mattoon where Wesley members reside. Many caregivers are often overworked and underpaid. As an act of thanking these people for the care they give to Wesley folks living in those facilities, we will be collecting homemade cookies to take to each of the nursing stations or snack rooms in each care facility. If there are extra cookies, we will deliver them to first responders.

Here is how YOU can help! Please sign up to bring **THREE dozen homemade cookies** to ROOM 113 (just off the Fellowship Hall) **Sunday, November 17 or Monday, November 18**. Cookie platters will be assembled the afternoon of **Tuesday, November 19**. You can also sign up to deliver the assembled cookie platters to the care facilities the morning of **Wednesday, November 20**.

We ask that you please remember to package your cookies by placing two (or one, if they are large) in individual **ZIP-TOP baggies** before you bring them. That will assure that the various cookies keep their own flavor, texture, and freshness until they are delivered. We have discovered over the years that cookies that were not pre-packaged often crumbled and could not be used. We ask that you specifically place cookies in **ZIP-TOP baggies** because we have had problems with cookies falling out of other baggie types. **Please indicate on the bags if cookies are gluten free, or if they contain nuts or peanuts/peanut butter.** Also, if you

would like to help deliver the cookies, please consider wearing your red Change the World or blue VBS Wesley UMC t-shirt!

You can sign up to either bring cookies or deliver them (or both) on the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary hallway, by writing "cookies" on your Making Connections card, or by emailing Pastor Janice Kahl at jkahl@charlestonwesley.org before Wednesday, November 13. It will take a lot of cookies to thank all these caregivers! Please help us make a difference by showing care facility workers that we really appreciate all they do. By blessing and thanking caregivers, we also bless those who receive their care.



HOPE ANGEL TREE

This Advent, Wesley UMC will once again have an Angel Tree. This year, our gifts will be given to HOPE of East Central Illinois. HOPE ECI serves adults and children who are survivors of domestic violence. Many of them have escaped an abusive situation with just the clothes on their backs. Most are also considered homeless. It is our goal to make sure every child has a magical Christmas. So often, they have nothing. We not only want the children to experience the magic of the holidays, but we want them to be able to see their mothers feel the love as well. HOPE will provide Angels for our tree which will list wishes and needs from these families for you to fulfill. HOPE serves many families and is always in need of donations. If you feel you would like to make a further donation, please call Angie Geisler at 348-5931 or email her at angieg@hope-eci.org. The angel Tree will be available beginning Sunday, November 17. Thanks so much for your donations and support!



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sympathy is expressed to
Anne Rodgers and her family
on the death of her sister,
Susan Tinder, October 19, 2019;
to Dennis & Nancy Grant
on the death of Nancy's mother,
Marilyn Jean Wilkin, October 19, 2019.
and to Lowell Gillespie on the death of
Judy Gillespie, October 24, 2019.



Happy NOVEMBER anniversary to the following Wesley couples!

- Charles & Jeri Hughes
- Bill & Cheryl Lair
- Steve & Joy Starwalt
- Burt & Kathy Wright

WILL YOU BE LEAVING FOR THE WINTER?



If you are a "snowbird" who heads south or west for the winter, please let the church office know so we can keep in touch while you are gone. Send your information to Rosalie Addison in the church office at raddison@charlestonwesley.org, or call the office (217-345-3917) during the week. Alternately, you can note your winter address on your Making Connections card on Sunday morning. Be sure to include the date you are leaving and the date you will be returning. Have a safe, warm and happy winter!



Happy NOVEMBER birthday to the following Wesley folks!

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| Stan Adkins | Vauhnee Baptist |
| Jim Bennett | Luke Bonnstetter |
| Lisa Braden | Molly Chappell |
| Ruth Ann Craig | Trevor Doughty |
| Mike Dunning | Richard Durham |
| Ruth Ann Finley | Tom Finley |
| Erin Fleming | Gary Hawker |
| Jean Hawkins | Abigail Held |
| Kay Helton | Linda Inman |
| Randy Jackson | Lynn Johnson |
| Keith Kohanzo | Ben Lanman |
| Greta Larson | Cheryl Laursen |
| Amy Lynch | Charles Maris |
| Gale McElwee | Alan Metzger |
| Elise Ramsey | Jean Replogle |
| Anne Rodgers | Margaret Speer |
| David Stoltz | Cherie Sutliff |
| Jeannie Walters | John White |

LOOKING FOR A RIDE

We have several folks in need of rides to local doctor appointments and medical treatments. If you are available during the week and would be willing to offer a ride to a fellow Wesley member, please note "Rides" on your Making Connections card or contact Pastor Janice at 217-345-3917 or jkahl@charlestonwesley.org. Thanks!



OUR CHANCEL CHOIR INVITES YOU TO SING IN THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Wesley's annual Christmas Cantata will take place during both worship services on Sunday, December 15. The Chancel Choir has begun rehearsals and invites all singers high school and older to join them. This is a great opportunity to sing with our choir even if you cannot commit to the entire choir season. Rehearsals take place at 7:00PM each Wednesday in the choir room (Room 121). For more information, please speak with any choir member or with Chancel Choir Director Michael Mellott.



JOIN US NOVEMBER 24!

Sunday, November 24 will be a day of celebration at Wesley UMC! This is the day

we present our financial commitments to Christ through the ministry of Wesley United Methodist Church for 2020. Immediately following the 10:45 service, we will have an All-Church Luncheon to celebrate not just Consecration Sunday, but to give thanks to God for all we have been given. The luncheon will be catered by Niemerg's. A free-will offering to defray the cost of the meal will be taken; suggested donation is \$5 per person. We also ask that those who are able bring a dessert to share.

AFTER THE LUNCHEON, we will be Decking the Halls for the Christmas season! (Advent begins the following Sunday, December 1). We encourage you to set this day aside to celebrate AND decorate!



SCOUT NEWS

In addition to those who attended either our scout camp, or a high adventure experience in Missouri, or the World Jamboree in West Virginia, or Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico, Troop 141 members have been busy locally, kayaking on the Embarras River, sailing on Lakes Charleston and Carlisle, helping at the Food Pantry and distributing 600 calendars for them, serving meals at the Haven, and helping at CCAR's anniversary celebration and Arts in the Cemetery,

Scouts attended a school threat trial at the courthouse and, deliberating separately, found the defendant not guilty (as did the jury). Those seeking the Communication and the Public Speaking merit badges have been meeting at Wesley on Sunday evenings to hone their skills. Scouts spent two nights on a training ship in Chicago and earned their sea legs on a rough Lake Michigan. The troop built a monkey bridge for Webelos Scouts at Fox Ridge and spent a day at camp earning trades-related skills such as Surveying, Welding, Home Repair, and Farm Mechanics. Of the troop's 41 scouts, fourteen currently hold Life rank, the last step on the path to Eagle.





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Our Sunday Schedule:

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM
 A Time of Fellowship
 takes place at 9:30AM
 Sunday School for all ages - 9:45AM

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