

WELCOME

We're so glad you're here for worship today! Below are some details you may find helpful in your first visit:

THE COMMUNICATION CARD is key to allowing us to welcome you fully. Please fill it out and, after worship, drop it by the Welcome Center where you'll find lots of information and a nice gift for every first-time visitor.

THE WORSHIP GUIDE in this folder will lead you through our service. We try to use elements, liturgy, and sacraments from a variety of Christian traditions to help lead people of all ages, stages, and tastes into the presence of God. Worship is participatory, so please join in prayer, word, giving, and song.

NURSERY for children up to 2 years is available for the entire morning in the Pre-school Complex, Building B.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP JR. (CWJR, age 2 and 3) is available all year for the entire morning worship service in the Pre-school Complex, Building B.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (CW) There is no Children's Worship today. Regular Children's Worship (age 4 through grade 3) will meet again Sunday, January 6, 2019.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available in the foyer.

WHEELCHAIR SEATING is readily available in the center aisle or an usher will be glad to remove a sanctuary chair for your convenience.

PRAYER FOCUS: This Christmas, let's make a list (and check it twice) of our neighbors who don't yet know Jesus...and let's pray for them and find ways to speak to them about the gift God gave to our world, and to them, in Jesus.

WORLD MISSION FOCUS—Pray for God's blessing on our WFMFC supported missionaries and their ministries through the Christmas season:

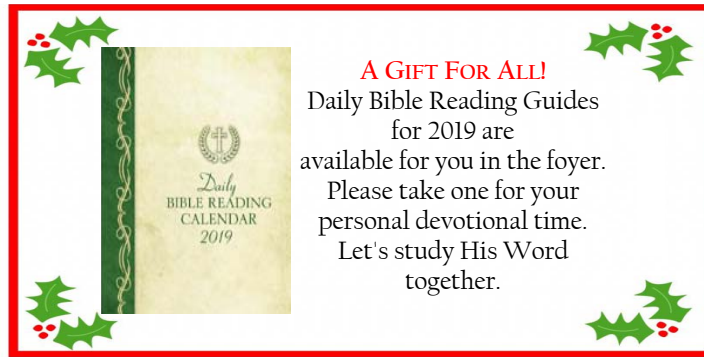
Eduardo & Cindi Angelo, Andy & Lizet Bowen, Ricardo & Beth Gomez, Steve & Ruth Hersey, Darin & Jill Land, Dan & Hope Owsley, Mike & Vickie Reynen, Dan & Katy Beth Searls, Jon & Vera Steury, Golf & Bethany Tonglamun, Brent & Colleen Weaver, and those we cannot mention for safety reasons.

HOME MISSION FOCUS: Pray for the Jessamine County Homeless Coalition and all who go there. Pray that their needs will be met, both physical and spiritual.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOCUS: Christmas is almost here! We will take a short break from Wednesday night WFMY and Tuesday morning prayer breakfasts. Youth Prayer Breakfast will resume on January 8 and WFMY on January 9. Bible Quiz practice will continue as scheduled.

NURSERY:

	<u>TODAY/THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
9:30 Worship	L Branan/J Goforth/J Madill O Proctor	N Ellwood/S Folsom/F Jamison K Proctor
Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
10:50 Worship	MK Kidwell/BK McMillen C Thompson/H Wheelock	K Barnard/C Padgett/E Padgett K Padgett
6:00 Worship	No Evening Services	No Evening Services
Wed. Evening	No Evening Services	No Evening Services



- **2019 CHURCH DIRECTORIES** are now available. Pick up your copy today at the table next to the Welcome Center in the foyer.
- **CHRISTMAS OUTREACH MATERIALS** are still available in the foyer and will be through Christmas Eve. Please take all that you can give away to friends and neighbors who need Christ.
- **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** There will be NO Children's Worship December 23 and December 30 to give our Children's Worship ministry teams a little break. Thank you to all who serve on the Children's Worship Teams!
- **A COUPLE NOTES ABOUT END OF YEAR GIVING:**
 - 1) In order for offerings to be tax-deductible for the year 2018, they must either be received or postmarked by December 31.
 - 2) While we are doing great in debt retirement, missions and nearly every other financial area, our regular operating budget is running about 10% behind, requiring the use of reserve funds to meet November expenses. Now would be a great time to catch up on deferred budget giving for 2018.
- **COOKING FOR A CROWD!** The youth ministry needs cooks (or groups of cooks) for next semester for Tuesday Prayer Breakfasts and Wednesday Youth Dinners. Interested or want more information? Write "COOK!" on your Communication Card.

Sanctuary Sweepers Volunteers Needed!

Would you be willing to serve our church by vacuuming the sanctuary once every two months? If so, just write "sweep" on your Communication Card and someone will contact you. This is a great way for families to serve the church together.



LET'S HIT THE SLOPES!
Annual High School Ski Retreat
January 18-20, 2019
Perfect North Ski Slopes in Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

High school students interested in this trip can find more details on the youth bulletin board/table in Building C. Registration forms are due on January 9. Sign up today!



5:00 and 6:30 p.m. - Christmas worship with candlelight, Scripture and carols. There will be a Children's Time in the service. Nursery / child care is provided through age 48 months. (Children's nativity at 6:30 service.)

11:00 p.m. - Christmas worship with Holy Communion, candlelight and carols. No nursery care provided.

Sunday School Potluck Breakfast January 6, 9:40 a.m. Building C Great Hall



Each family please bring a generous dish to share - casseroles, breakfast sandwiches, sweet rolls, fruit, etc. Coffee, milk and juice provided.

THE JOHN WESLEY COVENANT WORSHIP SERVICE JANUARY 6, 6:00 P.M.

Join us for a centuries-old, yet timeless service liturgy, practiced by John Wesley first in 1755 and adapted from the 1663 writings of Puritan Richard Allienne. It is a service of serious, personal re-commitment to Christ's lordship in our lives. If you wish to read through and prepare your heart ahead of time, you can find copies of the liturgy on the News Feed of the church website, www.wilmorefmc.org,

BIBLE QUIZ NEWS ALERT — COMING SOON TO WILMORE!

Our church will have the privilege of hosting our 5th annual regional quiz meet on **Saturday, February 2, 2018!** We will need overnight housing for out of town quizzers. If you have a spare bedroom or two, or a den or family room with a couch, floor space, etc., and would be willing to host two or more quizzers and/or adults on **Friday evening, Feb 1**, please write "Housing" on your communication card. We will have 70-100 teens and adult leaders who will need a place to sleep Friday night - and a light breakfast on Saturday. Each teen will have a sleeping bag and are happy with floor space and/or couches. (*Adult leaders would prefer a bed if possible.*) More details to follow!



WFMFC HAZARDOUS WEATHER PLAN: Schedule changes for church events due to hazardous weather can be found on the front page of the church website, typically one hour prior to service times. Check the News Feed at the bottom of our homepage, or tune in to TV channels 18, 27, and 36.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 2018

TODAY

9:00 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer—B106
9:30 a.m. **Morning Worship I**
No Sunday School / YBF / ABF
10:50 a.m. **Morning Worship II**
No Evening Worship Service

MONDAY

Church office closed

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLIGHT SERVICES

5:00 p.m. A worship service of carols, Word and candlelight. There will be a Children's Time in the service.
Nursery / child care is provided through age 48 months.
6:30 p.m. A worship service of carols, Word and candlelight, including our children presenting a live nativity.
Nursery / child care is provided through age 48 months.
11:00 p.m. A worship service with carols, candlelight and Holy Communion.
No nursery care provided

TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

Church office closed
4:45 p.m. Bible Quizzing
No other evening events

THURSDAY

Church office closed

FRIDAY

Church office closed

SATURDAY

10:15 Diversicare Worship Service
No Youth Open Gym

All Things New: A New Family
I Corinthians 12:12-27

Pastor Daryl



CD'S OF MORNING AND EVENING MESSAGES ARE AVAILABLE.

Note "Message" and date on a Communication Card at the Welcome Center, and pick up your CD the following Sunday. A donation of \$2.00 is requested to cover costs. Messages may also be freely downloaded at www.wilmorefmc.org.



PRAYER SEEKING SALVATION: *Lord Jesus, I know I have sinned against You. I believe that You died for me, and I place my trust in You. Forgive my sins and save me from the judgment to come. Help me to turn from my sin and live a life wholly devoted to You.*

PRAYER SEEKING SANCTIFICATION: *Lord Jesus, I recognize my need for holiness. Purify me of all that is unlike You, fill me with Your Holy Spirit until I am totally Yours, and set me apart for Your purposes from this day forward.*

If you seek or have found salvation or sanctification today, please let a member of the pastoral staff know. We're here to help you on your journey.

Reminder: the church offices are closed
through January 1.

The mail will be collected, and pastors will still be available. Thanks for helping us plan ahead.



WILMORE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 23, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Andrea

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Through the ages, the church has, at times, been seen as an entity that primarily takes from people, especially financially. Honestly, sometimes that reputation has been deserved, but often not. Either way, taking is not what the church is about. The church is about giving – giving love, help, compassion, forgiveness. Giving love – the very same love that was given to all of us on that first Christmas. God has given to us. We give to Him, and to others, in return.

OFFERTORY

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen arr. Nathan DiGesare

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 625 (OLD HUNDREDTH)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SONGS OF OUR DIVINE ANCESTRY

Hymnal 143 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*
Hymnal 146 *For unto Us a Child Is Born*
Hymnal 141 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

MESSAGE

All Things New: A New Family Pastor Daryl

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach/arr. Franklin Ritter
Overture from "Unto Us a Child Is Born"

WORSHIP GUIDE

God is so glad you've set aside this time to worship Him. He inhabits the praise of His people. As we gather, please take a moment to ask God to prepare us for worship—to open our ears and minds to His voice and to freely apply His word to our hearts and lives. Please also take a moment now to silence all electronic devices so that the Lord might have opportunity to freely speak to all.

GATHERING

Sing We a Glad Noel (Noël Nouvelet) arr. Dale Wood
What Shall I Give to the Child in the Manger? arr. Douglas Wagner
Joy to the World (Hymnal 125) arr. Stephen Aber

Welcome to Worship!

If you are visiting with us for the first time and are searching for a church home, please fill out the Communication Card and turn it in at the Welcome Center in the foyer, where you'll receive a nice gift—our way of saying, "We're honored by your visit." Returning guests and regular attendees, please note your attendance and requests on the Communication Card, then place it in the offering plate.

SONGS OF HISTORY'S GREATEST BIRTHDAY

Hymnal 132 *Angels We Have Heard on High*
Hymnal 162 *The Birthday of a King*

CALL TO PRAYER

Hymnal 126 *A Nativity Prayer*
O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today. (CCLI Member)

PRAYER

Pastor Dwight

GOD'S WORD TO US

I Corinthians 12:12-27
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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

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