

WELCOME

Please help us be hospitable to you by filling out the white COMMUNICATION CARD and dropping it by the WELCOME CENTER in the main foyer.

Here are a few items that are good to know about our worship gatherings:

The WORSHIP GUIDE will lead you through the worship services. We try to use elements of liturgy from a variety of ages and Christian traditions to help people of all ages, stages and tastes actively participate in worship.

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HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available in the foyer.

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

THE WELCOME CENTER in the foyer is staffed before and after each service with friendly, helpful people who provide directions, information, and answers.

PRAYER FOCUS: Let's pray for all those who face the backlash of our shift in policy regarding Jerusalem...pray especially for the Christians who are now in the crosshairs of terrorism.

WORLD MISSION FOCUS: PARAGUAY: Andy & Lizet Bowen train Paraguayans in youth work, teaching, leading worship, and evangelism. Pray for their 3 sons—Lucas, Timothy, and Joseph.

HOME MISSION FOCUS: Pray for Trevor Hollis/Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. He witnesses for Christ to the students at Southern Utah University. Pray for God's truth and grace to be known and experienced.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOCUS: Pull out those Christmas sweaters, dust off your talent, whip up a tasty treat and bring a gift for our friends at Thomson Hood & Diversicare. The annual *WFMY Christmas Party* is this Wednesday, December 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

NURSERY

Today/This Week

8:30 Worship D Flanigan/K Jamison/N Riffell
J Thompson

Sunday School J Cline/T Kidwell/LL Rao

10:50 Worship M Branam/B Davis/R Gouge
S Gouge/G Stidom

6:00 Worship M Dargan/A Warnock/C Winter

Wed. Evening R Cook/A Diddle

Next Week

B Branam/H Branam/E Brown
K Winter

SS Potluck Breakfast - no nursery

R Branam/S Hamann/C Padgett
K Thomas

Caroling - no nursery

No evening activities

• THE 2017 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL GUIDES are still available but going fast. Please pick up your copy in the foyer on your way out of worship today.

• CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY...LAST CHANCE! If your child, age 4 through grade 5, would like to participate in our Christmas Eve live nativity scene at the 6:30 p.m. service, sign up at the Welcome Center TODAY. Include an email address where you can receive your child's assignment and costume needs.

• TO THE FABULOUS FIVE MEN (Skip Elliott, Ron Johns, Arv Metcalf, Don Roxberry, and Pastor Daryl) who graciously gave their time to assemble the church's Christmas trees, our heartfelt thanks! - *Sanctuary Décor Team*

• CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: Which service do you plan to attend? It would help us know how best to plan our services. Please note on your Communication Card if you are attending 5, 6:30 or 11 p.m.

• CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: There will NO Children's Worship the next three Sundays, December 17, December 24 and December 31 to give our Children's Worship ministry teams a little break. Thank you, Kristina Livesay and the Children's Worship teams!

• CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH STAFF: Today is the LAST day to contribute to the Church Staff Christmas gifts. Use the red stamped envelope and place your gift either in the offering plate or in the basket at the Welcome Center. - *WFMC Finance Team*

• END OF YEAR GIVING: In order for tithes, gifts and offerings to be tax-deductible for the year 2017, they must either be received in the office or postmarked by December 31.

LOST AND FOUND: Are you missing a coat? Dishes? Bible? iPod? Hearing Aid? Pacemaker? Please check the lost and found (aqua-colored) storage tubs in the south entrance of Building C. There are many items missing their owner.



bridal SHOWER You are invited to join us for Grace Branam's drop-in bridal shower on Saturday, December 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Metcalf home, 20 Veterans Drive, Wilmore. Grace is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon. Questions? Call Cheryl or Marlee Faul (865-622-1756).



Bulletin announcements for the next three Sundays (Dec. 17, 24 31) need to be in to the church office by:

Wednesday, December 13!

We will still pick up mail when offices are closed. Thank you for planning ahead.

Heaven's Harmony Children's Choir

presents:



6:00 p.m. tonight

A look at that first Christmas through a comical dream.



Give the gift of life.
Wednesday
December 13
3:00-7:00 p.m.
church foyer

WFMC 2017 ANGEL TREE OPTIONS
Option 1 helps the Wilmore/High Bridge Community Center purchase a van to transport food for needy area families.
Option 2 helps provide Bibles through the local Gideon ministry.
Choose your ornament and follow the instructions on the tree in the foyer...and thank you!



Sunday School Potluck Breakfast

December 17, 9:40 a.m.

Building C Great Hall



Each family please bring: a breakfast casserole, fruit, or bread, etc. Drinks provided.

CHURCH SCHEDULE - THROUGH CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

12/10 Second Sunday in Advent - Worship 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.

World Religions Elective 9:40 a.m.

Children's Choir Christmas Musical 6:00 p.m.

12/17 Third Sunday in Advent - Worship 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.

SS Potluck 9:40 a.m.

Christmas Caroling 6:00 p.m.

12/22 Church offices closed through January 1, 2018

12/24 Fourth Sunday in Advent

Christmas Worship 9:30 & 10:50 a.m.

No Sunday School or Children's Worship

Christmas Eve Worship

5:00 p.m. with nursery

6:30 p.m. with nursery & Live Nativity (12/10 last day to sign up!)

11:00 p.m. with communion

12/31 Worship Services 9:30 & 10:50 a.m.

No Sunday School or Children's Worship

No Evening Worship

1/7/2018 Worship 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School and Children's Worship Resumes

Music Rehearsals Resume

John Wesley Covenant service, 6:00 p.m.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2017

TODAY

- 8:00 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer—B106
- 8:30 a.m. **Morning Worship I**
- 9:40 a.m. **Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Fellowships**
- 10:50 a.m. **Morning Worship II**
- Marriage Ministry Team B202
- 4:45 p.m. *Youth Choir*—B101
- 5:30 p.m. Pre-Service Prayer—B106
- 6:00 p.m. **Evening Worship- Children's Musical**
- 7:15 p.m. HS Afterglow @ Wrights, 105 Middle Creek Dr, Nich.
MS Afterglow in Building C hosted by Branans

MONDAY

- 5:20 a.m. A.M. Ramblers —Building C
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study @ Metcalf home, 20 Veterans Dr.
- 4:30 p.m. Parent Support Group—Building C

TUESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting—A200
- 7:15 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast—Building C Great Hall
- 8:00 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Meeting—A200
- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study @ Moore home, 117 Hawthorne Dr, Nich.
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (16 and older)—Building C

WEDNESDAY

- 5:20 a.m. A.M. Ramblers —Building C
- 3:00-7:00 p.m. Blood Drive—Building A Foyer
- 4:55 p.m. Bible Quizzing—B100s
- 6:30 p.m. FMY Christmas Party (Free Methodist Youth)—Building C
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Prayer Meeting—B200/201
- CLC (Christian Life Club) 2 yrs old —5th grade
- 2 yrs. - K: Building B Preschool Wing
- 1st - 5th grade: A100 Wing
- Nursery/Childcare—Building B Preschool Wing

THURSDAY


- 6:30-8:30 p.m. Ladies' Volleyball—Building C

FRIDAY

- 5:20 a.m. A.M. Ramblers —Building C

SATURDAY


- 10:15 a.m. Diversicare Worship Service
- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Youth Open Gym



ALL-CHURCH CAROLING - DECEMBER 17

Join us as we visit the elderly of our church and bring them the songs and carols of Christmas. We meet in Building C at 6:00 p.m., join a caroling group, and then car-pool to 5-7 homes.

We will then return to Building C for hot dogs, chips and hot chocolate. *Please bring a plate of cookies to share!*



The Birth of Jesus, the Birth of Hope

Pastor Daryl

Luke 2:25-35



CD'S OF MORNING AND EVENING MESSAGES ARE AVAILABLE.
Note "Message" and date on a Communication Card or at the Welcome Center and pick up your CD the following Sunday. A donation of \$2.00 helps to cover costs. Messages also may be freely downloaded from www.wilmorefmc.org



PRAYER SEEKING SALVATION: *Lord Jesus, I realize that I have sinned against You. I believe that You died for me and I now place my trust in You. Please forgive my sins and save me from the judgment to come. Help me to turn from my sins and live my life wholly for You, seeking to be obedient to You in everything.*

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 pastor know. We're here to help you on your journey.

WILMORE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 10, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Dwight

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

How can we ever out-give the Lord, who created us from nothing and has given us life? He's given us principles to live by that promise us His best. He forgives us when we fail. He meets all our needs day to day, and protects us from tragedies we're not even aware of. He asks for our love in return, and our obedience. Why would we not choose His ways – the ways of Him who loves us so much?

OFFERTORY

O Come, Emmanuel (Hymnal 123)
Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir

arr. Jason Krug

DOXOLOGY

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.

Hymnal 626(FAIRHILL)

*Children may now leave for Children's Worship

MESSAGE

The Birth of Jesus, the Birth of Hope

Pastor Daryl

HOLY COMMUNION

"Whosoever will may come."

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Gloria" (Hymnal 132)

arr. Jason Payne

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

Advent Triptych

arr. Jason Krug

1. Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
2. Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Hymnal 124)
3. Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming (Hymnal 160)

Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
who came in the beauty of the child at Bethlehem.

I believe in Him whose star glorified the Judean hills,
although there was no room for Him in the inn.

I believe in Him whose cradle was His mother's arms
and whose attendants were the animals of the stable.

I believe in Him who came to save us from sin
and lead us into His Kingdom of peace.

To Jesus Christ be all glory, both now and forever. Amen.

SONGS OF PROCLAMATION AND HOPE

Hymnal 131

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Hymnal 119

O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful

Hymnal 406

My Hope Is in the Lord

CALL TO PRAYER

Hymnal 154

What Can I Give Him?

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wiseman I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.

(CCLI Member)

PRAYER

Pastor Dwight

GOD'S WORD TO US

Luke 2:25-35

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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

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