

# 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.

NURSERY for children up to 2 years is available in *Building B Pre-school Wing* (Main Floor) for the entire morning every Sunday.

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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 suffering from the fires in California, and for all Christians living in dangerous places around the world during this holiday season.

**WORLD MISSION FOCUS:** EUROPE: Colleen Fitch works with church planters and theological educators across Europe, facilitating and encouraging them as they disciple believers and train up new leaders for ministry.

**HOME MISSION FOCUS:** Pray for Wilmore Day Care, the staff, the young students, and their parents. Pray that everyone will remain healthy during these months that tend to have higher rates of illness.

**YOUTH MINISTRY FOCUS:** Christmas is coming. We are taking a short break from Wednesday night WFMY and Tuesday morning prayer breakfasts. Please note, youth prayer breakfast will meet on Tuesday, December 19 for the last time in 2017. WFMY will resume meeting on January 3.

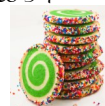
NURSERY		
Today/This Week		Next Week
8:30 Worship	B Branam/H Branam/E Brown K Winter	L Branam/O Proctor/B&E Randall
Sunday School	SS Potluck Breakfast - no nursery	No Sunday School
10:50 Worship	R Branam/S Hamann/C Padgett K Thomas	MK Kidwell/BK McMillen C Thompson/H Wheelock
6:00 Worship	Caroling - no nursery	Christmas Eve Services
Wed. Evening	No evening activities	No evening activities



## ALL-CHURCH CAROLING - TONIGHT!

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!*



- **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** There is NO Children's Worship the next three Sundays, today, December 24 and December 31 to give our Children's Worship ministry teams a little break.
- **AS YOU'VE LIKELY NOTICED,** we are allowing our Sunday School and Youth and Adult Bible fellowship teachers and leaders a Christmas sabbatical, taking off 3 Sundays (today, December 24 and 31). Take a moment to thank your teachers for their hard work as they rest for a time.
- **WOMENS' VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE:** Please note the changes for these remaining weeks of 2017:  
December 21: Family Night (B.Y.O.Boy) - Bring a spouse, friend, or family member to play!  
December 28: No Womens' Volleyball
- **ALL GRANDPARENTS ARE INVITED** to *Grandparents Who Pray* this Thursday, December 21, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Margaret Dargan, 191 Academy Dr. (Bethel Pointe/Wilmore). Come share a potluck meal followed by devotions led by Sheila Lovell. Questions? Call Margaret Dargan, 858-3183. Mark your calendar and plan to come. All grandparents are welcome!
- **END OF YEAR MONEY MATTERS:** We have been blessed to be able to make additional principal payments with generous "Closing the Gap" contributions. At year end, the Finance Team usually suggests some ideas about special gifts to the church. This year, please consider helping to continue to "Close the Gap" on our mortgage balance. Remember, too, that in order for your financial gifts to be tax-deductible for the year 2017, they must either be received in the office or postmarked by December 31.

**Did You Know?** In an active church like ours, so many things are happening involving so many people that it's hard for everyone to know about and keep track of them all. Yet these things are worth knowing about and celebrating. A new web site page has been created to help keep all who are interested updated about these good things. Check out <http://wilmorefmc.org/did-you-know/> today and celebrate the good things God is doing through WFMC.



Reminder: the church offices will be closed **December 22 - January 1.**  
The mail will be collected, and pastors will still be available. Thanks for helping us plan ahead.

## Sunday School Potluck Breakfast Today! 9:40 a.m. Building C Great Hall



*Each family please bring:  
a breakfast casserole, fruit, or bread, etc.  
The church will provide the drinks.*



Join us for our  
**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES**  
Sunday, December 24.

Morning Worship: 9:30 & 10:50 a.m.  
Christmas Eve Candlelight:  
5:00, 6:30, & 11:00 p.m.

**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 following. 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.

## LADIES "RETREAT REPEAT" - SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018, 8:30-2:00 WOMAN OF GOD: LIVING LOVED

Join us for this "repeat" of our Wilmore Ladies' Fall Retreat. We meet at 8:30a.m. - 2:00 p.m., enjoying highlights of our Wilmore Ladies Fall Retreat, including morning snacks and lunch. A \$15.00 fee includes catered lunch and all special materials. The "Retreat Repeat" will be at Susan Folsom's home, [113 Anderson Way](http://113AndersonWay.com). Come and be refreshed! Registration by email or phone: [susanfolsom@hotmail.com](mailto:susanfolsom@hotmail.com); 229-0070, or [office@wfm.net](mailto:office@wfm.net).

### Nursery Help Needed



We are so grateful for the host of volunteers who commit one service per month to work in our nursery. If you would like to be part of the nursery team, we need more adult helpers! Please contact Carol Blankenship at: [cblankenship@wfm.net](mailto:cblankenship@wfm.net).



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY,  
a nine-week personal finance  
class that helps you get control

over your finances, begins here at WFMC on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Facilitators for this class are Paul & Joy Dupree. Childcare for infants -toddlers provided. For information and/or to register, please visit <http://www.fpu.com/1054632>.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2017

TODAY

8:00 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer—B106  
8:30 a.m. **Morning Worship I**  
9:40 a.m. **Sunday School Potluck**—Building C  
10:50 a.m. **Morning Worship II**  
5:30 p.m. Pre-Service Prayer—B106  
6:00 p.m. **Evening Worship- Christmas Caroling & Social**

MONDAY

5:20 a.m. A.M. Ramblers —Building C

TUESDAY

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting—A200  
7:15 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast—Building C Great Hall  
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (16 and older)—Building C

WEDNESDAY

5:20 a.m. A.M. Ramblers —Building C  
4:55 p.m. Bible Quizzing—B100s  
No Evening Activities / FMY

THURSDAY

12:00 noon Church offices close at noon  
6:15 p.m. Finance Team Meeting —A200  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Ladies' BYOBoy Volleyball—Building C

FRIDAY

Church Offices Closed Through January 1, 2018

SATURDAY

10:15 a.m. Diversicare Worship Service  
NO Youth Open Gym



**HAZARDOUS WEATHER POLICY:** If public school is cancelled, all morning church events that day will be cancelled. Cancellation of afternoon and evening events will be determined by late morning, case by case. Check the church web page or call the church office.

For Sunday events, please check the church website or local news.

**ADVENT SEASON CHURCH SCHEDULE**

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, 6:30, 11:00 p.m.**  
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.**

*The Birth of Jesus, the Birth of Resurrection*

John 1:1-4; 11:1-27

Pastor Daryl



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](http://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 17, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Daryl

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*"What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man I would do my part. What can I give Him? Give Him my heart."* It's not what we give, it's how we give it. Let's give to God this morning in sincere appreciation of all He's given to us. As a part of our gift, let's give Him our hearts.

### OFFERTORY

*Walk in the Light*  
Youth Choir

arr. André Thomas

### 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)

### SONGS OF THE WORD WHO GIVES LIFE

Hymnal 121  
Hymnal 168

*The Word Made Flesh  
Who Is He in Yonder Stall?*

### MESSAGE

*The Birth of Jesus, the Birth of Resurrection*

Pastor Daryl

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*A Christmas Rondel*

arr. Charles Callahan

## 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

"Adagio" from *Sonata No. 1 in G Minor, BWV 1001*

J.S. Bach

"Meditation" from *Thais*

Jules Massenet

Stephen Wright, violin

### *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 THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR

Hymnal 132  
Hymnal 141

*Angels We Have Heard on High  
O Little Town of Bethlehem*

### 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 Daryl

### GOD'S WORD TO US

John 1:1-4; 11:1-27  
(Page 750 & 760)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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