

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Please help us be hospitable to you by filling out the white COMMUNICATION CARD and dropping it by the Welcome Center. There is a place for you to worship, serve and be known here.



The WORSHIP GUIDE will lead you through worship. We use elements, liturgy and sacraments from a variety of Christian traditions and times to help people of all ages, stages and tastes actively participate in worshipping God together.

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP JR. (ages 2 & 3) is available in Building B Pre-school Wing (Main Floor) for the entire morning.

THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TODAY. Regular Children's Worship (age 4 through grade 3) begins Sunday, January 8.

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.

PRAYER FOCUS: Let's pray for all our Christian brothers and sisters who will be celebrating Christmas under the threat of terrorism and violence, committed against them simply because they follow Jesus. Pray for their courage, their faithfulness and their safety.

CPT PRAYER FOCUS: Pray for the swift conclusion and resolving of the punch list (minor to-do-list corrections) for building A and B that is now in the hands of the contractor.

MISSION FOCUS: Pray for Kris & Sarah Kappler ministering in South Africa. Pray for children Hannah, Elizabeth, and John.

CALVARY RESTART FOCUS: Please be in prayer for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, as well as the Christmas dinner basket outreach we will be doing again this year.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOCUS: Please note that WFMY, youth prayer breakfast, open gym and Sunday School are on a short Sabbatical. Youth Prayer Breakfast will resume on Jan. 3; WFMY will resume on Jan 4; Sunday School will resume on January 8.; Open Gym will resume on January 14.

NURSERY STAFF:

	<u>Today/This Week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
8:30 Worship	B Branan/H Branan/E Brown K Winter	O Proctor/B & E Randall/K Roberge
Sunday School	SS Potluck Breakfast	No SS
10:50 Worship	R Branan/E Davila/D Grammel K Thomas	McK Kidwell/BK McMillen C Thompson/H Wheelock
6:00 Worship	No nursery - Christmas Caroling	No Evening Worship
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 car-pool to 5-7 homes. We will then return to the CMC for hot dogs, chips and hot chocolate.

Please bring a plate of cookies to share!

- 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 25, and January 1). Take a moment to thank your teachers as they rest for a time.
- 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.
- CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00, 6:30 AND 11:00 P.M. 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. Thank you.
- CHRISTMAS EVE PARKING: All who would be willing to park in the lower and gravel lots, leaving the closer paved lot for our many guests on Christmas Eve would be appreciated. Also, as you always do, please remember to extend a warm welcome and consider sitting toward the front of the sanctuary, leaving room for our many guests in these holiday services.
- CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: There is no Children's Worship today, December 25 and January 1 to give our Children's Worship ministry teams a little break. There is Children's Worship, Jr (2s and 3s) and it will continue to meet through the Advent season and New Year.
- END OF YEAR GIVING: In order for tithes, gifts and offerings to be tax-deductible for the year 2016, they must either be received in the office or postmarked by December 31.

**THE JOHN WESLEY COVENANT WORSHIP SERVICE
NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP, 9:30 & 10:50 a.m.**

On New Year's Day we join together 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,



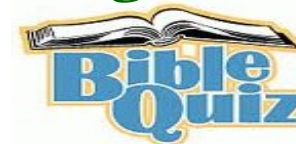
Reminder: the church offices will be closed
Dec 23 - Jan 31.
We will be picking up mail to help with year-end giving. Thank you for planning ahead.

**Youth New Year's Eve Party
January 31, 8:00 p.m. - 12:15 a.m.**

Bring in the New Year with your friends at Mt. Freedom Baptist Church. Join the youth groups from WFCM, Wilmore UMC, and Mt. Freedom. It will be a night of games, snacks, movies. Doors open at 8 p.m. Please check in by 8:15 p.m. The event will end at 12:15 a.m. Bring a snack to share. See youth bulletin board, website, or Pastor Andrea for more details.



Bluegrass Open



**Coming to WFCM
January 7, 2017**

Thank you for responding to our needs for housing and food for the Bible Quiz Open January 7. We are still needing more homes and food to host all the teams. Can you help in either or both of the following ways:



LODGING

If you have a spare bedroom or two, 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, January 6, please email housing coordinator

Renee Riffell at: benren96@gmail.com, (Quizzers will bring their sleeping bags and can sleep on floors.)



LUNCHEON

Carol Blankenship is coordinating a lasagna luncheon and needs help! If you can donate a pan (or 2) of lasagna, cookies or donate money to purchase supplies, please contact her. We also need help preparing,

serving and cleaning up the day of the quiz. Contact Carol Blankenship at: cblankenship@wfmcc.net.

The quiz is only 3 weeks away - so your prompt response is appreciated!

Thank you -- we can't host this event without your help!

January 7 Tournament Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Devotions and worship - WFCM Sanctuary

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thirty-minute rounds of team and individual tournament quizzing.

3:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony - WFCM Sanctuary

QUESTIONS?
Email or call
Coach Jenny Madill:
858-0277
kjmadill5@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2016

TODAY

8:00 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer—B107
 8:30 a.m. **Morning Worship I**
 9:40 a.m. Sunday School Potluck—Building C Great Hall
 10:50 a.m. **Morning Worship II**
 No *Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir*
 No *Youth Choir*
 6:00 p.m. All-Church Caroling and Social
 No Afterglows

MONDAY

TUESDAY

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting—C203
 No Youth Prayer Breakfast
 8:00 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Meeting—B203
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball—Building C

WEDNESDAY

4:50 p.m. Bible Quizzing—A106
 No other evening activities

THURSDAY

Church Offices Closed at noon today through January 31

FRIDAY


Church Offices Closed

SATURDAY

Christmas Eve Worship

5:00 p.m. with nursery
 6:30 p.m. with nursery & children's nativity
 11:00 p.m. with communion

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON CALENDAR

Monday, 12/19 Public school Christmas break begins 
 Saturday 12/24 **Christmas Eve Worship**
 5:00 p.m. with nursery
 6:30 p.m. with nursery & Live Nativity
 11:00 p.m. with communion
 Sunday, 12/25 **Christmas Sunday**
9:30 & 10:50 a.m. Morning Worship
 - No Children's Worship
 No Sunday School
 No Evening Worship
 Sunday, 1/1/17 **9:30 & 10:50 a.m. John Wesley Covenant Service**
 - No Children's Worship
 No Sunday School
 No Evening Worship



HAZARDOUS WEATHER POLICY: Check the church web site or call the church office. For Sunday events, please check the church website or local news. For weekday events, the general rule is that 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.

Come, Let Us Adore Him! Holy Family
 Luke 2:21-38

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.

PRAYER SEEKING SALVATION: *Lord Jesus, I know that 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 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 member of the pastoral staff know. We're here to help you on your journey.

WILMORE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH

A COMMUNITY THAT REFLECTS JESUS' VISION AND VALUES
 DECEMBER 18, 2016
 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

OFFICE@WFMC.NET WWW.WILMOREFMC.ORG 859-858-3521

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Andrea

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP JR. for children ages two and three, is available in the *Building B Pre-school Wing (Main Floor)* for the entire worship service time.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (*CW*) for children age four through grade three is not meeting today. Regular Children's Worship begins again Sunday, January 8. Children please stay with your parents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

This opportunity we have every Sunday to give of our wealth to the Lord is nothing less than worship – just as much as the singing we do and the praying and even the hearing and responding to God's Word. Giving to God in time, in service, and wealth is all part of our adoration of Him. So let's worship together and give gifts made beautiful by the worshipful attitudes of our hearts.

OFFERTORY

What Child Is This (Hymnal 137)
Tony Headley, soloist

Greensleeves

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 THE MOTHER AND CHILD

Hymnal 157
Hymnal 155

Away in a Manger (stanzas 1, 3)
Once in Royal David's City

MESSAGE

Come, Let Us Adore Him! Holy Family

Pastor Daryl

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Erin McLaughlin, piano

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

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming (Hymnal 160) arr. Mark Hayes
The Coventry Carol/ The First Nowell (Hymnal 136) arr. Mark Hayes
O Holy Night (Hymnal 148) arr. Rob Roy Perry
Erin McLaughlin, piano

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.*

THE ADVENT WREATH

SONGS OF GREAT JOY

Hymnal 119 *O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful*
Hymnal 144 *How Great Our Joy!*
Hymnal 151 *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

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 Daryl

GOD'S WORD TO US

Luke 2:21-38
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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**