

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.

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

THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TODAY (CW) Regular Children's Worship (age 4 through grade 3) will meet again Sunday, January 7, 2018.

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 be sure to give God thanks for the ways He's brought us peace in these days...peace that allows us to gather for worship even today, and peace in our hearts even during hardship and suffering.

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

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

HOME MISSION FOCUS: Pray for the Galilean Home Ministries and the care they provide for babies and children. Pray that the Lord will give the staff and volunteers the wisdom and strength to care for them.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOCUS: *O Come let us adore, Him, Christ the Lord!*

Come adore the One who loves you, the One who calls you by name, the One who saves! Merry Christmas, friends!

NURSERY

Today/This Week

8:30 Worship L Branan/O Proctor/B&E Randall

Sunday School No Sunday School

10:50 Worship MK Kidwell/BK McMillen
C Thompson/H Wheelock

5/6:30 Worship Christmas Eve Services

Wed. Evening No evening activities

Next Week

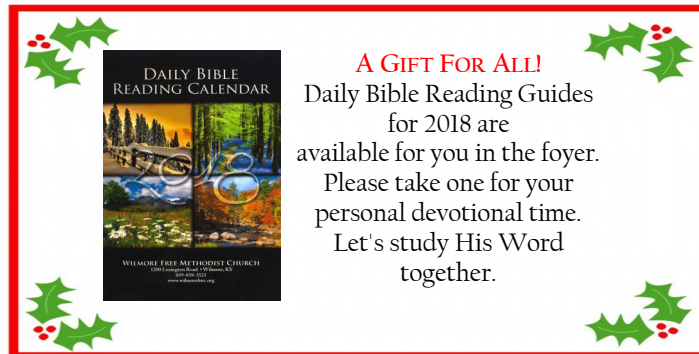
N Ellwood/S Folsom/F Jamison
K Proctor

No Sunday School

K Barnard/K Padgett
R Padgett/C Padgett

No evening Worship

L Branan/K Winter



• **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** There will NO Children's Worship today and next Sunday, December 31. Be sure to thank our CW workers who lead our little ones in worship week by week.

• **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 (last week, today and December 31). Take a moment to thank your teachers for their hard work.

• **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.

THE JOHN WESLEY COVENANT WORSHIP SERVICE JANUARY 7, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

On the first Sunday of the New Year 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.

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 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 are closed
December 22 - January 1.

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

MAKING THE CHURCH COUNT: CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION New South Conference Leaders and Learners Retreat

February 16-17, 2018

Fall Creek Falls State Park, Spencer, TN

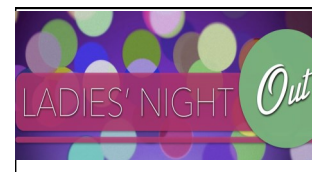
All team leaders, church officers and all who are interested in the development of the local church and our conference relationship are invited to the NSC Learning Retreat for 2018.

Led by Superintendents Brent and Alma Thompson

- February 16 check-in is 3:00 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
- February 17 ends at 12:00 noon.

Hotel accommodations are made separately at [\(423\) 881-5241](tel:4238815241). Ask for the room block for the New South Conference Fall Creek Falls State Park 2356 Lakeside Drive, Spencer, TN 38585. Please note that the deadline to register is January 15, 2018.

Questions? Contact Pastor Daryl, the church office; or the New South Conference office at [\(859\)492-5035](tel:8594925035) or newsouthconference@gmail.com



Ladies – join us for food, fellowship and laughter Monday, January 8, 6:00 p.m. at Sonny's in Nicholasville. We look forward to seeing you there. Questions? Call Rachael Proctor at 859-608-2147.



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

over your finances, and it 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>.

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; 229-0070, or office@wfmc.net.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2017

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**

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 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.

MONDAY



TUESDAY

Church office closed
No Men's or Ladies' morning prayer

WEDNESDAY

Church office closed
No evening events

THURSDAY

Church office closed

FRIDAY

Church office closed

SATURDAY

No Youth Open Gym

ADVENT SEASON CHURCH SCHEDULE

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

No Sunday School or Children's Worship
No Evening Worship

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

Sunday School and Children's Worship Resumes
Music Rehearsals Resume

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



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.

The Birth of Jesus, the Birth of Peace (Sort Of)

Pastor Daryl

Micah 5:2-5, Matthew 10:34-36



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.

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FREE METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2017

CHRISTMAS EVE

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Andrea

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

In these last moments before Christmas, as we rush here and there to get those perfect, last minute gifts, let us take a moment to remember the most perfect gift ever given. In Jesus, God gave salvation to humanity. In return, He asks that we love Him and give Him ourselves to do with as He chooses. Will you do that this Christmas?

"Lord, receive our gifts today. We give them with love. Amen."

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah Joy! (Hymnal 37, 125)

arr. Mark Hayes

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 HOPE FOR CHRISTMAS PEACE

Hymnal 128

It Came upon the Midnight Clear (stanzas 1, 4)

Hymnal 152

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

MESSAGE

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ADESTE FIDELIS (Hymnal 145)

arr. Anna Laura Page

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

Chanson de Noël

Jacques-Louis de Champd'homme

Noël Nouvelet (Sing We a Glad Noel)

arr. Dale Wood

What Shall I Give to the Child in the Manger?

arr. Douglas Wagner

IN DULCI JUBILO (Hymnal 151)

J.S. Bach

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 CELEBRATION OF JESUS' BIRTH

Hymnal 136

The First Noel (stanzas 1, 2, 6)

Hymnal 146

For Unto Us a Child Is Born

Hymnal 155

Once in Royal David's City

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

Micah 5:2-5, Matthew 10:34-36

(Pages 658; 688)

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

All: Thanks be to God.