



# The Plumbline

Newsletter of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church

June / July 2016



## *From the Pastor's Pen*

*By Daryl Diddle*

### **GARRISON KEILLOR ON "METHODISTS"**

(For this issue, enjoy this classic spoof on our denominational origins. Life is a lot more fun after we've learned to laugh at ourselves.)

We make fun of Methodists for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese.

But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Methodist-less place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Methodists, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!

Many Methodists are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage.

It's natural for Methodists to sing in harmony. They are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By joining in harmony, they somehow promise that they will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: People, these Methodists, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you can call up when you're in deep distress.

If you're dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they'll talk to you. If you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad.

Methodists believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.

Methodists like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.

Methodists usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.

Methodists believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.

Methodists think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.

Methodists drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.

Methodists feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Methodists are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at the church.

Methodists still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and think that peas in a tuna casserole adds too much color.

Methodists believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, You know you are a Methodist when:

- It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- You hear something funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.
- When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," you respond, "and also with you."

## *WFMC Music Ministries: Take "Note"*

### \*A Word of Thanks...

...to all of the volunteers who have participated in music programs at WFMC throughout the past fall and spring. Each week you sacrifice your time to be a part of this important ministry of our church. We greatly appreciate your willingness to use your gifts as a sweet offering to the Lord and could not minister without you!

...to the wonderful congregation for your support of the music ministry at WFMC and for the vibrant singing that you continually offer on a weekly basis. You are the most important choir of the church and we are blessed, thank you!

*As you are relaxing and enjoying your "Summer Vacation" please keep in mind that beginning in September our music ensembles will once again be rehearsing on a weekly basis. Below is a general list of all ensembles that will be offered this coming fall, please check future Plumblines articles for specific details regarding these groups:*

### CHILDREN'S VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

- Young Musicians (age 4 by October 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Friendship Company (Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> Grade)
- Heaven's Harmony (Grades 2-5)
- Chimes of Joy (Grades 2-5)

### YOUTH AND ADULT VOCAL ENSEMBLES

- Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)
- Sanctuary Choir (Post-High School)

### YOUTH AND ADULT INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

- Allegro Beginner/Intermediate Youth Handbell Choir (Grades 6-12)
- Tintinnabulation Intermediate/Advanced Handbell Choir (Grades 6-12)
- Joyful Bells Beginner/Intermediate Adult Handbell Choir (Post-high school)
- Blessings Intermediate/Advanced Adult Handbell Choir (Post-high school)
- Silver Bells Handbell Choir (Senior Adult)

*Do you play a musical instrument or enjoy singing? If so, we would love to have you minister with us by joining one of our music teams for morning worship, or by playing your instrument/singing a solo for an offertory! For more information regarding ensembles, as well as Sunday morning and evening music ministries, small groups, and instrumental opportunities, please contact Mark Schell or Rose Evans. We want to hear from you!*



## CONSTRUCTION PLANNING TEAM UPDATE

### Construction Planning Team (CPT) Update

By Stan Wiggam, Construction Planning Team Leader

Perhaps with a few exceptions, the updates on the new building (B) are completed. For this we give God the praise. It is the hope of the CPT that as you walk through the building and use the facility you will determine that the long wait (including the unforeseen delays) was well worth the time .

Now we are trusting for prompt completion of all the excavation work. Once again we are encouraging many of you to park in the lower lot as a section of the asphalt nearest the CMC is removed to allow grading work. During this time please use extreme caution for children running to their cars. Parents help us with this critical concern. We look forward to the day when new asphalt will be laid and new stripping will be done for both parking lots. A projected goal is to pave the front gravel lot to allow for more parking providing necessary additional spaces.



As our contractor begins the work on the new two lane drop-off drive, a new entrance to the sanctuary will be constructed. The walk way to the drop-off area will be covered which will provide welcome protection from inclement weather.

As you have noticed, a safety corridor has been constructed connecting the sanctuary and building B. For a closer look at what is going on behind the corridor wall, please go to the church's website. (There are many pictures published on the site depicting the reconstruction of the staff offices and the new foyer.)

Check out all the pictorial updates at [www.wilmorefmc.org](http://www.wilmorefmc.org).)

The Construction Planning Team encourages everyone to rejoice for all the inconveniences to your church family! For having to sit on the platform level on Sunday morning, or having to walk a longer distance to the closest available restroom from the sanctuary, or having to use a temporary walkway to the sanctuary, or having to endure the unsightly dust protector wall at the rear of the sanctuary. All of this means that we are coming close to the completion of this extraordinary construction project. The day of rejoicing and dedication will be here soon!



Let me, once again, close with the Scripture that is a driving factor in the project:

*"Unless the Lord builds this house, its builders labor in vain"* - Psalm 127:1

# New! New! And New!

Carol Blankenship,  
Nursery Coordinator

If you haven't done so already, stop by and take a peek at our new nursery! Located in the new preschool wing of Building B, our two nursery rooms are beautiful, spacious, and designed with little ones in mind! We have one-way observation windows, built-in drawers, cabinets, and storage cubbies, child-safe outlets, and door guards to keep little fingers from getting caught in a closing door. We also are a "secure area" with an electronic check-in/check-out system and a staffed registration desk.

What else is new? Thanks to your generous donations, the nursery purchased for our new rooms:

three wooden toy shelves,



a glider-rocker



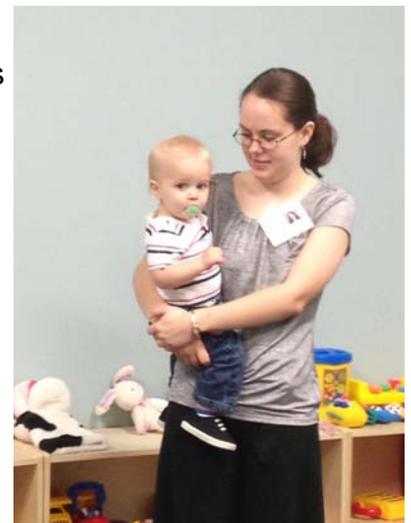
and two evacuation style cribs

Each of the evacuation cribs allow us to transport up to six babies or toddlers to a safe place in an emergency situation.

Anything else new? As always, we have many fabulous volunteers of all ages that love on our babies and toddlers. It takes a lot of hands and laps, though, to staff the nursery for every service, so thanks to these **new** nursery volunteers: Grace Branan, Glenn McGlothlin, Marilyn Patterson, Jessie Thompson, Stuart Thompson, Rachel Weinberger, and Rahel Woldeyesus.

If you'd like to be part of the nursery team, there's room for you, too! Contact me by email ([cblankenship@wfm.net](mailto:cblankenship@wfm.net)) or look for me at the registration desk.

Carol Blankenship, WPMC Nursery Coordinator





Beginning Wednesday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m., the children will have a lesson time with some fun time outside (weather permitting). This will be for kids whose parents are attending Prayer Meeting or working with the Youth.

There will be four classes;  
2's & 3's,  
4's - K,  
1st-2nd grade  
3rd-4th grade.

The 5th graders will have an opportunity to get to know their fellow youth group members.



## Help Wanted

Available places to become involved in our church community ministries:

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP, JR.:** We have some vacancies in our **Children's Worship Jr.** schedule. If you enjoy telling stories, coloring, and playing games, please consider helping our church **care for the little ones during services**. These precious children are 2-3 years old. Service is for one month at a time and several times a year depending on the size of the team. Contact Cathy Bickert 859-858-0911 or [bickert6@juno.com](mailto:bickert6@juno.com).

**PEN MINISTRY:** The pen ministry is an opportunity to make our sanctuary more comfortable for our church family by replacing and neatly arranging the pens in the back of the pews. Pens are made available for note taking or filling out the cards that are taken up in the offering plates. We need more help to get this done every week. Perhaps this can prove to be a fun and suitable way to involve children, teaching them in every season of life to give what they can as a part of the community. Please contact Cathy Bickert at 859-858-0911 or [bickert6@juno.com](mailto:bickert6@juno.com).

**HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT GREETERS:** High school students: you're invited to participate on Wednesday nights by greeting and welcoming people attending the various meetings and classes at the church. If you are interested in learning more about serving in this manner, please contact [john.ostroske@gmail.com](mailto:john.ostroske@gmail.com) If there are others looking for a place to serve, we would welcome you as well. Now that building B is open and classes and entrances are moving around, more greeters are needed to assist with answering questions and directing people.

# Marriage Ministries

by Ron Johns



## Overseas Fellowship

On the evening of Friday, April 8, the Overseas Fellowship met for the second time this year. The group gathered in the CMC to hear Dr. Ted Moon tell about his teaching in Taiwan and Korea. He opened the door to his 6th grade classroom, giving a thorough view of how he taught his students to be World Changers. Most notable was the predominant emphasis on prayer and reaching out to others. It was an enjoyable and enlightening evening.

Looking ahead to our meeting in September, we anticipate another excellent time together as we hear from Dr. Ron Kotesky and his cross-cultural ministry to missionaries. This promises to be an evening not to miss. Watch for details later this summer.

Have you wondered if you will benefit from being part of this fellowship? You will be challenged in your understanding of the overseas experience. Won't you come and join us? We look forward to seeing you there.

## *Library News*

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
During the current phase of our construction  
as the remodeling is being completed  
the Library will remain closed.

# Women's Ministries

*Wind down! Relax! Catch your breath!*

Somehow I'm never looking for ways to fill my days, they seem to be able to do that on their own!

And I'm grateful.

Maybe my heart is bigger than my good judgment. Maybe I have a hard time saying, "No."

But I am grateful.

I know stuffing too much onto my plate is not healthy, nor is it wise.

Still, I am grateful.

But I love all that I do, gain satisfaction in the results, and feel wonderfully involved!

Because I am grateful.

Our Women's Ministries Team is stretched and looking for willing hearts, willing hands, and new ideas. Is there a particular area that you would be interested in joining? Our church has a wonderfully diverse body of believers with varying abilities and talents. Sometimes participation alone is all we can do, but there is also great joy in the anticipation of the planning and production of events.

This summer as we wind down, relax and catch our breath, we must re-evaluate our lives to find the most appropriate use of the time and energy God has given us. We must remember that the joy is not ours alone, the work is not ours alone. He gives wisdom and strength. It is His work, His joy, and His increase.

And always, we will be grateful.

Susan Folsom, Rachel Weinberger, team leaders

## *Save the dates:*

Ladies Night Out (June 13, 6:30pm @ Mad Potter

July 18, 6:00pm @ Travinia in Fayette Mall)

IF: Tables (once a month, beginning in September, 2016)

Wilmore Ladies Fall Retreat (Cedarmore), Sept. 23-24, 2016

New South Conference Fall Retreat (Eagle Ridge), Nov. 4-5, 2016

Wilmore Ladies Progressive Dinner, March 2017

Ladies Spring Tea, May 2017



Campbell's Soup Labels for  
Oakdale Christian Academy

**THANK YOU** FOR PROVIDING THIS NEEDED INCOME

Please continue to bring your Campbell's Soup labels  
to the church Welcome Center throughout the year.



# PRAYER OF ADORATION

Margaret Therkelsen

The pattern of prayer held in the highest awe and reverence through many centuries in the Christian community is adoration.

Only through the ministry of the Holy Spirit can He empower us to come to the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit's presence, laying aside our self-love and self-will, which is so profoundly present in each one of us.

Romans 5:5 says the Holy Spirit will quicken in our hearts the love of God for us. As we experience the Heavenly reality of God loving us so totally, we are empowered to love Him with all our heart or human spirit, and delight to sit in His presence and adore Him, in and for who He is. We love Him, adore Him if He never does another thing for us!

So be totally present to Him, not asking for anything, simply loving Him with our whole being and being so thankful for all He is in Himself.

The purpose of adoration is a profound time of being loved by Him and giving the fullest expression of our heart's love toward Him and in Him; learning to not only receive His love, but letting the Holy Spirit deepen our relationship with Him. Our responsiveness to hear Him in our human spirit is developed, as well as our deepening desire to be with Him at all times. The privilege of walking in obedience to Him and experiencing an ever deepening relationship to Him, is beyond human words.

The prayer of adoration is the most profound tool of God to encourage us, transform us, and enable us to become more like him and bring a friendship that opens us to God's great redemptive plan in richer and richer ways.



## SELECTED PRAYER QUOTES

Margaret Therkelsen

"He does the most for us when there is the least self-involvement."

"To discover God just as clearly in very minor or ordinary things as in the big things of life is to have a great and extraordinary faith."

"Prayer is not just a place to get to Him, but a place of abandonment after we get there."

"If I stay on my knees, then I'm not driven there!"

"Imagine the very best place we have ever been with Jesus, and know there is always more!"

"We pray, not out of the circumstance, but out of the knowledge of what Christ *can* do."

"Prayer begins with us on our face in adoration to God; prayer ends in thanksgiving. The glory of God comes before our needs."

"The Holy Ghost will rise up within us if only we set Him free – but we have to sit in His presence long enough to get connected so He is free to reveal Himself."

"We can have as much of God as we want."

"There is a difference in *prayer* and a *life of prayer*. We are called to a life of prayer."

"In the Holy of Holies there is no self. Take someone else in with you and let the awareness of the Godhead be stronger than the needs of that person."

"We are conditioned to give all our energy to the human realm, but His power is found when we give our energies to the spiritual realm, even when we are working."

"One of the great qualities of the Holy Spirit is He quietens us. We don't have to speak our mind nor do we have to win. In the Holy Spirit, human effort comes to an end."

# Tuesday morning Prayers Together at WFMC

The church goes forward on her knees.



On Tuesday morning, the WFMC community is invited and encouraged to join together in prayer, seeking God's mercy, grace and help in our need. We seek His direction and His honor as we wait on Him, focusing on needs of fellow believers and the church.

**MEN AT PRAYER**  
**PLACE: C203**  
**TIME: 6:30-7:30 am**  
**Tuesday mornings**



**WOMEN AT PRAYER**  
**PLACE: C203**  
**TIME: 8:00-9:00 am**  
**Tuesday mornings**

*Let's continue to invest time and energy in prayer as a priority. God listens and responds as we seek Him together weekly, and His worship and work are accomplished in our midst.*

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## Walking in the Light

Karen Koehn

During the last few weeks, I've been on a prayer journey with Jesus. I've seen the darkness and realized what a privilege it is to work with Him to call people out of the darkness, into the light. It is a very real event when we are moved from darkness to light, and from death to life.

I've seen God's leadership when there were no plans or schedules that could provide guidance; He is the Guide. I've seen amazing movement forward in personal help and growth. I've seen what a difference the service of the Christian community provides in need, and I'm so very grateful to know that I'm a part of a community of such people.

Over the days and weeks, there has formed in me an understanding of how I can walk best in hard places. If you would, I'd like to share it with you.

- 1) I know that I can't fix it. That's good to know. It takes a very lot of pressure off.
- 2) I can, however, carry today's responsibility, doing what is at hand to be done.
- 3) I can pray, pouring out my heart before the One who died for us. I find freedom from the weight of the need in praying with one or two other people, and that several times a day. It matters that we give the weight to Jesus all along the way.
- 4) I can trust Him.



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- 3 Jordan Kellogg, June Lintemuth  
Kristina Livesay
- 4 Mark Goshima, Joan Lee, Andrew Weinberger
- 6 Wes Eisemann, Walker Swaim,  
Treshaun Warren
- 7 Rowan Bickert, Jim Lee, Lyn Neyman
- 9 Ellen Jones, Eden Watts
- 10 Sean Kidwell, Mark Schell
- 11 Robert Erny, Joy Ireland, Bonnie Lashbrook,  
Josh Neal, Emma Padgett, Wally Underwood  
Colin Winter
- 12 Kenny Isaac Proctor
- 13 Madison Zweifel
- 14 Violet Madill
- 15 Kim Heumann, Arv Metcalf, Haylee Rutherford  
Eileen Wright
- 16 Amy Cannon, Jake Dunn, Nellie Kester
- 17 Helen Roseberry
- 18 Julie Jobryce, Burnam Reynolds
- 19 James Demaray, Lee Hale, Walker Marcum,  
Joanne Smith, Mike Smith
- 20 David McPeake, Jeremy Wheelock
- 21 Jon Reifsnyder
- 22 Audrey Thompson
- 23 Paul Kellogg, Cathy Stonehouse
- 24 Jan Coleman, Rose Evans, Summer Toadvine,  
Maura Todd
- 25 Robert Bickert, Jon Liversedge  
Adam Schell, Lauren Ury
- 27 Sharon Bryson
- 28 Derik Heumann
- 29 Amanda Bailey, June Lowry

## JUNE

- 3 Jim & Joan Lee, Burnam & Machel Reynolds
- 7 Del & Lyn Searls
- 8 Sam & Pat Gilmore, Tyler & Devon Zweifel
- 9 Paul & Sue Hamann, Dexter & Dickie Lee Porter
- 10 David & Carol Coulliette
- 11 Lynn & Rosie Cooper
- 12 Bruce & Laura Branan, Don & Devon Roxberry
- 17 Barry & Fran May
- 18 Don & Patti Butterworth
- 19 Ed & Sharon Bryson, Michael & Carole Dickie  
Lee & Noel Taylor
- 20 Mark & Darlene Elliott
- 21 Joe & Barb Crouse
- 22 Richard & Barbara Barker,  
Ron & Bonnie Koteskey
- 23 Ralph & Nellie Kester  
Brian & Darla Kidwell, Larry & Sammie Moore
- 27 Royce & Susie Bourne,  
Greg & Laura Weinberger
- 29 Dave & Cathi Blankenship, Thad & Ruth Gouge  
Curt & Timberly Kidwell
- 30 Sam & Rachel Powdrill, Clark & Joanne Smith

## JULY

- 1 Janie Faul
- 2 Kathi Munoz
- 3 Arker Berryman, Bill Descoteaux,  
Audrey Goodloe
- 4 Tony Headley, Faith Reynolds,  
Bob Thurman
- 5 Cathi Blankenship, Nathan Hiatt
- 7 Wesley Cannon, Lydia Evans
- 8 Bob Cassidy, Emily Fitch,  
Don Koehn, Dorothy Thompson,  
Shaun Warren
- 9 Evie Barnard, Jody Brock  
LeAnn Roberge
- 10 Allison Evely, Dale Hale
- 11 Carole Dickie
- 12 Dick Crane
- 13 Dalton Cannon, Shannon Gouge
- 14 Letha Jones, Rick Maynard
- 15 Chuck Sweetser
- 16 Susan Folsom, Matt Liversedge
- 17 Mary Bennett, JonMark Bickert  
Kennedy Roberge, Jesse Zweifel
- 18 Machel Reynolds, Don Zent
- 20 Peter Cooper, Mike Tillson
- 21 Mark Elliott, Priscilla Probst
- 25 Ryan Padgett
- 26 Don Sweigard, Sadie Upton
- 27 Esther James, William Montoya
- 28 Tom Grammel, Summer Swaim
- 29 Joshua Lamiy, Vera Steury
- 30 Cathy Thompson, Stan Wiggam  
Parker Weinberger,
- 31 Dale Underwood

## JULY

- 3 Jeremy & Beth Wheelock
- 5 Ricardo & Beth Gomez
- 6 Ben & Renee Riffell
- 9 Chadwick & Sarah Spencer
- 11 Scott & Eileen Wright
- 14 Curtis & Arlene Allen
- 15 John & Marilyn Swaim  
Paul & Jill Swaim  
Don & Robbie Joy
- 17 Mark & Rose Evans  
Bob & Faye Neal  
James & Jody Zweifel
- 18 Bob & Teresa Cassidy  
Doug & Carol McGlothlin
- 19 Andrew & Hannah Miller
- 20 Warren & Marguerite Brude  
Timothy & Joyce Thomas
- 28 Major & Missy Upton
- 30 Earle & Dottie Bowen  
Ralph & Grace Yoder
- 31 Keith & Jenny Madill

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## Wilmore Free Methodist Church

### Vision Statement

A Community that Reflects  
Jesus's Vision and Values

### Mission Statement

Wilmore Free Methodist Church  
will faithfully offer  
members and neighbors  
the Word of God,  
the love of the Father,  
the grace of Jesus,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit.  
We will be Christ's presence  
in our world.

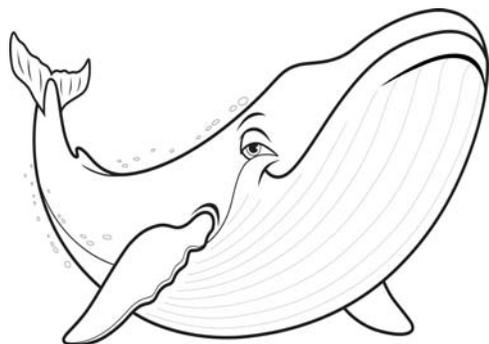


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Are your kids ready for a boatload of excitement? They won't want to miss a minute of

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

At *Ocean Commotion*, kids will learn about how Noah stood for God during the time of the Great Flood as they enjoy songs, crafts, games, goodies and dramas.

VBS at *Ocean Commotion* will be an ocean of fun, so sign up today!  
We're calling all divers to join us for an amazing water-filled adventure!

June 6 - 10 \* 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
4 year olds - 5th grade