



WESLEY MEMORIAL UMC UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES & PRAYER CONCERNS November 21, 2018

The Church Office will be closed for the remainder of the week. Thanksgiving Blessings to you and your family as you gather to celebrate the holiday.

Pastor Clair is in the midst of leading a 4-week discussion on the **United Methodist Way Forward**. This will be an opportunity to gain greater detail and understanding surrounding the future of the United Methodist denomination, as well as to participate in conversations about how Wesley Memorial UMC will continue to be a church that serves our community. The final study will meet on Wednesday, November 28 from 6pm-7:15pm.

Again this year we are taking orders for red **Poinsettias** to be used in the sanctuary during Advent. Order forms will be placed in the bulletin on Sunday, November 25th and December 2nd. You can also order by phone by calling the church office. The last day to place an order will be December 6th. The cost is \$7.00 each and checks should be written to Wesley Memorial UMC designated for Poinsettias. We kindly request that the poinsettias be left in the sanctuary until after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

On Sunday, November 25, we will collect Christmas Toys for foster children as part of the Mattress Firm toy drive. Please bring toys and gifts for children and youth of all ages. We will be gathering in devotion and celebration during Sunday School that morning to collect the gifts.

We will **decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas** on Sunday, November 25, immediately following worship. As you are able, please bring a simple lunch dish to share (soup, salad, sandwiches). We will enjoy a quick lunch together before decorating.

All members of the **Leadership Council**, please note that we will have our final meeting of the year on Sunday, November 25, following the church Christmas decorating (approximately 1:30pm).

On December 1, the Cub Scouts of Wesley Memorial UMC will be attempting to **break the world record for the most people tying a knot at the same time (currently the record is 250)**. This is also a fundraiser for the Pack. If you would like to participate or support the Cubs, follow this link for more information and to purchase tickets.
<https://squareup.com/store/scoutpack3037-at-gmail-dot-com>

The United Methodist Women will be hosting another **Crafts for Laughs** on Sunday, December 2nd at 2:30 in the fellowship room.

Our **Christmas Cantata** is scheduled for 6:00pm on Sunday, December 9th. A reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres will be held in the gym following the program.

On December 11, 6:00pm, WMUMC will host the **Christmas Dinner for the clergy of the Scenic South (Chattanooga) District**. We will need volunteers beginning at approximately 5:30pm to help serve dinner to these clergy and to wash dishes. If you are available to help with this important ministry, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

The **HOPE Sunday School** class will be joining the **Jones Class** for a study of Luke during pre-Advent and Advent. Everyone is welcome to join us at 9:30am in the Library.

Nicole Wellington, a teacher at nearby CSLA, is offering etiquette classes here at the church for children and youth. The class began on November 12, and will meet on Mondays from 5-6pm for five weeks. If you are interested in more information, please see the post on the bulletin board outside the office.

A new **Financial Peace University class** will once again be offered here at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church beginning on Sunday, January 13th. If you know anyone who might benefit from Dave Ramsey's proven strategies for debt reduction and financial well-being, please invite them to this class. The class will meet each Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm for 9-weeks. For more information or to get registered, visit the church website or contact Suzanne Rogers (423-595-5636).

WiFi is available throughout the building. Login information is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the church office.

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Current Prayer Concerns:

Diane Minnick (Mother of Kelsey Shaver), Kathy Mansfield, Marjorie Webb, Ben Matherly, Katie Grigsby (Niece of Stephen Walker), Betty Ellington (Mother of Phil Ellington), Steve & Susan Cox (Uncle & Aunt of Pastor Clair), Jeanette Fults, Harold (Friend of the Levis), Eduardo Mendez (Nephew of Joy Billings), Susan Lavan (Friend of Pam Varnell), Cheryl Stowell (Friend of Nancy Smith), Sarah Porter Bigelow (Friend of Joy Billings), Janice Coleman



ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

November 18, 2018

Morning Worship	58
Sunday School	30
Offering	\$ 4,256.00