



# The Spire

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Wesley Social Action  
Ministry Designates  
Advent Special  
Offerings to Champaign  
County Christian

Health Center and TIMES Center

This year's Advent special offering will extend Wesley's generous outreach to the community through support of local health and transitional services.

### Champaign County Christian Health Center

507 S. Second St. Suite 2E, Champaign. (217) 766-6666

The Champaign County Christian Health Center was developed in 2002 to "share the love of Jesus Christ by providing holistic, quality, free health care to those considered neighbors who lack access to affordable health care." It is a unique clinic that considers all aspects of a person's health, and includes hospitality, social work, spiritual care, psychiatry, medical care, nursing, lab services, and health education. Many volunteers invest thousands of hours in training and service to provide holistic health care to persons who struggle with access to medical services because they have no health insurance coverage.

### TIMES Center

70 E. Washington, Champaign. (217) 398-7785

The Transitional Initiatives and Men's Empowerment Services (TIMES) Center transitions homeless men to independent living. The major issues that residents present are: drug and alcohol abuse, mental health problems and inability to obtain employment because of a criminal background. The TIMES Center offers barrack-style housing for 50 homeless men, 18 years

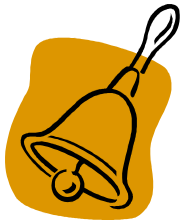
and over, and semi-private program area is available for 20 men. Rehabilitation and life skills are part of the transitional program. A soup kitchen serves meals 3 times daily with lunch and dinner offerings expanded beyond residents to anyone in need.

## Hanging of the Greens— Sunday, December 4th from 4-6:30 pm.

Families and all ages are welcome to join us as we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. It's Free! Make ornaments, sing Christmas carols, eat a light dinner, decorate the tree, and enjoy the Kingdom Singers choir presentation of "Sleepover at the Stable."

Want to pass on your favorite Christmas craft or ornament? Sign up to host a table at Hanging of the Greens. All you need to do is start with your craft idea, check for craft supplies in Room 124, pick up what else is needed, and come December 4th to teach your craft at the table. Talk to Judie Heck to sign up.





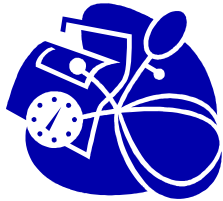
## Looking for a Fun and Easy Way to Get Involved in Worship Service? Join the Wesley Hand bell Choir!

Rehearsals are on Monday nights in the Choir Room at 7:00 p.m. (note new time), so come on down and join us for an hour of making music. If you have any questions, please contact Morgan Boes at [mboes2@illinois.edu](mailto:mboes2@illinois.edu) or 918-808-3743.



## Balance Young Adult, Young Families and Friends Small Group on Sundays - New Folks Welcome!

Seeking a little balance in your life? Young adults, young families, and friends are welcome to participate in the Balance Group for study, service, and fellowship on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. in the West Lounge. We will share a potluck meal followed by a devotion. The group will continue to meet bi-weekly. Child care will be provided. All are welcome!



## Blood Pressure Checks

The Parish Nurses will be giving blood pressure checks on the 2nd Sunday of the month during Coffee Hour in the Watseka Lounge and also at the back of the Sanctuary after the Contemporary Service .



**Sympathy** to Sandra & Pastor Dave Dickey at the death of Sandra's grandmother, Nelma Jones who died on Sunday, November 6th at the age of 90. She lived in Harrisburg, Arkansas. Sandra wishes to say thank you for all the calls and cards she has received.




## Love Gift for Our Staff

Here during Advent is an opportunity for all of us to show our Wesley staff how much we appreciate all that they do for us! We are collecting for a "Love Gift" to be divided among all of our staff members for a Christmas bonus. You can write a check to Wesley UMC with "Staff Love Gift" in the memo or place cash in an offering envelope on Sunday morning marked with the same memo. Thank you for showing your appreciation of our staff members in this special way!



## ANNUAL POTTERY SALE TO BENEFIT SHARING SHELVES

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, before and after the first and before the second church service, there will be handmade pottery for sale to benefit the Wesley Sharing Shelves. Pottery will include cups, bowls, and cross ornaments among other pieces. The table will be set up by the double doors as you enter Wesley from the parking lot. For any questions or requests, please contact Susan Garner at [susangarner1@hotmail.com](mailto:susangarner1@hotmail.com)



**Spire Deadline**  
 Articles for the next issue of *The Spire* are due at 9:00 a.m. on **Monday, December 12th**. All articles should be submitted in writing, faxed to 344-1830 or submitted electronically to [info@wesleyui.org](mailto:info@wesleyui.org)



# Wesley Women



## UMW November and December Birthday Celebration on Friday, December 2nd

We want to wish our Wesley Women who have birthdays in November and December a big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



### HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

HERMIA SOO, MARGARET DYSON, WINNIE WILSON, KATHERINE GORSKI, DONNA CAMP, ELIZABETH MARTIN, WILMA O'BRIEN, DEE BREEDING and ANN NARDULLI.

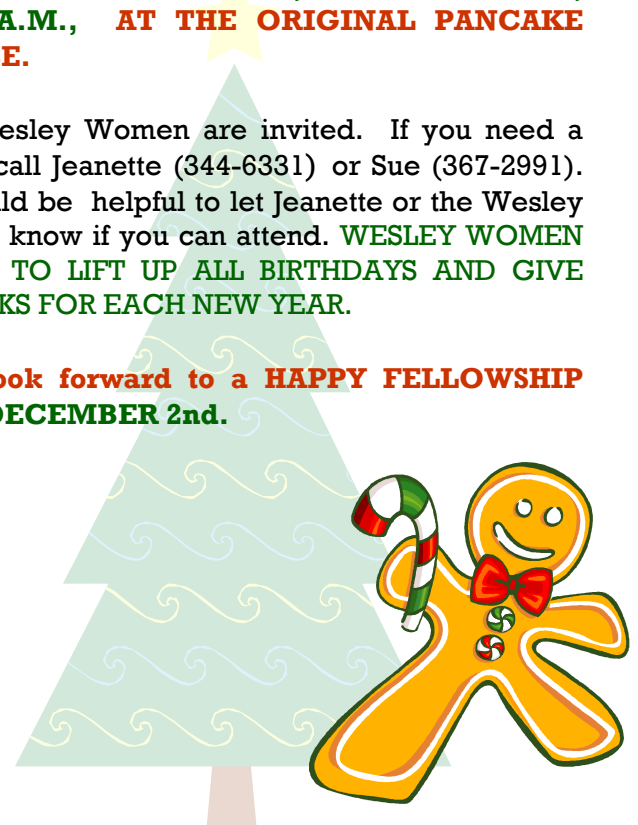
### HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

JAN ROBINSON, TERI TERRELL, SHARON FRIEDL, JUNNETTE JAMES, JEANNE FLOOD, SUSAN HANEY, EVELYN DENZIN, KIM WISE, VIRGINIA UHLIG, BARBARA SCOTT, KIM YOUNG, AND JANNY TRAVERS.

### PLEASE JOIN THE DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 9:00 A.M., AT THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE.

All Wesley Women are invited. If you need a ride, call Jeanette (344-6331) or Sue (367-2991). It would be helpful to let Jeanette or the Wesley Office know if you can attend. **WESLEY WOMEN LOVE TO LIFT UP ALL BIRTHDAYS AND GIVE THANKS FOR EACH NEW YEAR.**

### We look forward to a **HAPPY FELLOWSHIP ON DECEMBER 2nd.**



### Dec. 4th: The Wesley Knitters

will be sponsoring a sale of hand-work items (knit, crochet, embroidered, sewn, etc.) to benefit the Wesley Evening Food Pantry in conjunction with SAM's (Social Action Ministry—formerly CSAM) Annual Alternative Christmas Gift Sale on December 4th. If you have any handmade items you would like to contribute, contact Kristen Dean-Grossmann or Judith Unger.



### Dec. 7th: UMW General Meeting— West Lounge

**9:00 a.m. Fellowship and Refreshments**

**9:30 a.m. Program** — Our

own Elaine Bearden, librarian and storyteller, will present "Christmas Stories," an interactive experience of stories from our own memories and from stories from current children's books. Bring a Christmas memory and listening ears!

### Save the Date!

**December 9th, 10 a.m., the Wesley United Methodist Women will sponsor a visit to the U of IL Library Rare Book Room,** third floor, 1408 W. Gregory (the south end of Wright Street). The exhibition of rare Bibles is commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the publication of the great King James Version (1611). Valerie Hotchkiss will guide us through the evolution and development of the familiar and famous English translation.

We'd like an estimate of numbers so please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Transportation from the church where we may leave cars can be a nice walk across the Quad (with good weather!). If you would like to ride, catch the 13S Silver bus at Green and Matthews (or the shelter in front of the Ceramics Building on Goodwin) just after 9:40 a.m. Exit the bus at Sixth and Armory and walk to the north entrance of the Library (on Armory). The fare is \$1 (coins or \$1 bill); fifty cents for seniors or Medicare Card holders, or free with a DASH pass.

All members of Wesley are welcome to join us. If that time is a conflict for you, stop in anytime during library hours. Do try to see the display before it closes December 15th. For further information contact Lois Gullerud (352-0467).

## Parish Nurse Column

### STAYING HEALTHY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

#### GETTING HEALTHY ON YOUR OWN

[Fitday.com](http://Fitday.com) is a free diet online food journal and exercise log in which you can analyze your nutritional intake, and keep track of your workouts with handy reports and charts. Whether your primary goal is to lose weight, spend more time working out, or just ensure your diet is balanced this site has many tools to help monitor your progress.

#### GOOD MOVES

Fight holiday stress with a superfast workout that takes less than 30 minutes. The following is a brief explanation of the exercises. The full workout with pictures in on the PNURSE bulletin board. Using a medicine ball the first group of exercises focus on glutes, quadriceps, hamstrings and deltoids. Next it's the abs, lower back inner thighs and chest. Switching to using a pair of 5 pound dumbbells the focus is on shoulders, midback and outer thighs, as well as the hamstrings and glutes.

#### NAPS

And now maybe you're ready for a nap. Winston Churchill said that he never made an important decision before a nap. A Nap of any length does your body good. The brain needs sleep to consolidate what we learn states Robert Stickgold, a Harvard cognitive neuroscientist. When your brain feels tired, your cognitive performance suffers. You're not bored, but your brain needs a nap. If you can't find time to catch some zzz's during a typical day, Stickgold suggests switching tasks to allow your brain to rest and process what it has acquired.

#### GIFT GIVING

Why not treat yourself or a friend to a massage gift certificate? The different types include Reflexology for the body conscious focusing on feet and hands; Deep-tissue to relieve tense muscles; Swedish for relaxation; Sports massage for the athlete, targeting specific muscles; Shiatsu for releasing body tension and increasing essential energy. Or ask for a combination of any of the above.

#### LIVE WELL AND BE HEALTHY!!!!

Pat Tymchyshyn, Larrienne Jordan,  
& Barb Kronas, Parish Nurses

## Take a Journey this Christmas

Join with Pastor Miriam and others for a short five-week small group study looking at Adam Hamilton's fascinating book, *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*. The group will meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The last meeting will be on December 15th.

Together we will journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels on video from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Each session will include a video portion filmed on location in the Holy Land retracing the actual path of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. It should be a powerful way to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas.

"If you think you know the story of Jesus' birth, think again," says author Joel C. Hunter. "This wonderful book sets us on a journey to the times and characters of Christmas so that we experience the birth of Christ in our lives in a new way."

Sign up today using the connection card in the bulletin, in the back of the Sanctuary, or by speaking with Pastor Miriam ([msnider@wesleyui.org](mailto:msnider@wesleyui.org)).



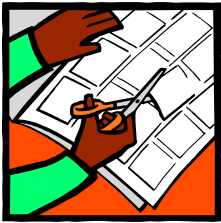
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### Email for Website Content

Would you like your event publicized at [www.wesleyui.org](http://www.wesleyui.org)? Email the *who, what, when, & where* to [webmaster@wesleypantry.org](mailto:webmaster@wesleypantry.org). Including a photograph increases the impact! The weekly deadline for content is Tuesday.

CC'ing [webmaster@wesleypantry.org](mailto:webmaster@wesleypantry.org) when sending *Spire* or bulletin announcements is also helpful.



## Grocery Coupons Needed for Food Pantry

Do you get coupons for food and personal items in your newspaper or mail? Trim the coupons and put them in the box on the **Sharing Shelves** which is now located in the Main Office. They can help stretch the purchasing power of our families. Be sure the coupons are not out of date.



## DONATIONS FOR FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to your generosity, we currently have an ample supply of children's books to share at the food pantry. But we are short on books for very young

children and would still welcome those donations. Also, we will again be sharing calendars at the Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Food Pantry, and would welcome your extra 2012 calendars.

## Wesley Receives Honor

Wesley UMC received a Certificate of Honor for the Crop Walkers and Sponsors who joined in the 2011 Spring Feinsein National Challenge to fight hunger. A record total of \$183 million was raised—with over 1700 agencies and schools participating in the Feinsein Challenge from every state in the country.

## Wesley Directory Updates

Donna Giffen will be running an updated Membership Directory soon. If you have any information that needs to be corrected or updated—please stop by at Coffee Hour in Watseka Lounge and see Jan Robinson or check the table display on Sunday morning or e-mail to [donna@wesleyui.org](mailto:donna@wesleyui.org).



## WesCare

The WesCare volunteers need your help, please! **We will be meeting on Dec. 14th at 5:15 p.m.** to prepare Christmas treats for those of our Church Family who are unable to come to church. We are in need of cookies -- regular and sugar-free, Christmas tins or treat bags, and Christmas poems/articles to be included with the treats. If you can help supply any of these items, please bring them to the church office Sunday, December 11th through Wednesday, December 14th. We also need your help in delivering these treats. If you have questions or need more information, please call the church office or email Barb at [bkronas@wesleyui.org](mailto:bkronas@wesleyui.org). Thank you for your support of this important ministry to our Church Family!

## Back to the Front Porch - A Crabb Family Concert Series Event

The Crabb Family is coming to Urbana to present "Back to the Front Porch, a Crabb Family Concert Series Event" on Friday December 9, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, 600 E Pennsylvania Avenue, Urbana, IL 61801. Tickets are available by calling (217) 714-1053, (217) 954-0255 or by emailing [TandCPromotions@gmail.com](mailto:TandCPromotions@gmail.com).



## Give gifts that make a difference on Sunday, December 4th at Wesley Social Action Ministry's Fair Trade and Craft Market!

Start your holiday gift-shopping at the fair trade and craft MAFTA\* Market (also known as the "Mall in the Hall") where you will find Fair Trade coffees, teas, and chocolates; gifts from Ten Thousand Villages; Heifer International, and hand-kitted items from Wesley knitters and handcrafted pottery by Susan Garner (to benefit Wesley's food programs).

The shops will be open between services and during Hanging of the Greens in the afternoon, so **shop early, shop often, and shop Fair Trade!**



## Children's Ministry at Wesley

The Elementary students are learning about the Journey of the Wisemen during the 9:45 worship. We're focusing on memorizing scripture so that we can hide it in our hearts and live it out in our lives. Help your child look up and memorize these Bible verses for Sunday School. If they memorize 3 of the 4, they'll receive a Christmas CD on December 18.

**Nov. 20– Matthew 2:11**

**Nov. 27– Isaiah 9:2**

**Dec. 11– Luke 2:30-32**

**Dec. 18– John 8:12**



## Youth Ministry at Wesley

**There are two trips coming up for youth and families.** Check out these great opportunities to travel and experience God in new ways. Talk to Amy if you're interested in either trip, [ashreve@wesleyui.org](mailto:ashreve@wesleyui.org) or 217.649.3233.



## Ski Retreat: January 13th -16th

We're invited to join several area churches (Good Shepherd & Grace Lutheran, First UMC, Champaign,) on a ski retreat January 13th -16th to Wisconsin. The first day will either be skiing at Devil's Head or the Water Park. Second day will be skiing at Cascade or staying back at Sky Lodge for activities there. The whole family is welcome to come. There is something for all ages and skill level. The cost ranges from \$170 (water park only) to \$256 (ski 2 days) per person and covers lodging, transportation, activities, and some meals. I do need to know if you are seriously interested by December 11th.

Check out these websites for an idea of where we'll be:

[www.devilsheadresort.com](http://www.devilsheadresort.com)

[www.cascademountain.com](http://www.cascademountain.com)

[www.mtolympuspark.com](http://www.mtolympuspark.com)

[www.skylodge.org](http://www.skylodge.org)

It'll be a fun weekend of meeting new people, playing, skiing, and swimming. We'll gather all together at camp in the morning and evening for devotions and worship.

## Summer Mission Trip: July 2012

We're heading to Indianapolis to serve with Fletcher Place Community Center, a United Methodist affiliated center that strives to "break the cycle of poverty through the compassion of Jesus Christ." It will be a 7 day trip (Sun.-Sat.) where we'll have the opportunity to help with community meals, the free clothing room, food pantry, summer camp, and various other projects. We'll have the opportunity to learn about issues of poverty in the inner city as well as have fun in Indy. Middle school and high school youth are encouraged to come and serve as we grow closer to each other and to Christ. We need parents and adults to come and serve alongside us. Talk to Amy if you're interested and if there is a week in July that works best for you. The cost will be about \$200 per person and we plan to fund raise the majority of it.

Amy Shreve



## Treat Yourself to an early Christmas present while helping Campus Middle School

**World famous pianist Ian Hobson will give a benefit concert on Friday, December 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1203 W. Green Street, Urbana.** Mr. Hobson's solo piano performance will feature works from the great romantic composers. Mr. Hobson will also provide a brief commentary on the evening's musical selections. Attendees are invited to a dessert reception immediately after the concert.

Proceeds from this concert and dessert reception will benefit Campus Middle School for Girls. Tickets should be purchased in advance, and are available online at [www.campusms.org](http://www.campusms.org), or by telephone at 217-840-7762. Ticket prices are: \$30 for the concert only, and \$40 for the concert and dessert reception.

On the pantry's 5<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary** in November, we served a record number of individuals for the second month in a row—1,549. We have served many more people in 2011 than in any other year.

***We have a continued need for donations.*** Our donations have not kept pace the increased need for emergency food, and food prices at Eastern Illinois Foodbank are rising. ***We do not currently have enough to pay for December's food distribution.*** Please don't wait until the end of the year to send your donation! Send or bring your check made out to Wesley Evening Food Pantry or donate online at <http://wesleypantry.org/donating/> .

### **Last chance for Online Auction**

The auction runs until midnight on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Items may be added periodically so check back often. You will need to create a login (this protects everyone's privacy) to bid.

<http://www.32auctions.com/organizations/2460/auctions/2698>

Another important need is regular volunteers. While we love that so many people volunteer at the pantry, most come only once or twice. A core group of Wesley volunteers who could be at distribution most months would help significantly. Our greatest need is for shoppers from 4:30p-6:00p, although we need experienced volunteers during all distribution time slots. Sign up online at <http://wesleypantry.org/sign-up-to-help/>. (Please note we have changed volunteer time slots so they overlap to help alleviate gaps on distribution nights.)

### **Area Coordinators**

Area Coordinators supervise the same tasks every month. Ability to attend 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday planning meeting helpful. Contact [dcamp@wesleypantry.org](mailto:dcamp@wesleypantry.org) if you are interested:

- Parking Lot Coordinator, 2:30pm-6:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday
- Waiting Area Coordinator, 3:00pm-7:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, bi-lingual in English and Spanish
- Cleanup Coordinators, 7:00pm-9:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday
- Communications Coordinator, write newsletter articles and email announcements on your own schedule
- Donations Coordinator, Tuesday or Thursday afternoons, keep track of donations received and send thank-you notes

### **Spanish-Speaking Volunteers**

Volunteers who are bi-lingual in English and Spanish, particularly those willing to work most months, are needed 3:15pm-8:00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Sign up online at <http://wesleypantry.org/sign-up-to-help/>.

### **Office Assistant**

Organized volunteer needed 2 or 3 afternoons a week as assistant to the director. Must be comfortable with MS Office and enjoy finding creative solutions to problems. Contact [dcamp@wesleypantry.org](mailto:dcamp@wesleypantry.org) if you are interested.

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*Wesley United Methodist Church is a diverse and welcoming community united in Christ.  
We welcome and extend the grace of God to everyone.*

**COMING AFTER THE HOLIDAYS!**

**WESLEY LITERARY TEA  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th  
at 2 pm**

**The theme will be**

***Our forefathers' legacy:  
a look at America***

**The books to be reviewed will be  
revealed soon, in time  
for Christmas giving!**



### **Worship Schedule**

**9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
10:30 a.m. Coffee/Punch Hour  
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship**

### **Wesley Staff**

Rev. Dan King Crede.....Senior Pastor/Director  
Rev. Rob Kirby.....Campus Minister  
Rev. Miriam Snider.....Associate Minister  
Brian Sullivan.....Director of Contemporary Worship & Music  
Amy Shreve.....Director of Christian Education & Youth  
Zachary Klobnak.....Organist  
Dr. Barrington Coleman.....Director of Choral Music  
Morgan Boes.....Bell Choir Director  
Dolly Hsu.....Kingdom Singers Director  
Barb Kronas.....Spiritual Caregiver  
Michelle Ingram.....Business Administrator  
Rebekah Rauschenberger.....Ministry Secretary  
Donna Giffen.....Administrative Secretary  
Wayne Wilson.....Aide for Development  
Donna Camp.....Director of Community Services  
Chris Livesay.....Custodian  
Michael Glenn.....Custodian  
Ron McClellan.....Maintenance  
Justin & Megan Farkas.....Weekend Custodian

### **Volunteer Staff**

Don Houts & Joe Peacock.....Assisting Pastors  
Pat Tymchyshyn, Larrienne Jordan, Barb Kronas.....Parish Nurses

# Hangings of the Greens

## Sunday, December 4

### 4:00– 6:30 pm

Families and all ages are welcome to join us  
as we prepare for Christmas, the celebration  
of Jesus Christ's Birth!

- 🎁 It's Free!
- 🎁 Make ornaments
- 🎁 Sing Carols
- 🎁 Eat Dinner
- 🎁 Decorate the Tree
- 🎁 Enjoy the Kingdom Singers Choir presentation of "Sleepover at the Stable"

At Wesley Church &  
Foundation  
Corner of Green &  
Goodwin  
217.344.1120

# Worship Schedule

**Sunday, November 27th -  
Sunday, Dec 18**

*Traditional Worship at 9:30 a.m.*

*Contemporary Worship at 11:15 a.m.*

**Christmas Eve**

**Saturday, December 24th**

*Family Service at 4:00 p.m.*

*Carols & Communion Service 7:00*

**Christmas Day**

**Sunday, December 25th**

*One Service of Worship at 10:30 a.m.*

**New Year's Day**

**Sunday, January 1st**

*One Service of Worship at 10:30 a.m.*

**Our regular worship  
schedule resumes on  
Sunday, January 7th**

*Traditional Worship at 9:30 a.m.*

*Contemporary Worship at 11:15 a.m.*



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## Advent Devotionals Available for Free

Located in the back of the sanctuary as well as near the office are Free Advent Devotionals for your personal use this Advent season.

There are two different kinds as well as a large print edition. Please take the edition that best suits you.

\*Donations are accepted but not expected.

***May your Advent & Christmas  
be Blessed!***



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# You are invited to celebrate

**Advent & Christmas  
at Wesley  
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& Foundation**



Wesley is located on the corner  
of Green & Goodwin in Urbana

[www.wesleyui.org](http://www.wesleyui.org)

# Calendar of Events

## Advent Small Group Study

Join with others for a short four-week study looking at Adam Hamilton's fascinating book, *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*. Led by Pastor Miriam the study will take place on Thursdays mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning Nov. 17th and ending Dec. 15th. Each session will include a video portion filmed on location in the Holy Land retracing the actual path of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. If you missed the first class, don't hesitate to join anyway! See Pastor Miriam for a book. **Take a Journey This Advent!**

## Pottery Sale

**to benefit Sharing Shelves**  
**Sunday, December 4th**

Before and after each service on Sunday, December 4th hand made pottery will be for sale to benefit the Wesley Sharing Shelves. Items will include cups, bowls, and cross ornaments among other pieces. The tables will be located inside the double doors as you enter from the parking lot.

## Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday, December 4th**

Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday, December 4th from 4-6:30 pm. Families and people of all ages are welcome to join us as we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. It's Free! We'll make ornaments, sing Christmas carols, eat a light dinner, decorate the tree, and enjoy the Kingdom Singers choir presentation of "Sleepover at the Stable."

## Fair Trade Fair

**Sunday, Dec 4th, 4-6:30 p.m.**

Give gifts that make a difference this Christmas. The SAM Ministry Team is sponsoring an Alternative Market that will include fair trade products from Ten Thousand Villages, fair trade coffee, teas, chocolates, as well as information about Heifer Project animal gifts. The market will be run during Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, December 4th from 4:00-6:30 p.m. Come for the fun of Hanging of the Greens and do your Christmas shopping all at the same time.

## Christmas Cantata

**Sunday, December 11th**

**9:30 a.m. during morning worship**

On December 11th the Chancel Choir will be performing excerpts from Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* during morning worship at 9:30 a.m. Invite a friend and enjoy a glorious morning of beautiful music and Advent traditions.

## Blue Christmas Service

**Saturday, December 17th 4:30 p.m.**

**Gay King-Crede, Preaching**

Blue Christmas is a tradition that began several years ago in recognition of those who find the jolly, ho-ho-ho atmosphere of Christmas incongruent with the losses they have experienced. The service recognizes the "blues" that come from health issues, job loss, death of loved ones, depression, etc. in contrast to the expected joy of the season. The service includes candlelighting and hope. Gay King Crede, Chaplain at Cunningham Children's Home will be preaching.

# Christmas

## Christmas Eve Services

**Saturday, December 24th**

**4:00 p.m. Family Service**

**7:00 p.m. Carols & Communion**

Join us this Christmas Eve at Wesley! The 4:00 p.m. service is designed especially for families with children. There will be Christmas carols, reflection, candlelighting, and a special time just for children.

The 7:00 p.m. service will include Christmas carols, a Christmas Eve reflection, candlelighting, a special time for children and a service of communion. Both services will help individuals and families to ground their holiday celebrations in the true reason for gathering and gift giving.

## Christmas Day Worship

**Sunday, December 25th 10:30 a.m.**

All are invited to a special service of worship on Christmas Day. It is not too often that Christmas Day is also a Sunday, but what a wonderful day to be in worship with your church family. Make Christmas a holy day for you and your family by joining us for worship at 10:30 a.m. There will be many Christmas carols and a special time for kids.

**This is a great time of year to invite friends to worship and other special events at Wesley. Invite a friend & come!**