

The Spire

Wesley United Methodist Church and The Wesley Foundation
at the University of Illinois

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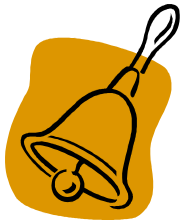
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Looking for a Fun and Easy Way to Get Involved in Worship Service? Join the Wesley Hand bell Choir!

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 or 918-808-3743.

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 the family of long time Wesley member Dorothy Munger. She passed away on Monday, December 5th at the age of 94.

Sympathy to the family of Jane Gothard who passed away on Wednesday, December 7th at the age of 94. She was a Foundation Alumna and Business Administrator here at Wesley.



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!

Love Gift for Our Staff



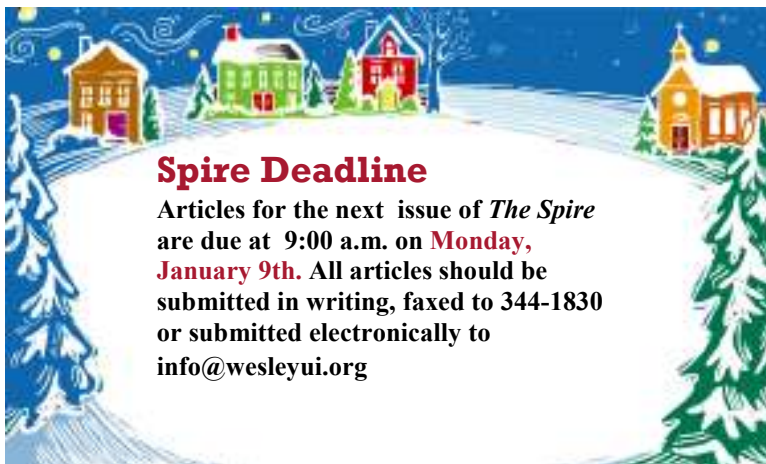
Here during Advent is an opportunity for all of us to show our Wesley staff how much we appreciate all that they do for us! We are collecting for a "Love Gift" to be divided among all of our staff members for a Christmas bonus. You can write a check to Wesley UMC with "Staff Love Gift" in the memo or 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!

Coming in January—New Announcement Form

Announcements in the bulletin will look a little different in January. Watch your email, *Spire*, and the bulletin for links to a new form for submitting announcements. Using the new form will also help ensure that announcements get to the website, bulletin, and *Spire*.

Spire Deadline

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



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Wesley Sunday School kids made their goal with the \$500 needed from the Ornament Sale to make a donation to Heifer International. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Wesley Women



IT'S HERE! THE NEWS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR! ALL OF YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING PROBLEMS ARE SOLVED!

The BOOKS which will be reviewed at the JANUARY 29th WESLEY LITERARY TEA are listed below. They will make GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS for someone you know (or maybe even you.....)

Empire of the Summer Moon by S. C. Gwynne
Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the most powerful Indian tribe in American History.

Mayflower by Nathaniel Philbrick. A well researched account of the real people with whom the story of our country begins.

Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard, A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President (James Garfield).

The Last Call by Daniel Okrent, The Rise and Fall of Prohibition.

Lords of Finance by Liaquat Ahamed, The Bankers who Broke the World .

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand, A World War 2 Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption.

The Literary Tea will be on Sunday afternoon, January 29th, from 2-4:30 p.m.

The theme will be
**Our Forefathers' Legacy:
A Look at America.**

The book reviewers will include Jean and Dick Flood, Lois and Ernie Gullerud, Paul Kapp, Morgan Lynge and Mike McCulley.

These books will make great winter evening reading. Plan to come and spend a literary afternoon with friends at Wesley in late January to hear about them.



Jan. 25, 2012: 9:30 a.m. UMW Executive Board meeting in the Conference Room.



From the Wesley Knitters

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to making our sales in support of the Wesley Evening Food Pantry a success! We want to thank those who contributed their beautiful handmade items as well as those who purchased them! The November 13th and December 4th sales brought in a total of \$495.

We especially appreciate our generous knitters, crocheters, sewers, and woodworker: Connie Atkins, Kristen Dean-Grossmann, Susan Haney, Sue Kiddoo, Mariella Lansford, Barbara Norton, Ray Norton, Meg Rauschenberger, Myrna Smith, Pastor Miriam Snider, Jen Tan-Blomberg, Judith Unger, and the Wesley Evening Food Pantry Market Bag Makers.

Champaign County Christian Health Center

We have now been open for seven years and in that time have gradually expanded our services to address additional health care needs in our community. One of the needs we found to be most pressing was dental care. In 2006 we began holding a dental clinic with the help of Dr. Valerie Woodruff, a dentist from Mahomet. Dr. Woodruff has been dedicated to helping the underserved population of our community receive much needed dental care since that time. We have always had an extensive waiting list for this service due to the large need. Recently we were fortunate enough to have a new dentist, Blake Kitamura, join our team. We have been working together with our entire dental team since this summer to add more dental clinics to meet the needs of our patients. Two of our dental assistants, Tom Wells and Kali Crane, have played a large role in organizing other dental assistants and patient scheduling as we have expanded. Thanks to the dedication of these dental volunteers we are happy to announce that we now have a dental clinic each Wednesday.

Parish Nurse Column

A STORY OF JOY

This is a story of JOY. A true story of a mother who lived through a near death experience to celebrate this Christmas Season with her family.

My daughter, a nurse in a high risk antepartum hospital unit, takes care of high risk pregnant mothers with severe health issues. The story begins when Mary admitted a mom, pregnant with her 6th child and who was also paraplegic (lower limbs paralyzed). Her due date was near, but she had dangerously high blood pressure which needed continuous monitoring. Labor was induced. However the pressure continued to rise until the doctor ordered a Cesarean Section. The baby was successfully delivered, but before the incision could be closed the mom coded (no pulse, respirations or blood pressure)

The next part of the story is first from the MEDICAL PERSPECTIVE

and then THE MOM'S what she saw and heard.

MEDICAL PERSPECTIVE

After the mother coded, CPR was administered continuously for 45 minutes. A few minutes before the heart beat was felt, the surgeon asked if they should "call it", (stop CPR) another said let's try a few minutes more. The heart started beating on its own. However, her pupils remained fixed and dilated (an ominous sign). The mom was intubated, incision closed, and transferred to ICU. (intensive care unit) Hope for recovery was slim, if she lived she would probably be in a vegetative state.

MOM'S PERSPECTIVE

I could see and hear the doctors giving me CPR. When one said it's been 45 minutes, should we call it, I tried to shout no! no! I'm alive. Then the other doctor said, let's give her another few minutes. Yes Yes I tried to call out, When they looked into my eyes with a light, I tried to roll them from side to side ... nothing worked. The next thing I remembered was trying to get the breathing tube out of my throat so I could talk. In 2 DAYS I was in regular hospital room, able to hold my baby and talk to my husband. When Mary came to see me this is what I told her:

"I have to talk to everyone and tell them how happy I am to be alive. If God would have asked me if I would go through something like this willingly, I would have said NO WAY! But-now that I am on the other side of that experience I would say YES! I feel so much JOY I am bursting with JOY! I'm glad I went through it. It's so Wonderful! I HAVE TO TELL EVERYONE HOW HAPPY I AM TO BE ALIVE!"



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



wesley evening
FOOD PANTRY

Could you stay in town an extra day to help feed people?

Getting volunteers in December is very difficult. We have only two people signed up for the 4:30p time slot. If you only work once a year, this would be the month we need you! <http://wesleypantry.org/sign-up-to-help/> Questions? Contact the volunteer coordinator at volunteer@wesleypantry.org.

Thank you for your generous response! We're almost there.

Thank you to everyone who has given so generously to the food pantry this year, particularly in the last few weeks as we needed money to purchase food for this week's distribution. Please give as you are able to help us catch up on donations before the end of December. Mark your offering as "Food Pantry" or donate online at <http://wesleypantry.org/donating/>.



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. 15th Food Pantry, and would welcome your extra 2012 calendars.

"Each month the Wesley Evening Food Pantry offers informational resource centers while families are awaiting their shopping time.

Wesley members and friends are always welcome to make use of these centers as well and to meet the agency representatives who come to share in our Resources Area."

Dec 15 Resources Schedule

- ▶ Children's Activities & Reading
- ▶ Book gifts for each child
- ▶ Adult Puzzles & Magazines
- ▶ Information & Referral - Social Workers
- ▶ Health Information - Parish Nurse
- ▶ SNAP - Food Stamp Applications
- ▶ Advocacy Center - Speak Out!
- ▶ Education - Parkland College
- ▶ Self-Help Groups - Family Service
- ▶ Housing - C-U Tenant Union

Children's Ministry at Wesley

Don't forget to work on your memory verses! Sunday is our last week following the Journey of the Wisemen during the 9:45 a.m. worship. We're focusing on memorizing scripture so that we can hide it in our hearts and live it out in our lives. If they memorize 3 of the 4, they'll receive a Christmas CD on December 18th. In January, we'll learn all about King David. Check out that story in 1 Samuel.

Nov. 20- Matthew 2:11; Nov. 27- Isaiah 9:2;
Dec. 11- Luke 2:30-32; Dec. 18- John 8:12

Sunday School Teacher Training, Saturday, January 28, 2012 from 10-11:30 am

Interested in helping with Children's Sunday School next semester? We need shepherds to assist the teachers and teachers to prepare and engage the children each week for both pre-school and grade school classes. Come find out more, learn about our child and adult protection policy, and gain teaching tips. Mark your calendar, breakfast will be provided. Contact Amy Shreve, ashreve@wesleyui.org with questions.

Youth Ministry at Wesley

Middle School Christmas Party, Sunday December 18th from 2-4 pm. Laser tag and cookies! Bring \$10, meet at Skateland in Savoy, then we'll head to the Kirby's house for cookies. Bring friends and a white elephant gift (something you don't want anymore) for a gift exchange.

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 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. Let Amy know if you're interested ASAP.

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

www.devilsheadresort.com

www.cascademountain.com

www.mtolympuspark.com

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





Hanging of the Greens proved to once again be a great time for all ages to come together and prepare for the coming of Christ.

There was lots of ornament making, carol singing, and socially responsible shopping being done by all.

Thanks to all who provided a craft table, to Meg Rauschenberger for playing the piano, the Education Team for dinner and setting up, the custodians for table and chair moving, and Dolly Hsu, the Kingdom singers, and parents for a wonderful "Sleepover at the Stable!"



Amy Shreve

Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule

Blue Christmas Service

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

Christmas Eve

**Saturday, December 24th
Family Service at 4:00 p.m.
Carols & Communion Service at 7:00 p.m.**

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 7

**Traditional Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Contemporary Worship at 11:15 a.m.**



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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.*

CHRIST
THE SAVIOR
is BORN!



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