



***THE CLOSING HYMN OF INVITATION**

"Where Charity And Love Prevail"

UMH # 549

***THE PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

***THE POSTLUDE**

"I Will Sing Of The Mercies"

arr. Don Wyrzten



The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
William O. Huffnagle
by His Wife and Daughters.

The chancel flowers are presented to the glory of God
and in honor of yesterday's wedding of
M.J. McDonald and John Mahon.

The rosebud which adorns the altar is presented to the glory of God
and in honor of the birth of
Eli Garrett Jones.

Eli was born on September 5, 2009,
and is the son of Alicia and Kyle Jones
and grandson of Gerri Danilowicz.



Members and Friends:

Welcome to worship at Wesley Church. We are glad to have you join us for worship this wonderful Rally Day Sunday. Please warmly greet each other and those sitting around you, and extend a smile, a handshake, and a "hello" to all those you may not know.

Note Your Presence With Us:

Use the red attendance pad to let us know of your presence . . .

Please locate the pad at the end of the pew. Complete all the required information (including "desire a call"). New residents and visitors: please provide as much of the contact information as possible. *When everyone in your pew has signed the sheet, remove it, and place it on the arm of the pew for the ushers to pick up during the singing of the first hymn.*

Prayer Request Cards

Have a prayer concern to share with the Wesley Prayer Chain? Located on the Third Street desk you will find prayer request cards for your convenience in doing so. Complete the card (please print legibly), and place it in the prayer concern box. Your request will be passed along as you indicate.

Wesley Friends, Members, and Guests . . .

Please join us in the Coffee Café prior to and after the worship service. Enjoy a cup of coffee, tea — or something cooler. There are sweet treats, too, so come along each week for this time of fellowship and light refreshment.

Serving you today . . .

Greeters:

Lavona Miller ~ Third Street
Carrie Black ~ Market Street

Acolyte:

Andrew Dorion

Ushers:

Bill Finnerty, head usher
Wendy Criqui
Virginia Ent
Gary Erwine
Tom Gensemer
Trudy Hauck
Katie Horn
Judy Krum
Wendy Krum

Minister of Music:

Pat Gensemer

Pastor:

Jay E. Jones

Sound Technicians:

John Stone ~ 10:30 a.m.

Infant Nursery:

Teresa Bucher

Toddler Nursery:

Kathy and Sarah Heddens

Altar Guild:

Judy Krum
Wendy Krum

Are you interested in being a part of the volunteer team at Wesley Church? Call the church office (784.1407) to offer your services as a greeter, usher, or nursery helper.

Special thanks today to the Martin Davis Band and to those involved with the Rally Day cheers and with the special skit presentation. Be sure to warmly greet all those who have made this a wonderful beginning to the fall season at Wesley Church — and to all those who serve each and every Sunday — and to the members of the Wesley staff for their faithfulness.

This week at Wesley . . .

Today:

6:30 p.m. ~ United Methodist Youth Ministries

Monday:

1 p.m. ~ Wesley Quilters
4 p.m. ~ Children's Choir
4:30 p.m. ~ Carol Choir
6:30 p.m. ~ Belles In Bloom
7 p.m. ~ Finance/Stewardship
7 p.m. ~ Boy Scout Troop # 25

Tuesday:

10 a.m. ~ UMW to Nottingham
7 p.m. ~ Men of Wesley

Wednesday:

Church Office Closed
Staff at Day with Bishop Schnase
7 p.m. ~ Committee on Lay Leadership

Thursday:

2:30 p.m. ~ Open Protestant Holy Communion at Bloom Health Care
7:15 p.m. ~ Sanctuary Choir

Friday:

5:30 p.m. ~ Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday:

10 a.m. ~ Lay Volunteer Communion Training
10:30 a.m. ~ Friendship Meal sponsored by PEO Chapter CI
3:30 p.m. ~ Nichole May and Nathan Call Wedding

Next Sunday:

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Recovery Sunday"

8 a.m. ~ Worship

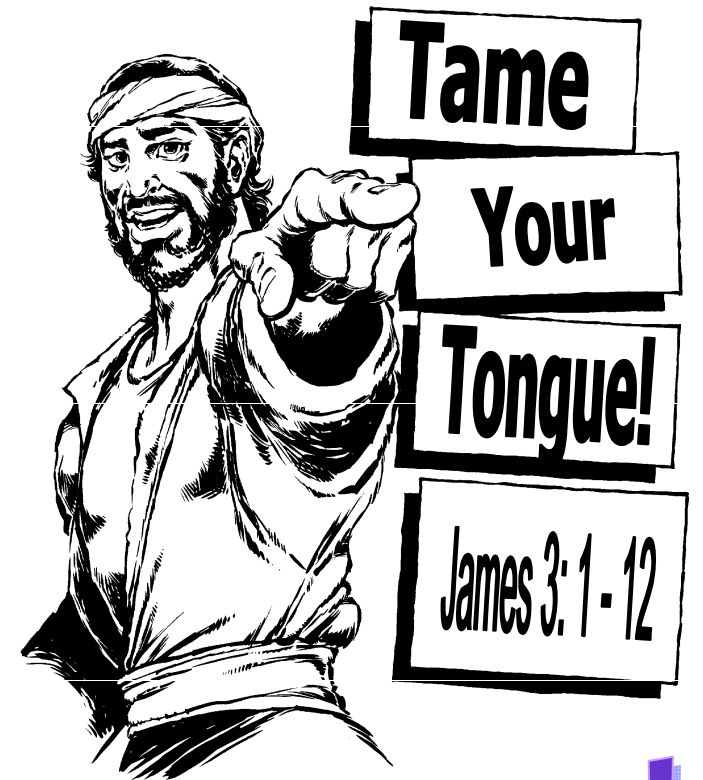
9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship

3 p.m. ~ Paul Borden's Leadership Event

The deadline to submit information to be included in the Sunday worship folder is 9 a.m. on the Tuesday prior to the corresponding Sunday.

Wesley Wesley United Methodist Church



Rally Day!

September 13, 2009

10:30 a.m.

The Mission of Wesley Church is to:
KNOW
Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
GROW
in faith through worship, prayer, and study.
GO . . .
in service to Christ and His world.

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Welcome to Wesley Church And A Celebration Of Worship



We are glad you are with us today!

*Please stand where indicated by the asterisk.



GATHERING MUSIC

The Martin Davis Band

RALLY DAY CHEERS

THE SKIT

“The Visitor” performed by members of the congregation.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength!

People: Sing the story of our faith.

Leader: Sing of God’s providential care:

People: water in the desert, honey from a rock.

Leader: Sing of God’s sorrow at our wandering!

People: Sing of God’s love that calls us anew.

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength.

People: God is the Lord of heaven and earth!

*THE OPENING SONG

“God Of Wonders” 2000 Storm Boy Music, New Spring Publishing, Inc.

**Lord of all creation
Of the water, earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high.**

**God of wonders
Beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe
Declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
(Lord of heaven and earth)
Lord of heaven and earth
(Lord of heaven and earth).**

**Early in the morning,
I will celebrate the light
And when I stumble into darkness
I will call Your name by night.**

**Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.**

*A MODERN AFFIRMATION

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**People: We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all His works,
and whose will is ever directed to His children’s good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
And find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

*THE GLORIA PATRI

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**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**



THE CHILDREN’S CHAT

“Jesus Loves Me”

(Sing while children come forward.)

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**



THE PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO SECOND GRADE STUDENTS

Children’s Coordinator:

Receive this Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words.

Teacher One:

Its stories belong to all of us, and these words speak to all of us.

Teacher Two:

They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Children’s Response:

We receive these Bibles. Thank you. We will read and study the Bible together.

Congregational Response:

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your Sunday School classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God’s Word.



THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE SILENT PERSONAL PRAYERS

(During this time of quiet music, please feel free to lift up the names of others in need of prayer. You may do this aloud or silently.)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**



THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“As The Deer”

Martin Nystrom

Sanctuary Choir

*You, alone, are my strength, my shield,
You alone are my heart’s desire,
and I long to worship Thee.*

*DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**



THE EPISTLE ESSON

James 3: 1 - 12

NT Pew Bible Pages 210/216

THE VERSICLES

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

THE SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

FWS # 2150

**In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.**



THE SERMON

“Sticks and Stones . . .”

Jay E. Jones, Pastor

Special Office Notes:



The deadline to submit information for the October issue of *Wesley Tidings* is this Tuesday, September 15.

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, September 16.
The church staff will be attending the Bishop Schnase Seminar.

This Week's Meetings . . .

Monday, September 14 ~ Finance/Stewardship Committee ~ 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15 ~ Men of Wesley ~ 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16 ~ Committee on Lay Leadership ~ 7 p.m.

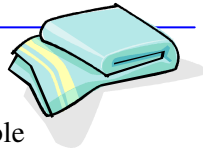
Saturday, September 19 ~ Communion Lay Volunteer Training ~ 10 a.m.

All persons involved or interested in the any of the above meetings should mark their calendars and plan to attend accordingly.

UMW Trip To Nottingham Village

This Tuesday, the Wesley United Methodist Women will travel to Nottingham Village to visit with Ruth Taylor and Leonard Bason. All interested persons are invited to be part of this trip and visit. Lunch will be included at a cost of \$10. The group will carpool from the church parking lot at 10 a.m. Please call the church office (784.1407) if you would like to be part of this day with Wesley members and residents at Nottingham.

Health Kit Update



The Mission Team would like to invite all who are able to come to help assemble health kits for the Bloomsburg Fair workers. One hundred-fifty kits will be assembled beginning **tomorrow from 1 - 3 p.m.** This will be prep time; cutting off tags, counting items, etc. Then, **from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.**, the kits will be put together via an assembly line whereby all items will be placed into large Zip-lock bags. Work will continue on **Wednesday (September 16), from 6:30 p.m. until completion.** If there is a lot of help and the kits are completed on Monday, the Wednesday work time will be cancelled. Many hands will make this project go quickly, and there will be fun and fellowship to go along with it. All who are interested should meet in the multi-purpose room. Thanks in advance for your contributions to this ministry by donating your time, buying items, or by offering both.



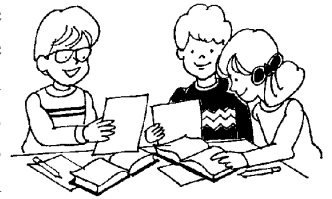
Bibles Presented Today!

Today, several elementary Sunday students will be presented with a Bible during the worship service. The children will use their Bibles for study in class, as well as at home. Please warmly greet and congratulate the following young persons . . .

*Mason Calluso ~ Kevin Edwards ~ Madelyn Isenberg
Jenna McCreary ~ Jadyn Michael ~ Aaron Richendrfer
Jonathan Richendrfer ~ Spencer Ross
Zachary Thrush ~ Kirsten Zanoline*

UMW October Bible Study

Looking for a daytime Bible Study? Then, the Wesley United Methodist Women will fill the bill! Gayla Jean Horn and Marg Laytar will combine forces to lead a four-week study entitled, "Food and Faith." This is the same study that was offered this summer at the School of Christian Mission at Bucknell University.



This well-received spiritual-growth study by Wendy Whiteside is about how faith is nurtured, strengthened, and enhanced by food. It is also about all the ways food touches our lives. The study explores the ways food creates community, offers hospitality to strangers, and expands one's concept of "neighbor." The rituals of feasting and fasting remind us of our need for God. Above all, our most profound sacrament, Holy Communion, is food.

"Food and Faith" will be offered each of the four Wednesdays during the month of October and will take place from 10 a.m. - 12 noon, in the bride's room. The UMW is asking a donation of \$7 to cover the cost of the book. To sign up, complete this form, and place it in today's offering plate — or call the church office (784.1407), Gayla Jean Horn (784.5236), or Marg Laytar (389.1013).

____ Yes, please include me in the "Food and Faith" Bible Study which will take place October 7, 14, 21, 28.

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____