



Wesley Global Methodist Church
3700 Indian Hills Drive
Sioux City, Iowa 51104

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Wesley Wings

December 2023



**Welcome to
Wesley Global Methodist Church**

9:00 AM Traditional Service
10:00 AM Fellowship time
11:00 AM Inspiration Service

Communion is served on the first
Sunday of every month.



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How unusual. Christmas Eve falls on the fourth Sunday of Advent this year. Advent is to prepare hearts and minds to receive Him anew, and whomp, like an unexpected pregnancy at a time of unpreparedness, our senses are shocked to behold the wonder of the sudden arrival. Yet, who are we to complain, the timing, place, and people of that first Christmas was very much otherworldly unusual, humanly unplanned, and gracefully unconventional. Thank God, He designed and delivered it that way. He did it to awaken our spirits to His Holy Light that pierces the darkness and invites us to receive the promise of life in Him.

I pray our Christmas Eve services this year will surprise and enlighten you in special ways unexpected this year:



- ❖ On SUNDAY, Dec. 24, at 10a.m. we will have a Communion Service focused on “Christmas Relevance”.
- ❖ THAT EVENING, at 5p.m. we will have a Candlelight Service focused on how “His-Story Relates to Your Story”. Please consider attending one or both, and inviting new friends to join you.

After Christmas we will begin to work on things being planned for the new year of 2024. At our recent Harvest Festival and “All Church Conference” we presented a new slate of church officers, a budget, and goals for the year. Some goals seek to motivate growing our Growth Groups and to better equip our leaders in their discipleship. Some focus is on greater witness and outreach in our community. Please let us know if you have any ideas to address special needs in our community. The world around needs to know God’s love is real by how we take action in meaningful ways.

And greatest priority is to love God with all that we are. One of the best ways is to know Him better by way of knowing His Word (the Bible) better. Therefore, Wesley seeks to encourage everyone to act on the following challenge: “to read the entire Bible in the year 2024 by way of producing a reading plan for everyone to follow.”

We recognize not every approach will work effectively for everyone. Some may choose to make a daily commitment to read from cover to cover straight through chronologically. Others will choose a plan that mixes Old Testament with New Testament passages. And some may choose online resources and plans like what BibleGateway.com or the You Version Bible App offers (Scan CR Code below).

Todd

December Worship Schedule



Ways to Worship at Wesley:

Join us on Sundays:

- 9:00 AM Traditional Service
- 10:00 AM Fellowship time
- 11:00 AM Inspiration Service

You may join us live on our Facebook page on Sundays at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

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Office Hours

Monday-Friday
Hours: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

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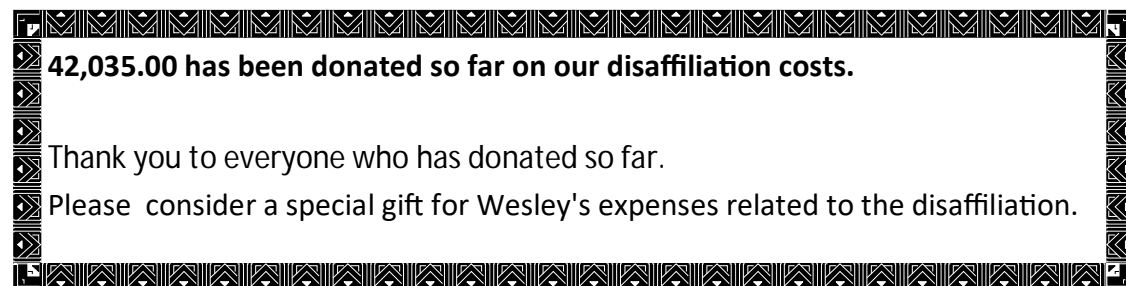
We will once again be placing poinsettias in the sanctuary to honor our lost loved ones.

Place your order on or before December 10th by calling the floral department at HyVee on Gordon Drive, (712-234-1959). Inform them it is to be delivered as part of the Wesley United Methodist Church delivery.

**Call the church office, (712-239-2382) by December 11th to specify who will be honored by the plant. Your name and theirs will be placed in the bulletin. Also, specify if you would like to pick up your plant after New Year's Day or if you want it donated to a shut-in.*

Plants will be delivered on the 16th of December and will be used through New Year's Day.

The cost is the same as last year: \$9.00



42,035.00 has been donated so far on our disaffiliation costs.

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

Please consider a special gift for Wesley's expenses related to the disaffiliation.

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More printed options will be available at the welcome table in the next few weeks. Expect unexpected blessings to come in the New Year 2024!



THE ROOT OF THE PROMISE

- Dec. 3 – **Christmas Roots** – Isaiah 11:1-3
- Dec. 10 – **Christmas Ruts** – Genesis 32:22-24,8
- Dec. 17 – **Christmas Residence** – Matthew 2:4-6
- Dec. 24 – **Christmas Relevance** – Luke 1:46-55

"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit." Is. 11:3

Wesley GMC Leadership Teams - 2024

The basic organizational plan for the local church may be designed by each congregation in such a manner that it provides for a comprehensive program of nurture, outreach and witness to all. In addition to a charge conference, a congregation must have a church council or similar governing board. The charge conference shall determine how to allocate the other responsibilities outlined in the Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline.

Members of the church’s governing board or council shall be persons of genuine Christian character who love the church, are morally disciplined, are committed to the mandate of inclusiveness in the life of the church, are loyal to the ethical standards of the Global Methodist Church and are competent to administer its affairs. It should include confirmed youth and young adult members chosen according to the same standards as adults. All persons with vote must be members of the local church. The pastor shall be the administrative officer of the church and, as such, shall be an ex officio member of all conferences, boards, councils, commissions, committees, and task forces, unless otherwise restricted by the Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline. - *From The GMC Transitional Book of Doctrine and Disciplines*

Church Council:

- Pastor:** Todd Schlitter, eaglewing1960@yahoo.com, Phone: 712-578-8850
- Church Council Chair:** Kevin Arends, kevinarends6@gmail.com, Phone: 712-490-8565
- Lay Leader:** Kim Cooper, kscoopie@yahoo.com, Phone: 712-389-1827
- Staff Parish Chair:** Amy Mercer, amymercer51109@gmail.com, Phone: 712-898-8134
- Trustees Chair:** Bill Woods, TyWmWoods@msn.com, Phone: 712-898-4170
- Finance Chair:** Laura Martin, lmartin.cm@gmail.com, Phone: 712-204-4428
- Discipleship Chair:** Carolyn Smith, nwcasmith@gmail.com, Phone: 712-870-1497
- Worship Chair:** Bev Tieck, bevjtieck@icloud.com, Phone: 712-490-0218
- Missions Chair:** Wes Smith, w.r.smith2700@gmail.com, Phone: 712-870-1496
- Treasurer:** Mike Cook, mcook416@gmail.com, Phone: 712-898-2606
- Delegate to Annual Conf.:** Wes Smith, w.r.smith2700@gmail.com, Phone: 712-870-1497
- Council Secretary:** Beth Schlitter, bethschlitter@gmail.com, Phone: 712-899-4629

Church Council will fulfill the roles of “Nominations” (led by the Pastor), and “Staff Parish Relations Team” (led by the SPRT Chair).

Our Life Together



Prayers and Concerns:

Prayers for Healing

- Pray for Lori Betsworth who is struggling with extreme leg pain and the doctor has not provided any answers to the cause.
- Pray for Marie Clegg who is having health issues and is now on oxygen 24/7.
- Pray for Fran & Pat Northon’s nephew Ayden. He has had many heart surgeries and will have another on December 6.
- Pray for Steve Sharp who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He will have surgery in January.
- Pray for Nancy Bishop as she has been dealing with health issues.
- Pray for Stephanie Hokanson who is dealing with health issues.
- Pray for Howard Cooper who is dealing with health issues.

Prayers in Deaths

- Pray for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, especially for those who are celebrating the holidays for the first time without their loved one.

Continuing Prayers

- Pray for Tom Calhoun, brother-in-law of Bonnie Porsch, who is battling cancer.
- Pray for Dan Mace, son of Caroline Mace as his four year battle with cancer continues.

Special Prayer Requests

- Pray for our country that God may be brought to the center.
- Pray for members of the military.
- Pray for our pastor, our church, and our denomination.

God and my Girlfriends.

Christmas Party - Dec 11th at 6.00

Join us for our Christmas Party Potluck! Bring an ornament for the Christmas ornament exchange and don't forget to wear your ugly Christmas sweater.



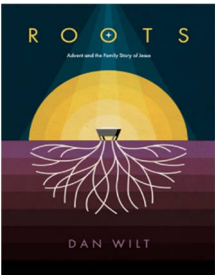
Thank yous

Thank you to God & My Girlfriends for the delicious goodies. *Denny Wurster*

Thank you for the goody tray that was brought to us. We very much enjoyed it. We appreciate all of our church family. *Lowell & Pat Nygren*

Thank you to Diane and God & My Girlfriends for the cookie tray. It was wonderful. *Donalda McCuddin*

Thank you to the ladies who made up the holiday snack trays. It was unexpected and much appreciated. *Sandra Heath*



Roots Small Group Study

Sunday Group

10:00 am

Nov 26th

Dec 3rd

Dec 10th

Wednesday Group

6:30 pm

Nov 29th

Dec 6th

Dec 13th

Council Represented Teams

Discipleship Team: *(Includes oversight of Sunday School, Small Group Ministries, Confirmation, Youth Ministries, Men and Women Ministries.)*

Chair: Carolyn Smith, **Education Committee Chair:** Christy Cook, **Confirmation Coordinator:** Beth Schlitter, **Youth Coordinator:** Kayla James, **Women Ministries Coordinator:** Pam Wurster, **Youth Representative:** Ethan Cook, **Lay Leader:** Kim Cooper

Finance Team:

Chair: Laura Martin, **Team:** Chuck Mercer, Jeanette Wendt, Mike Cook, Barb Small

Missions Team:

Chair: Wes Smith, **Team:** Carolyn Yockey, Babs Hickson, Kim Cooper, LuAnn Zortman

Worship Team: *(includes oversight of Greeters, Hospitality Teams, Aesthetics and Environment)*

Chair: Bev Tieck, **Team:** Todd Schlitter, J.R. Reider, LuAnn Zortman, Kim Cooper, Carolyn Smith, Beth Schlitter, Chrissy Martinez, Kevin Arends

Trustees:

Chair: Bill Woods, **Team:** Don Kessler, Frank Lamphear, Jack Campbell, Tom Bishop, Janet Clark, Gregg Cripps

Specialized Ministry Teams

Memorial Team:

Chair: Jaylene Bauerly, **Team:** Vonnice Kessler, Julie Heckart, Sheryl Cripps, Carolyn Kessler

Hospitality Team:









Co-Chair: Dianne Davidson & Julie Heckart **Team:** Delores Disterhaupt, Gregg Cripps, and a variety of others who step-up when called.

Financial Recorders: Jaylene Bauerly, Jeanette Wendt, Barb Small

Check Signers: Gloria Lamphear, Mitch Rorris, Howard Cooper

Audit: Mike Means **Endowment Oversight:** Denny Wurster

Witnesses & Ministers: THE BODY OF CHRIST AT WESLEY!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10:30 am - noon OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 1-4 Girl Scouts 
3 9:00 Worship (Traditional) 10:10 Fellowship 10:10—11:00 Sunday School & Confirmation 11:00 Worship (Inspiration) 2:00-4:00 French Ministry	4 6:30-7:30 pm Girl Scouts 	5 1 pm OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 5:00-9:00 pm Dancers 6:30 pm Eve Circle	6  5:30 Inspire Growth Groups—6:30 pm Al-Anon—7:00 pm	7 5:00-8:30 pm Dancers Ad Council	8	9 10:30 am - noon OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
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17 9:00 Worship (Traditional) 10:10 Fellowship 10:10—11:00 Sunday School & Confirmation 11:00 Worship (Inspiration) 2:00-4:00 French Ministry	18	19 1 pm OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 5:00-9:00 pm Dancers	20  5:30 Inspire Growth Groups—6:30 pm Al-Anon—7:00 pm	21 5:00-8:30 pm Dancers	22	23 10:30 am - noon OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
24 Christmas Eve 10:00 am Combined Service with Communion 2:00-4:00 French Ministry 5:00 pm Candlelight Service	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 1 pm OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 5:00-9:00 pm Dancers	27  5:30 Inspire Growth Groups—6:30 pm Al-Anon—7:00 pm	28 5:00-8:30 pm Dancers	29	30 10:30 am - noon OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
31 9:00 Worship (Traditional) 10:10 Fellowship No Sunday School or confirmation 11:00 Worship (Inspiration) 2:00-4:00 French Ministry					NOTICE: Items for the Bulletins need to be in by Wednesday morning of each week.	Items for the Wings should be to Teri by the 23rd of the month.