

The Plumbline

The Newsletter of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church

December 2006–January 2007

Events Calendar



DECEMBER

- 12/2 Wilmore Old-Fashioned Christmas
- 12/3 Advent begins 6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens Service
- 12/9 Ladies' Christmas Tea
- 12/10 Morning services: Musical Celebration of Christmas
- 12/15–16 HS seniors retreat
- 12/16 10:30 a.m.–Noon Outreach
- 12/17 6:00 p.m. All-church community caroling
- 12/20 Adult prayer meeting *only* No CLC or 707
- 12/22 Church office closed
- 12/24 9:40 a.m. All-church breakfast 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Morning services 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., & 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services
- 12/25–26 Church office closed
- 12/27 All Wednesday activities cancelled

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Relational Healing

Dr. Donald Demaray

A Korean pastor, well into his Sunday morning worship service, looked with surprise as his wife came into the church with her suitcase. She made her way into the sanctuary until she found a seat where she could put her suitcase by her in the aisle. Throughout the service, the minister wondered why his wife had brought her suitcase to church.

At the close of worship, he met his people at the door with conventional Asian courtesy. He bowed, took the hands of the ladies in both of his, and greeted the men in gentlemanly style. Finally all parishioners left with the exception of himself and his wife.

You can guess his first words. “Why have you brought your suitcase to church?”

Her answer both surprised and instructed him. “I’ve decided to come live with you in the church where you are so kind.”

John Baillie, in his *Diary of Private Prayer*, petitions the Lord to help us treat our family members as we do guests and strangers. I once asked a sociologist why relating to our own kids is harder than relating to other children. “We know them from their socks up,” came his telling answer. But familiarity need not breed contempt.

The middle paragraph of I Corinthians 13 (verses 4–7) defines love in 15 items. Patience and kindness come first in the long list.

Love is the grand healer of relationships. A meeting of the International Psychiatric Association took place in Madrid, Spain. The final three addresses focused on faith, hope and love. (Evidently the program committee had read St. Paul!) All three contribute to the healing of relationships. Faith in God stimulates faith in others, which in turn has everything in the world to do with making our children sound and healthy. And hope? Medical science proves over and over again that without hope people get sick, stay sick, even die. But love stands out as the supreme vehicle of relational love.

I cannot forget Joe. He expressed love to his wife and children in the most gracious ways. No wonder he had a happy marriage. His secret? He “understood.” In other words, he identified with the needs of his family members.

Joe had little money, but he could buy enough gasoline to take his family to see a sunset or view the Christmas lights during the holiday season. He could buy pop corn,

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Getting to know you...

by Shirley McMillan



Joe and Regina Dongell



Richard and Barbara Barker

Joe Dongell grew up in a pastor's family in what he calls "the industrial armpit of Philadelphia." His family later moved to South Carolina where his father taught at Central Wesleyan College (CWC, now Southern Wesleyan University) in the northwestern corner of the state. Regina grew up in Tabor City, North Carolina, almost on the South Carolina state line. She and Joe met when both of them were students at CWC. They were married in 1981 at Regina's home church in Tabor City, just before moving to Wilmore, where Joe was a newly hired teaching fellow at Asbury Seminary.

The Dongell family has lived in Wilmore for nearly twenty years. Janna and Jordan, their twenty-year-old twins, attend Asbury College. Joe teaches inductive Bible study at Asbury Seminary. Regina, an accountant, worked for a coal company and a local CPA firm, then taught high school business courses at Lexington Christian Academy until she had to quit working because of health problems.

The Dongells began attending WFMC about a year ago. Jordan was the first to make the move, after being active in our youth group during high school. Janna also participated in our youth activities. Joe and Regina attend the second service on Sunday mornings, and Regina coordinates the Four for Four fellowship groups (called FROUPs).

Regina says a combination of many things entered into their decision to make WFMC their church home: solid Biblical preaching, warm and welcoming people, caring pastoral

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Dick and Barb Barker are celebrating for a whole year leading up to their golden wedding anniversary next June. They met in Wilmore while he was in seminary and she was an Asbury College student. They were married in Marion, Indiana, in June 1957.

Dick grew up in Detroit, Michigan, and went to Kentucky Mountain Bible Institute, Indiana Wesleyan University, and Asbury Seminary. Barb was born to missionary parents in Zimbabwe and grew up in Kenya. She attended Rift Valley Academy in Kenya and then graduated from Asbury College.

After a long and varied career in missions and pastoral work, the Barkers retired in Wilmore five years ago, just before 9/11. They attended WFMC "off and on" until earlier this year when they became "regulars." The warm, homey, worshipful atmosphere, friendly people, and Pastor Daryl are reasons they mention for making this their church home.

Dick and Barb served over 20 years as missionaries in Tokyo and Yokohama, Japan; first with World Gospel Mission, then with the Wesleyan Church. They also served at the WGM student center in Wilmore from 1982 to 1993 and led students on eight mission trips. Many of those students have become missionaries. Before and after Japan they also pastored churches in Michigan for a total of ten years. The Barkers look forward to a return visit to Japan as part of their anniversary celebration.

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**Wilmore Free
Methodist Church
Vision Statement**

*Worshipping truly,
Obeying fully,
Serving joyfully,
Watching expectantly,
Being Christ's
presence in the world.*

**Wilmore Free
Methodist Church
Mission Statement**

*The mission of the
WFMC is to glorify
God as His holy
people in worship, in
disciplining, and in
serving one another
and winning,
nurturing, and
preparing the
unconverted in order
to fulfill the great
commission.*

**Free Methodist
Church of North
America Mission
Statement**

*The mission of the
Free Methodist
Church is to make
known to all people
everywhere God's call
to wholeness through
forgiveness and
holiness in Jesus
Christ, and to invite
into membership and
to equip for ministry
all who respond in
faith.*

Achieving Financial Peace

*Jay Dargan:
Free Methodist Foundation*

Jay Dargan is regional vice president of The Free Methodist Foundation. Jay's ministry focuses on assisting people to create financial and estate plans and in sharing all the ministries of the Free Methodist Foundation. He and Margaret are available, without obligation or fees, for private confidential appointments with individuals and families to help them with:

- Financial planning
- Last will and testaments
- Revocable living trusts
- Durable power(s) of attorney
- Healthcare power(s) of attorney
- Living wills
- Charitable investments

Many of our church families have benefited from this ministry. Jay and Margaret will be at the Wilmore Free Methodist Church two Sundays in January 2007. You may call the church office ahead of time for an appointment or sign up on either of these Sundays:



Sunday, January 21, 2007 (9:40 a.m.)
in WWT Adult Bible Fellowship

Sunday, January 28, 2007 (9:40 a.m.)
in The Layman's Class ABF

If you have not done so, please give the church office your birth date and/or anniversary date and those of your family members. You can write it on your Welcome Card on Sunday, call the church office at 858-3521, or e-mail it to info@wfmc.net. Thank you!

*Dave Ramsey:
Financial Peace University*

Is there too much month left at the end of your money? Are you tired of living paycheck to paycheck?

If so, please consider enrolling in Financial Peace University. FPU is a 13-week, life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and experience a total money makeover. Sessions will be offered at the church on Tuesday nights, beginning February 12.

This program is for *everyone*, from the financially secure to the financially distressed. Over 180,000 families and individuals have attended FPU. On average, these families have paid off over \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 during this 91-day program! Find out more specifics about Financial Peace University at Dave's web site:: www.daveramsey.com.

Please note that the cost of enrollment is \$89.95, which pays for your Membership Kit. (Some scholarship money is available on a case-by-case basis.) The Kit contains: all 13 lessons on audio CD, Dave's best-selling book, *Financial Peace Revisited*, an FPU envelope system, Budgeting Forms, a bonus CD that includes a financial calculator, screen saver and more, and Two Debit Card Holders.

If you want to sign up, call the Wilmore Free Methodist Church office at 858-3521. Sorry, no credit cards are accepted.

Dave Ramsey's
**Financial
Peace
University**



Home Missions: Being Christ's Presence at Home

Angel Tree Ministry

Our Angel Tree ministry this year benefits Oakdale Christian Academy's students, staff, and families. This Free Methodist boarding school is located in Jackson, KY, and serves high school students from the U.S. and several international countries.



Please select a tag from the tree in the church foyer to provide a gift. Your financial donation helps purchase a special, large gift. Volunteers are needed to deliver the gifts and help with the party we will provide the school on Friday, December 1. For more information, please contact Matt and Anna Lee Brown at :

AnnaLee.Brown@asburyseminary.edu
or 361-1072

Ladies' Bible Study—*"Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy"*

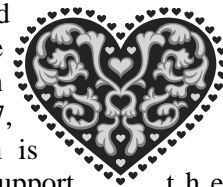
Join Beth Moore in a faith-building study of prophecy and learn how to shine for Christ in our modern culture. Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures—to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats—today's believers face many of the same trials. Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy shows how individuals can live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society.

This 12-week study begins on January 9 and continues through March 27. It meets every Tuesday from 6:45–8:45 p.m. at the church. Participants will complete Member Book assignments and view DVD messages as a class. For more information or to register, please contact Pam Pepper at: peppers@windstream.net or 223-7495.



Be Mine, Valentine!

To help people in need and to express the love of Jesus on Valentine's Day in 2007, the Home Missions team is planning a food drive to support the Wilmore-High Bridge Community Center. Look for information in January about a "new twist" concerning your involvement...you'll be able to put in your 18¢ worth! Contact Pam Pepper at peppers@windstream.net or 223-7495.



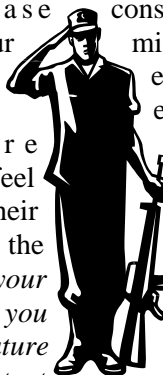
Baby and Kitchen Shower

The Lexington Calvary Free Methodist Church needs baby and kitchen "stuff." Early in January 2007, the Home Missions team will encourage you to select an item from a publicized list to contribute to a "shower" on January 21. Look for more details in 2007. For more information, contact Pam Pepper at peppers@windstream.net or 223-7495.



Send Christmas Cards to Our Soldiers

Don't you just love getting those special Christmas cards in the mail every year? As you send your cards out this year, would you please consider sending a card to our military personnel, too? Your encouragement, thanks, and even favorite Scripture passages may help them feel more connected to home. Their addresses are listed in the right column to the left. *(If your loved one is not listed and you would like it to be in future publications, please contact Pam Pepper at 223-7495 or peppers@windstream.net.)*



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Events Calendar

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12/31 10:50 a.m. only
morning service
6:00 p.m.
evening service

JANUARY

1/1 Church office
closed

1/5 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Fun Friday Flick
(for ages 4–5th
grade)

1/11 3:00–8:00 p.m.
Missions Workday
and Soup Supper

1/19 **11:00 a.m.**
Senior Fellowship
Luncheon (Note
the new time)

1/21 7:00 p.m.
All-church crock-
pot social

1/26–28
HS Winter Retreat

VBS at Oakdale: A Home Missions Experience

A Home Missions team from WFMC accepted the challenge to provide child care and Vacation Bible School to the 17 children of faculty and staff of Oakdale Christian Academy during their weekend staff retreat in August 2006. Among those at Oakdale are our own Mark and Alanna Underwood and their daughters, Alicia and Katrina (with another daughter eagerly awaited in December).

Traveling to the boarding school in Jackson, KY, team members provided Bible lessons, music, recreation, nursery care, arts and crafts, and tender loving care. Our goal

was to create an environment that the children would love while providing peace and assurance to their parents. We sought to serve with the fullness of Jesus so that the children would experience a deeper sense of His joy, love and direction by knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

As is so often the case, team members experienced the Lord's rich blessings and look forward to future ministry at Oakdale. The team included: Patti Butterworth, Debbie, Mickenzie and Hayley Brownlow, Joyce and Dale Underwood, Jessica Harper, and Pam Pepper.



Oakdale VBS Staff (L–R): Patti Butterworth, Debbie Brownlow, Mickenzie Brownlow, Pam Pepper, Alma Blake, Hayley Brownlow, Jessica Harper. Absent: Joyce and Dale Underwood



Pam Pepper, left, and Patti Butterworth shared many smiles and happy moments with the four-year-old faculty/staff children.



IYC 2007
July 16–21



IYC 2007 is an experience that takes place every two years for Free Methodist high school students. International Youth Conference (IYC) exists to create an environment where students can:

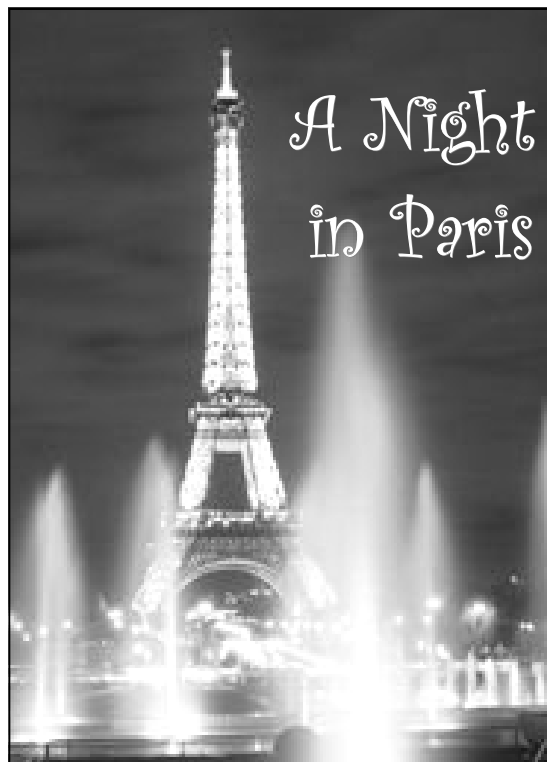
- Build an authentic relationship with God.
- Discover their potential for ministry.
- Serve the needs of the community.
- Connect to the greater FMC body.

The theme for this year’s IYC comes from Ephesians 4: 11–14. It will be held July 16–21 in Knoxville, TN.

An information meeting for IYC 2007 will be held on January 14, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. Find more information at www.iyc2007.org.

Coming Up

December 8	Hs Fun Friday
December 15–17	Senior Retreat
December 20, 27	NO 707
January 12	MS Fun Friday
January 26–28	HS Ski Retreat
February 10	Valentine’s Dinner
February 16	Faith & Film viewing <i>Les Miserables</i>
March 16–18	MS Retreat
July 16–21	IYC 2007



A Valentine’s Dinner
on February 10, 2007
from 6:00–8:00 p.m.
\$30 per couple

*Simply Soulful:
A High School Retreat*

When: January 26-28, 2007
Where: The tri-state area of KY, IN, and OH—Perfect North Slopes

RSVP by January 14 to Pastor Jason. For more information, contact Pastor Jason or go online to www.wfmc.net.



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Free Movies with Free Methodists

Our winter outreach to children and their families includes a series of three movies. We can't reveal the titles ahead of time for legal reasons, but these are fun and wholesome shows. During the intermission of each movie, teachers from various children's ministries will hand out snacks and will tell about the classes they teach. The featured ministries are Children's choirs, Christian Life Club (CLC), and Sunday School.

Here's how you can help:

- Pray that 12 unchurched kids will become disciples of Jesus as a result of this outreach.
- Clip out or copy the ticket below and give it to a family.
- Volunteer to help with snacks or the toddler play area by calling Kathy Davila at 858-3221.

Thanks! We'll see you at the movies.

FREE MOVIES WITH FREE METHODISTS

6:00 p.m. Friday Nights 858-3521 1200 N. Lexington Ave.

**January 5
February 2
March 2**

**musical
car comedy
animal adventure**

**Bring a Parent and a Pillow!
Free Snacks
A Supervised Play Area for Toddlers**

Building Team Update

by Stan Wiggam, Team Leader

The Building Team has established a timeline for selecting the architectural firm. In an effort to streamline the process, a smaller subcommittee has been designated. This group of six will do the ground work in researching many of the architects in the area. After the holiday season and into the first of the year 2007, the subcommittee will recommend to the full Building Team the top three candidates. The full committee will likely take the time to interview each of the candidates.

The candidate that is the best match to our needs and desires will be selected in March and will serve first as a consultant. The

selected firm will then be presented to the Board of Administration (BOA) in April. If approved by the BOA, the selected architectural firm will be presented to the Society/membership for a vote of approval during the spring meeting.

We are trusting God to help us accomplish this timeline. It is the committee's desire to start the building expansion project debt free. Therefore, please pray with us for the resources needed to fund the new parking lot and the new north property purchase. Accomplishing these two efforts on behalf of our church will significantly impact our larger building project.

Praying for a Response



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/4 Pam Hiatt
Marley Faul
- 12/5 Patti Butterworth
Peggy Welch
Victoria Kusche
- 12/6 Don Demaray
Kate Madill
- 12/8 Don Butterworth
John Swaim
Margaret Klann
Laurel Yoder
Ben Rogers
- 12/9 Paul Diddle
- 12/10 Peter Muñoz
Juliana Gómez
Johnson Cannon
- 12/12 Helen Carson
- 12/13 Matthew
VanLaningham
- 12/14 Elizabeth Brown
- 12/15 Todd Padgett
- 12/18 Jenna Zent
- 12/19 Gary Martin
Lhananya Nwoji
- 12/20 Dwight Winter
- 12/21 Emily Hill
Emily Roller
Roy Lauter
- 12/22 Al Wilday
Katie Cook
- 12/25 Chloe Goforth
Aaron Hall
- 12/26 Lee Koss
Pam Guy
Carol Coulliette
Jenny Madill
- 12/27 Kyla Winter
Bea Van Valin
- 12/28 Faye Hogue
- 12/30 Sue Lauter
- 12/31 Kevin Cook

by Kathy Davila, Prayer Team leader

A church member recently asked me how we could inspire more of a response to the Lord’s leading on Sunday mornings. At first, I wasn’t sure what he meant. Then he explained that he had noticed that there were many who responded to the altar call during one service that morning. However, in the other service, few went to the altar. He wondered, could Satan have been working to distract us from going to the altar?

When I shared this church member’s concern with Pastor Daryl, he suggested more concentrated prayer at the end of the service. He mentioned a certain person who always moves into serious praying at that time. This woman was surprised Daryl had singled her out as a prayer warrior but agreed to answer a few of my questions as long as she could remain anonymous. She had learned as a teen that we should pray for ourselves or others at the end of every service. Her comments are below:

What do you say to God during the close of the sermons?

I ask Him to speak to people about their needs and to open their hearts to be receptive to His voice. I ask Him to do away with distracting thoughts and to be real to each person present.

Why do you believe the end of the service is an important time to be prayerful?

It is an important time because [people] are given an opportunity to bring things to God that perhaps they know already need His touch, or perhaps they have just been made aware of. Satan would like them to say, “I’ll wait until later.”

What do you imagine Jesus is doing during those moments?

I imagine He is calling each of us to focus on Him and listen to and choose His way instead of our own.

What do you imagine Satan is doing during those moments?

I think Satan is trying his best to distract from the call of Jesus, trying to get us to think about anything else besides listening for the voice of Jesus. He brings us thoughts about the hardness of following Jesus and giving up our own way. He wants to get us to delay any decision until later.

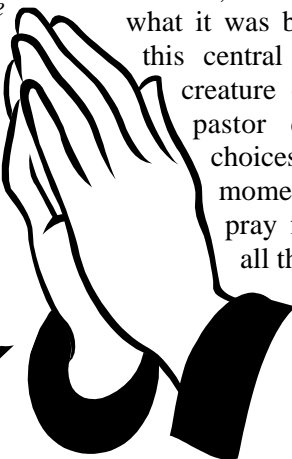
How can a person discern if he or she should go to the altar?

I think that is really an individual matter. Each one knows when God is calling him to action. It is not something that will pass.

Why is it sometimes better to pray at the altar than at your seat?

You are making a public statement about your need and there is humility about publicly coming to Jesus. Also, it gives you extra prayer support and counseling if you want it.

“Every time you make a choice,” wrote C.S. Lewis in Mere Christianity, “you are turning the central part of you, the part that chooses, into something a little different from what it was before...you are slowly turning this central thing either into a heavenly creature or a hellish creature.” As the pastor calls us to make heavenly choices each week, let us seize the moments to say “yes” to Jesus and to pray for many good decisions from all the church.



Let Us Pray

Happy Birthday!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/2 Lee Roher
Lois Jones
- 1/3 Ruth Mitchell
- 1/5 Marcia Burgess
- 1/6 Teresa Cassidy
- 1/7 Krista Padgett
- 1/10 Matt Zahniser
- 1/11 Adrienne Hiatt
Bob Peterson
- 1/12 Cecil Zweifel
Danielle Sidler
- 1/14 Bradley Tullar
Nathan Riffell
- 1/19 Ray Fellows
Allen Holmes
- 1/21 Mary Dotterweich
- 1/22 Katy Roller
- 1/24 Marilyn VanHorn
Cammi Hanna
- 1/25 Bob Barnard
- 1/26 Amelia Susce
Jonathan
Weinstein
- 1/27 Ralph Kester
- 1/29 Alma Blake
Grace Branan
- 1/31 Josh Smith
Mike Susce

Missions Work Day

Ladies and Gentlemen, please take “Thyme” to attend our Missions Work Day! It will be a successful workday if there are many hands—particularly yours—present.

On January 11, 2007, from 3:00–8:00 p.m., we will meet in the CMC to work at several stations on projects for our missionaries. There will be something to interest everyone. Plan your schedule now to take part in all or part of this work time. We will break around 5:30 p.m. for a soup and bread supper.

Bring some of the following items:

- Your knitting needles
- Yarn
- Scissors (paper and sewing)
- Sewing machine and extension cord if you have one
- Lengths of cloth
- Stamps (foreign and commemorative)
- Men’s shirts (short or long sleeves)
- Clean Ace bandages
- General Mills coupons
- Writing materials (pens, tablets)



“Thyme” is precious.

Sister-to-Sister Groups

Ladies, don’t forget...Sister-to-Sister groups will begin again in February 2007!

Friendship is like sitting by a cozy fireplace, sipping hot chocolate. We all crave such moments but often fail to schedule enough uncommitted



time into our lives to allow these to happen. Why not consider slowing down a bit and being part of one of our Sister groups in February? They provide a great way to build relationships with other women of our church community and to be encouraged in your faith-walk with Jesus.

Sister-to-Sister brochures will be distributed on Sunday, January 15. The deadline for new participants to reserve a place, or for returning sisters to change groups, is January 28. Groups begin the week of February 11 and meet for ten weekly sessions. Be sure to check out all the details and ask yourself if it is not just the right time to add a little extra warmth into those chilly winter days.

Joe and Regina Dongell

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staff who “made us feel as if we already belonged,” the reverence of our worship services, gifted musicians, and the whole spectrum of age groups and ministries that they see as signs of a healthy church.

Look for Joe and Regina in the second service on Sunday morning. Say, “Hello,” and welcome them to our fellowship. We’re happy to have them as a part of our church body.

Richard and Barbara Barker

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Dick and Barb have four sons, one daughter, and eleven grandchildren. Les is on the staff at Wheaton College and Norm is on the staff at Indiana Wesleyan University. Keith teaches at Asbury College and daughter Cheryl’s husband, Paul Nesselroade, also teaches at Asbury. Their son, Martin, is a graphic designer and lives in Lancaster, Ohio. All are third-generation grads of Asbury College.



Music Ministries: Take “Note”

A big “Thank You” to all who participated in music ensembles and in music ministry this fall! You are much appreciated and we are blessed to be able to work and minister with you. Please note that if you have not yet been able to join one of our many music ensembles, there is opportunity for you to join us in the new year!

December 10 at 8:30 a.m. & 10:50 a.m.

Promises Kept: “My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation!”

A musical celebration of Christmas featuring the Sanctuary and Youth choirs. Please come and take part in this special musical event as we celebrate our newborn King through music.

December 17 at 6:00 p.m.

All-church Christmas caroling

Join us for Christmas caroling to Wilmore and surrounding areas, followed by some warm treats, good fellowship, and some special music provided by our youth handbell choirs!

January 7

All Sunday afternoon ensemble rehearsals resume.

January 9th

All Tuesday evening ensemble rehearsals resume.

Below are some important music dates to remember for December and into the new year. Mark your calendars now!!

If you are interested in participating in a Sunday morning music team or the Sunday music ministry, please contact Mark Schell or Rose Evans. Let’s continue to make a joyful noise for the glory of our Lord!



Relational Healing

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after his first-of-the month pay check, for his kids at a basketball game. He could surprise his wife by cooking a chicken dinner for her. He went out of his way to please his family, and the neighbors, too.

Loving initiative like that brings healing. It does.

But you must hear the rest of the story. That man searched out the hurting, wounded people in his community and found ways to pour the oil of gladness on their bruised spirits. Person after person talked about Joe Stevens, the healer.

Quite honestly, I want to be another Joe Stevens.

Ministry Opportunities at WFMC

Singles Ministries Team Leader needed to oversee WFMC singles ministry. Commitment: at least one hour per week.

Visitor Flyer Coordinator needed to place visitor flyers on guests’ car windshields during both morning services. Commitment: five minutes each Sunday.

Congregational Care Team Members needed to do “well-person” visits of church attendees. Commitment: one to two hours each week.

Disability Ministry Team Leader needed to organize and coordinate a team to minister to disabled persons. Commitment: varies.

Contact the church office for more information about any of these opportunities.



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/13 Johnson & Amy Cannon
- 12/15 Anthony & Adina Headley
- 12/17 Bob & Donna Anstett
- 12/19 Paul & Felicia Roher
Stan & Meg Nwoji
- 12/21 Jay & Margaret Dargan
JT & Jennie Lovell
- 12/26 Leonard & Emily Fitch
- 12/28 Ed & Sarah Kusche
- 12/29 Kevin & Elke Cook



Happy Anniversary!

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/15 Arvid & Judy Metcalf
- 1/30 Gary & Mary Ellen Martin



In Case of Ice or Snow

SERVICE CANCELLATION POLICY

We make every effort to safely hold **Sunday** and **Wednesday** services in inclement weather. However, if snow and/or ice becomes severe, services are sometimes cancelled. If the weather is questionable, please err on the side of personal safety.

There are several ways to find out if services have been cancelled:

- Check the church web site at www.wfmc.net. A notice will be posted in the upper left corner of the home page in the hour before service time if the service is cancelled.
- Call the church office at 858-3521 in the hour before the service. Someone will be there to answer, or a message will be left on the machine under the “Special Event’s Menu.”
- Watch television channels 18 and 27 for weather information.

Welcome to WFMC!

Church plant? Satellite congregation? WFMC—west coast campus?

Our “satellite congregation” in Astoria, Oregon, is pictured to the right. Here’s a little history...

There was only one church in Astoria (population: 9,800) that taught a theology similar to ours, and these families were members there for eight years. For a variety of good reasons, however, they were unable to continue to attend. For over a year, they searched for a good, evangelical, Wesleyan church in the Astoria area. During that time of searching, they worshipped in the evening with messages from the WFMC morning services. They finally found a good Christian church, but the church has no evening



Adults (L–R): Betty Barnes, Peter and Christina Grauff, Vanessa Barnes and Rhonda Conrad; **Children (L–R):** Timothy Conrad, Erin and Matthew Grauff and Andrew Conrad

service—something they value. Consequently, they continue to pull the Sunday morning message off our web site, and they listen to it on Sunday night as part of an evening worship service in their homes.

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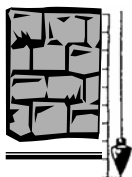
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