

# Missions Advent Offering **R E C I P I E N T S**

*Wesley's commitment to making an impact on the lives of people in our community, our state, and our country is unwavering. During this season of giving, we ask our congregation to support our Missions Advent Offering. A gift made in the month of December will support the following agencies throughout the coming year and beyond. Thank you, Wesley, for your generous hearts!*

## LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.....

*The Baby Fold* – specializes in working with children and youth who have severe emotional and behavioral disorders and their families

*Community Health Care Clinic* – provides high quality medical care to the patients in our community who need it the most

*Faith in Action* – provides rides to and from doctor's appointments, grocery shopping assistance, friendly visits, friendly phone calls, and light home maintenance for seniors in the Bloomington-Normal area

*Habitat for Humanity* – helps families build and improve places to call home

*Home Sweet Home Mission* – provides case management and other supportive services to the homeless in the Bloomington-Normal area such as shelter, hot meals, clothing and toiletries, and children's programming

*Labyrinth House* – offers reintegration services to formerly incarcerated women in McLean County

*Park Methodist Food Pantry* – provides food items to local people in need

*Safe Harbor* – a ministry of the Salvation Army that provides a safe environment to sleep, storage of some personal belongings, meals, shower and laundry facilities, and case management services

*Twelve Baskets Full* – receives unused medications from places like correctional institutions and long-term care facilities and redistributes them to medical mission teams going to countries that cannot easily obtain them

*Wesley Assistance Discretionary Fund* – allows pastors to assist individuals in need of financial assistance beyond the scope of community social service funds, for purposes like rent, utilities, or emergency shelter. The fund is also sometimes used when our own Wesley family members are in need.

*Wesley Distribution Ministry* – provides essential paper products and food to local people in need

*Western Avenue Community Center* – service organization and community center reaching out into the local neighborhoods in our community

## IGRC ORGANIZATIONS..... (Illinois Great Rivers Conference)

*Alton Memorial Hospital* – a community hospital in Alton, IL  
*Chaddock* – offers hope and healing for severely traumatized children and their families through residential treatment, on-campus school that provides specialized education, foster care and adoption services, consultation and education for caregivers and international consultation and training through the Chaddock Training Institute

*Evenglow Lodge* – a Continuing Care Retirement Community located in downtown Pontiac, Illinois. Evenglow is a non-profit, faith-based organization that has a mission to "Offer a continuum of retirement choices and services in a Christian environment."

*Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House* – provides quality early childhood development services, comprehensive youth services, individual and family support, services for older adults, and housing economic development services which will help move individuals and families out of poverty in the East St. Louis area

*Methodist Medical Center of IL (Unity Point Health)* – a full service community hospital in Peoria, IL

*Spero Family Services* – provides hope, help, and healing to individuals and families in Southern Illinois through Community Services, Clinical Services, and Health & Child Welfare Services

*Sunset Home* – non-profit ministry in Quincy, IL that delivers all levels of senior care in a Christian environment including skilled nursing, intermediate care, short-term rehabilitation, independent living communities, and the state's largest Alzheimer's unit

*United Methodist Village* – non-profit retirement community in Lawrenceville, IL that provides skilled nursing, intermediate care, assisted living and independent living

*Wesley Village* – a retirement community in Macomb, IL offering independent living homes, living apartments, Wesley-At-Home Homemaker, Home Nursing Services and Home Healthcare, health care center, and a rehabilitation unit featuring a skilled nursing/Medicare wing and a Memory Care wing

## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.....

*Henderson Settlement Mission* – includes a work camp to educate persons in mission and serves as a bridge between dreams and reality for families in the Southeastern Kentucky and Northern Tennessee area

*Red Bird Mission* – empowers individuals and advocates justice by providing spiritual, educational, health, and community outreach ministries in the Appalachian mountain area

***Give as you can. Every donation is appreciated.***

For more information about our Missions Advent Offering, please contact Sandi Hinrichs at [sandi.hinrichs@yahoo.com](mailto:sandi.hinrichs@yahoo.com). To give, please use the special envelopes located in your pew, or write "Missions Advent Offering" on your envelope.

# CALENDAR

## DECEMBER.....

- 2 Ladies Outreach & Lunch  
11:30 am at Jim's Steakhouse
- 2 Advent Study Group  
10am-1pm at Westminster Village
- 2 Youth Choir Fundraiser  
5-8 pm at Jason's Deli
- 6-7 SURGE Christmas Lock-In  
in Wesley Hall
- 8 ISU Horn Choir Pre-Service Music  
8:40 am in the Sanctuary
- 8 UMW Snowman Order Pickup  
8:30-11:30 am in the Library
- 9 Advent Study Group  
10am-1pm at Westminster Village
- 10 UMW Victorian Christmas Splendor  
6 pm in Wesley Hall
- 10 GEMS Christmas Party  
7 pm in the Garden Room
- 11 SURGE Camping Info Night  
6:15 pm in Wesley Hall
- 12 HOPE Circle Meeting  
6:30 pm in the Lounge
- 14 Habitat For Humanity Wesley Build  
8am-Noon at 1107 N. Morris Ave  
Bloomington
- 14 Anchored Christmas Party (off-site)
- 15 Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata  
During the 9 am service
- 15 Youth Christmas Program  
During the 11:15 am service
- 15 SURGE Spaghetti Dinner  
6-8 pm in Wesley Hall
- 16 Advent Study Group  
10am-1pm at Westminster Village
- 16 LOL Salvation Army Bell Ringers  
11am-3pm at Hy-Vee
- 16 Power of Prayer Group  
4:30-6 pm at Wesley West
- 17 Loads of Love Laundromat Ministry  
4:30-8 pm at The Wash House
- 19 The Longest Night Services  
Noon at First UMC  
6 pm at Wesley UMC
- 21 Wesley Distribution Ministry  
9:30-11:30 am at Wesley West
- 23 Advent Study Group  
10am-1pm at Westminster Village
- 24 Wesley Office Closes at Noon
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP  
5 pm Children & Family Service  
7:30 pm Candlelight & Holy  
Communion (7:00 pre-service music)  
11 pm Candlelight & Holy  
Communion (10:30 pre-service music)
- 25-27 Wesley Office Closed  
(Holiday Break)
- 29 ONE combined service at 10 am

## JANUARY.....

- 17-20 Senior High Winterfest  
Silver Birch Ranch
- 18 Wesley Distribution Ministry  
9:30-11:30 am at Wesley West
- 26 Wesley Youth Lunch & Auction



## A Note From from Pastor Justin

**Why This Jubilee?** Christmas is just around the corner! Have you started to prepare? I know some have set up their Christmas trees, and I've seen a few post-Thanksgiving sales advertised already these past few days. It'll be here before you know it!

*I love this time of year, but with each passing Christmas it seems I focus more and more on preparing for parties and family gatherings, buying gifts, and making sure all the right decorations get hung. Frankly, it can be exhausting. So this year, I've decided I'm going to spend some time preparing my heart instead. The first step - spend some time with the One whose birth we celebrate.*

*This year, throughout the season of Advent (or the season of preparation for Christmas), I'll be reading through James Howell's Advent devotional, "Why This Jubilee?: Advent Reflections on Songs of the Season". This short devotional takes lines from famous Christmas carols and unpacks them, searching daily for deep meaning within sacred and secular works alike.*

*Will you join me in reading through this devotional? I think you'll find its words will bring an extra bit of hope and inspiration to your December days. Additionally, several groups are studying this book during Advent, including a Sunday school class that will use the book as its guide. That class begins December 1 in the Lounge at Wesley. (If you plan to take the class, reading will have started November 25. Others who simply want to read each day may opt to begin reading December 1, disregarding the recommended readings schedule in the Contents section of the book.) Books are available for purchase in the Lounge for only \$10.*

*Finally, come join us for worship this Advent season! Not only do you not have to worry about decorating here (that's already been handled), but you can also enjoy the sounds of Christmas carols being sung all season long. Pastor Sara and I will unpack lines from a few familiar Christmas tunes during December's sermon series as well.*

*God bless you as you prepare for Christmas 2019! I can't wait to discover with all of you how Christ will come into our lives anew this Advent!*  
Peace, Pastor Justin

## Celebrating Christmas AT WESLEY

*Advent and Christmas at Wesley will be very special this year! Be sure to mark your calendars for the following special events and worship services:*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, ISU HORN CHOIR pre-service performance at 8:40 am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA 9 am service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 11:15 am service

### *Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve Worship Services*

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICE 5:00 pm – an interactive celebration for all ages including singing, drama, games (really!) and, of course, the story of Jesus' birth.

CANDLELIGHT & HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE 7:30 pm (pre-service music 7 pm)

Special music by the youth choir and handbells.

CANDLELIGHT & HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE 11:00 pm (pre-service music 10:30 pm)

Special music by the adult choir.

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday, December 29, will have only one combined service at 10 am



# SURGE

WESLEY UMC YOUTH GROUP

*We're in this together.*

*This fall, Surge has committed themselves to the prayer of Ubuntu: "I am who I am and you are who you are because of who we are together". As we are getting to know our new group identity, we are also thanking God for who He has made us to be and remembering that as Christians, we are a family and we're in this together. - Kelsey Ross, Director of Youth Ministries*



**CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN:** Our annual Christmas Lock-in is set for December 6 & 7! All Surge students and friends are welcome to attend! Cost is \$5 and all students are asked to bring a white elephant gift. *Contact Kelsey to register!*

**CAMPING INFO NIGHT:** Surge is hosting a Camping Night on December 11! We will have guests from Little Grassy joining us to talk about summer programming and answer questions. ALL parents are welcome to attend if they have questions about our jr. high and high school week: AIR on June 21-26. We will also have a s'mores bar! *Make plans to attend and bring your friends!*

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** There will be a spaghetti dinner on December 15 from 6-8 pm in Wesley Hall hosted by our junior high students to raise money for our mission trip. *Join us for spaghetti served by the youth with a fun twist!*

**WINTERFEST:** Plans for the annual trek to the Senior High Winterfest at Silver Birch Ranch from January 17-20 are underway! Please sign-up on the Surge board. The cost is \$140, registration deadline is on January 8. *Come join the fun!*



*On Sunday, November 10, SURGE was challenged to a flag football game against Normal First UMC! The game ended tied at 14-14 so we all agreed to a rematch volleyball game this winter.*

*We hope everyone enjoyed a fun afternoon and maybe even made a new friend from Normal First! Thanks to all those who came out to support us! Stay tuned for the upcoming volleyball rematch date. GO SURGE!*

## *Wesley* DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

*Written by Karen Daudelin*

*Exciting things continue to happen with our monthly paper distribution!*

### OCTOBER BLESSINGS:

- The Rotary Clubs in our District assembled 1000+ health kits for us to give away in October, November and December.
- My Zumba instructor Jessica, her daughter and 2 other members from class volunteered at the October distribution. They found joy and want to continue to serve in this ministry!
- We received a truck load of paper products on October 31 from MidWest Food Bank. I had recruited volunteers to help unload the products and to also pray for diapers, wipes and tampons. Guess what? These items were on the truck! *Prayer is POWERFUL!*

### NOVEMBER BLESSINGS:

- We approached the leadership at Four Seasons Health Club about allowing us to collect diapers, diapers wipes and tampons at the Zumba Christmas party. They not only said

yes, they responded that they would ask ALL members to contribute paper products for one week in December! They were thrilled with the opportunity and we are thrilled to accept their generous donations!

- James Ingold notified us that we would be getting holiday food boxes that contain either a ham or turkey, plus holiday fixings, for the our next distribution on December 21! Made possible by the Tinervin Family Foundation! We are So grateful for their partnership and support!

- Several Wesley members have recently asked if they could donate money to help us purchase items. The answer is YES! We spend an average of \$1,000 monthly on diapers, diaper wipes and tampons. Money is always needed and greatly appreciated.

- We have over 200 volunteers to date who have helped at our events!

### NEEDS FOR DECEMBER:

Baby Wipes • Diapers (Sizes 3-6)  
Pull-Ups • Tampons • Calendars  
Facial Tissues • Upper Room Booklets  
*Deliver items to the WDM bin across from the Garden Room. Our next event is on Saturday, December 21, from 9:30-11:30 am at Wesley West.*



Our ministry reaches over 260 families each month, with the generous help from both the Tinervin Foundation and MidWest Food Bank. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude and joy for the continued prayers and support from the Wesley congregation! Please continue to give your time, donations and money as we continue to reach those in need in our community. We invite you to volunteer and discover joy in serving! Contact Karen Daudelin at 309.838.5723 to volunteer.

## OPERATION *Birthday Baby*

*In this season of giving, we invite our Wesley children to participate in an ongoing project through the month of December the whole family can enjoy! For more details contact Kathi Pritts, Director of Christian Education, at [kpitts@wesley-umc.com](mailto:kpitts@wesley-umc.com).*

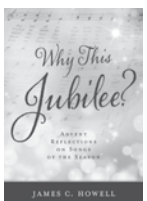
1. ACTS OF KINDNESS: On each day of Advent, do one kind act and add a piece of straw to your birthday box or basket.
2. GIFT GIVING: Once a week (maybe Sunday) add something for little or big ones at the Baby Fold to your box. Like a pair of warm booties, socks, a gift card, a ball or a pair of pajamas. *These children will receive these gifts on their birthday.*
3. BRING TO THE MANGER: Continue to collect straw and gifts throughout the season of Advent and bring your box to the manger at Wesley on Christmas Eve!

## DECEMBER Adult Education at Wesley



Sundays from 10:15-11:00 am  
"BOOK OF REVELATION"

*In the Conference Room with Barb Phend*



ADVENT STUDY BEGINNING DECEMBER 1  
Sundays from 10:15-11:00 am  
"WHY THIS JUBILEE?" by James C. Howell  
*In the Lounge*



UMW sold **2,238** chocolate snowmen!  
Orders will be ready for pickup on  
**Sunday, December 8, in the Library.**  
For more details contact Tricia DePew  
at 309.287.5076. **THANK YOU!**

## Power of Prayer

We invite you to take a moment to join us in prayer on Monday, December 16, from 4:30-6 pm at Wesley West (across from the church). ALL are welcome to receive prayer, pray with others, or pray in silence. *Stay as little or as long as you like! Please call the office for more details at 309.827.8046. Come join us!*



## Healing Rides RECAP

Healing Rides had a hugely successful riding season with over 150 total rides from within our Wesley family and many from our community! **THANK YOU** to our congregation for your continued support as we bring smiles to many!



## Rummage Sale Reminder Call for Donations! Start Saving!

As you are cleaning out your closets and making space for all the shiny new gifts, please remember our upcoming Rummage Sale this May! We will be collecting toys, clothes, housewares, furniture, jewelry, and tools! *Keep your eye out for drop-off details!*

## December

### JUST ONE COLLECTION

*Some of the BEST gifts are gift CARDS!*

*In this season of giving, we are seeking \$10 Gift Cards for Stepping Stones and Labyrinth. Please deposit them safely in the slotted box attached to the Just One Bin (across from the Garden Room). Gift cards are needed from Walmart, Kohl's, grocery stores, restaurants and local fast food locations. Financial donations welcome (please make checks payable to Wesley, JUST ONE in memo). **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!***

**Stepping Stones** is a McLean County YWCA program that provides 24 hour free confidential assistance to sexual assault and domestic violence victims and their families. Individual and group counselors available. The goal of Stepping Stones is to empower survivors to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks.

**Labyrinth** is a YWCA outreach program that offers help for women who are returning to every day life after prison or jail time terms. Services may include counseling, job coaching, education, addiction recovery, as well as housing assistance, if needed.

## Warm Hearts and Warm Hands

*Thank you, for the dozens of warm hats, gloves and mittens donated in the October JUST ONE Collection!*

*These items were shared with low-income students at Sheridan, Irving, Bent, Sarah Raymond, Stevenson and Oakland Schools.*







## LOADS OF *Love*

Join us for our next laundromat ministry event **Tuesday, December 17 (please note the date change)** from 4:30 to 8:00 pm at the Wash House as we share smiles and a few quarters! Leave your donations in the tubes outside the Sanctuary, or mark your gift "Loads of Love" and drop it in the offering plate or by the office. To volunteer, contact Gary Thompson at garyt23@frontier.com.

## *Advent* STUDY GROUP

Join us at Westminster Village (located at 2025 East Lincoln St. in Bloomington) on Mondays from 10-11 am starting on December 2. Study will be led by Wesley Pastor of Visitation, Sally Hamon. We will focus on the book "Why This Jubilee?" and revisit familiar songs of the season (even some secular ones) and discuss their meaning to each of us. For details, contact Sally at 217.853.9117.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Church

## GEMS Growing Each Mom Spiritually.....

We will meet on December 10 for our Annual Christmas Party in the Garden Room. Childcare will be provided for \$3/child. Keep your eye out for more details. Please contact Liz Tomera at ltomera@wesley-umc.com or 847.224.1194 with questions.

## HOPE CIRCLE.....

We will meet on Thursday, December 12, in the Lounge. Our evening begins at 6:30 pm with refreshments and fellowship. Then we will finish our Christmas project "Dreams are Possible" plus enjoy a program presented by Maggie Thompson and Deb West titled "UMW Missions Beyond Illinois". All women are welcome!

## LOL Ladies Outreach and Lunch.....

We will meet for a Christmas lunch on Monday, December 2, at 11:30 am at Jim's Steakhouse. After lunch, we will fill treat bags for our shut-in friends. On Monday, December 16, we will ring bells for the Salvation Army at Hy-Vee. Come find us between 11am-3pm and stuff our kettle! If you would like to join our Circle or have questions, please contact Elaine Stokes at estokes65@gmail.com.

## UMW *Victorian* Christmas Splendor with the Tea Ladies! Tuesday, December 10, 6:00 pm

Join us for a festive Christmas dinner, followed by a delightful historic program! The Tea Ladies, Inc. will present their Victorian Christmas Splendor program which is all about the beauty of a Victorian Christmas. The story unwinds with the lady of the manor preparing for the busy Christmas season ahead. Decorating the tree, preparing the Christmas dinner, gifts, sleigh rides and more! A perfect way to begin the holiday season. Appropriate for all ages. Come step back in time with us as we weave a story about an old-fashioned Victorian Christmas. Tickets are \$10 per person and will be sold in the Garden Room on Dec. 1st. ALL are welcome!

## The LONGEST Night

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

For many people, the holiday season is a struggle. Loss of loved ones, bleak cold weather, financial worries, and just-plain-weariness can interfere with Christmas joy, and even make us feel guilty for feeling bad.

The "Longest Night" tradition (named for the "longest night" of the year on December 21) provides a way to honor the Advent season without having to "pretend." Candles, music, scripture and prayer are offered in a way that acknowledges our struggles and comforts our souls.

**Wesley UMC and Normal First UMC are coming together to offer TWO Longest Night services on Thursday, December 19: at noon (at First) and 6:00pm (at Wesley).**

*Music, prayers and liturgy will provide peace for the troubled soul. Come to be comforted and to wait together for the coming of the Light.*

## WESLEY YOUTH Lunch AND Auction Sunday, January 26, 2020

Save the date for Sunday, January 26, and support your Wesley Youth Choir and Youth Missions programs! We have a fun afternoon planned including lunch and an auction! This is a FREE event, but donations are accepted to help cover the cost of the meal (and of course we encourage lots of BIDDING)! You can help by donating a gift, ticket or service to be auctioned off. Ideas include gift baskets, art, game or concert tickets, electronics, time shares, or even certificates for services (auto care, lawn care, salons etc.). If you would like to make a donation contact Brenna Martin (bmartin@wesley-umc.com) or Kelsey Ross (kross@wesley-umc.com). Keep your eye out for more details!

# WESLEY'S Bright BEGINNINGS

## Seeking Subs

Wesley's Bright Beginnings Preschool is seeking substitute teachers (as needed) for our morning classes. Please contact Julie Loy for details at 309.827.8046 or wesleysbrightbeginnings@gmail.com.



*Wesley's Bright Beginnings would like to thank the Wesley congregation for your support of their Fall Pie Fundraiser!*



On the 2nd Saturday of each month, Wesley UMC partners with Habitat for Humanity to provide volunteers to pitch in and help out! ALL skill levels are welcome and leads will be present to provide guidance and instructions for each day's tasks. Don't miss this opportunity to share your talents or learn something new! The next build will begin on Saturday, December 14, from 8am-Noon at 1107 N. Morris Ave, Bloomington. Sign up online at [www.wesleyumc.habitatmclean.volunteerhub.com](http://www.wesleyumc.habitatmclean.volunteerhub.com) or contact Addie Moy for more details at [addie.moy@gmail.com](mailto:addie.moy@gmail.com).

*Bring closed toed shoes and a smile!*



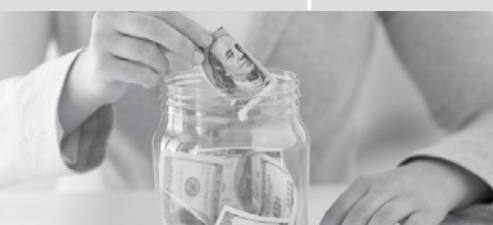
## Money Matters

*What are you thankful for?* You are likely to reflect on that question more than once during the Thanksgiving holiday. Of course, I am thankful for my health, my family, and many of the other things that you may be thankful for, too. I am also thankful for my church home, a caring and generous congregation here at Wesley!

- Since January, we have served 1,189 families through our paper distribution ministry with help from over 200 volunteers. In addition to countless paper products being donated, \$4,075 has been received in monetary contributions to this ministry.
- Over \$3,500 was raised to support the CROP Walk to fight hunger in memory of our beloved Wesley Pastor Keith Ferguson.
- \$22,000 has been received in memory of deceased members whose families chose to leave a memorial legacy for Wesley.
- Wesley has given over \$5,700 to UMCOR for disaster relief.
- Hundreds of dollars in quarters have been received for the Loads of Love laundromat ministry.
- We have received 221 financial commitments through our Stewardship campaign totaling \$970,699. If you still wish to make a faith commitment or prayer request, please do so as soon as possible so we can do even more good in the next year.

*I could fill this entire newsletter about the generosity of our congregation. When we ask, you respond! Thank you for your caring contributions and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!*  
- Myrna Simpson

General fund receipts as of 10/31/19	\$1,074,983
General fund expenses as of 10/31/19	\$1,080,763
Shortfall	\$5,780



## ANCHORED

A WESLEY MINISTRY FOR  
TWENTY AND THIRTY SOMETHINGS  
*Anchored will have a Christmas Party at Jonathon & Sarah Mosby's house on Saturday, December 14th. Please contact the church office for more information and join the fun!*

## LifeTouch® Member Directory

Our Directory will soon be published! ALL members with a photo included in the Directory will receive ONE FREE issue (per household). Additional copies will be available for \$10 once our order arrives in December. Keep your eye out for more details and THANK YOU for helping us all stay connected at Wesley!

## Kitchen Help Needed

### W@W KITCHEN HELP

The Wesley Kitchen is in need of volunteers to help prepare the evening meal on Wednesdays. We typically begin at 2 pm and serve dinner from 5-6 pm. Duties: traying food, prepping vegetables, baking desserts

### W@W CLEANUP

Light cleaning following our evening meal on Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm. Duties: picking up and cleaning dishes, packing leftovers, general cleaning of the kitchen

### SPECIAL EVENT COOK

We are in need of a cook for special events and funeral meals as needed. Requirements: must be willing to get your general certification from the health dept. for safe food handling, preparation and serving. This is a paid position.

For more details on these positions, please contact Kathy Robinson, Food Service Coordinator, at 309.530.6201



## 2019 MISSIONS *Advent Offering*

Make an impact in the lives of people in our community, state, and country by giving to the 2019 Missions Advent Offering. This offering will support the work of the following local social service organizations, Illinois Great Rivers Conference Golden Cross ministries, and domestic missions. Visit wesley-umc.com for more details on the following organizations:

Alton Memorial Hospital  
Community Health Care Clinic  
Evenglow Lodge Faith in Action  
Habitat for Humanity  
Henderson Settlement Mission  
Home Sweet Home Mission  
Lessie Bates Davis House  
Methodist Medical Center of IL  
Park Methodist Food Pantry  
Salvation Army/Safe Harbor  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund

The Baby Fold  
Chaddock  
Labyrinth House  
Red Bird Mission  
Sunset Home  
Twelve Baskets Full  
Spero Family Services  
Wesley Village  
Wesley Distribution Ministry  
United Methodist Village  
Western Avenue Center

*Give as you can. Every donation is appreciated.*  
Please contact Sandi Hinrichs for more information about this important mission at sandi.hinrichs@yahoo.com. To give, you can find special offering envelopes in the pews during Sunday services or at the Welcome Center. *Thank you for giving!*

## MISSIONS SURVEY

*We want to hear from you!*

We'd like to know the missions you are most passionate about and any ideas you might have to grow our ministry.

**Which areas of mission work should we focus on?**

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child care      | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction              | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Relief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder care      | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith Sharing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunger Relief             | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prison Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant Assistance      | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice  |

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**How far are you willing to travel to serve?**

- ☐ In the United States    ☐ 0-6 hour drive    ☐ 6+ hour drive  
☐ International

Please list specific locations: \_\_\_\_\_

**How long are you willing to be gone?**

- ☐ 1 day    ☐ 2-3 days    ☐ 4-7 days    ☐ more than a week

**How would you be able to support our missions?**

- ☐ Pray for our projects and teams    ☐ Provide financial support  
☐ Help with fundraising    ☐ Participate in a project/trip  
☐ Join the Missions Committee    ☐ Lead a project/trip

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your time! Please return the survey to the Missions mailbox or the offering plate. We are blessed by the commitment of our congregation to helping others around the world!*

## Creating a *Legacy* of Generosity

STEWARDSHIP 2019

*As we look toward the next 75 years of Wesley Church, what are our hopes, dreams and visions for the next generation? How can the investment we make in our church today help ensure a faithful legacy for many years to come? The future of the church begins right now! At the publication of this newsletter, we have reached 81% of the faith commitments needed to help us meet our financial goals for 2020. THANK YOU! If you've not yet had a chance to submit your commitment, we invite you to pick up a brochure found in your pew or the Welcome Center and return it with your response. You may also email Myrna Simpson at msimpson@wesley-umc.com. We look forward to hearing from you. Let's "Create a Legacy of Generosity" together!*



Support **WESLEY YOUTH CHOIR**  
and enjoy a tasty meal at Jason's Deli  
(321 S. Veteran's Parkway in Normal) on  
**Monday, December 2, from 5-8 pm.**  
A portion of your purchase will be  
returned to us. **THANK YOU!**



*Special thanks to Wesley UMC for supporting the MERGE bible study small group with the purchase of the "Harper Collins Study Bible" for each of our members! MERGE is the Wesley Foundation at ISU geared towards helping college students grow in their faith through fellowship and fun.*

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# WESLEY

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“When they *saw* the  
**STAR**, they were  
*overwhelmed*  
with **JOY.**”

{ MATTHEW 2:10 }



*ALL are welcome to join us for worship on  
Christmas Eve to celebrate the birth of Christ!*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

Children & Family Service at 5:00 pm  
Candlelight & Holy Communion Service 7:30 pm  
(Pre-Service Music 7:00 pm)  
Candlelight & Holy Communion Service 11:00 pm  
(Pre-Service Music 10:30 pm)

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