

**December
2018**



John Wesley United Methodist Church

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“The Wesleyan”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” Luke 2:7

The season of Advent is upon us. It is that time when we Christians prepare our hearts for Christmas – the coming of God into our world. And because this is a joyful time of year, with a baby, angels, kings bearing gifts, and more, we can easily get caught up in the sentimentality of Christmas. But there is much more to the story. That’s why I want to share with you an excerpt from “The Christian Year” by pastor and Bible scholar, J.B. Phillips, which helps put Christmas in its proper context.

“By far, the most important and significant event in the whole course of human history will be celebrated at the end of this season of Advent. The towering miracle of God’s visit to this planet on which we live will be glossed over, brushed aside or rendered impotent by over-familiarity. The true wonder and mystery may leave us unmoved.” He reminds us, “Christians believe that so great is God’s love and concern for humanity that he himself became a man. We would do well to remember that God’s insertion of himself into human history was achieved with an almost frightening quietness and humility. There was no advertisement, no publicity, no special privilege, in fact the entry of God into his own world was almost heartbreakingly humble. In sober fact there is little romance or beauty in the thought of a young woman looking desperately for a place where she could give birth to her first baby.

This almost beggarly beginning has been romanticized by artists and poets throughout the centuries. Yet I believe that at least once a year we should look steadily at the historic fact, and not at any pretty picture. At the time of this astonishing event only a handful of people knew what had happened. And as far as we know, no one spoke openly about it for thirty years. Even when the baby was grown to be a man, only a few recognized him for who he really was. Three years of teaching and preaching and healing people, and his work was finished. He was betrayed and murdered, deserted at the end by all his friends. By normal human standards this is a tragic tale of failure: a promising young man from a humble home, put to death by the envy and malice of the professional men of religion.

Yet the little baby, born in such pitiful humility and cut down as a young man in his prime, commands the allegiance of millions of people all over the world. This undeniable fact is, by any measurement, the most astonishing phenomenon in human history. That is why, behind all our fun and games at Christmastime, we should not try to escape a sense of awe, at what God has done. We must never allow anything to blind us to the true significance of what happened at Bethlehem so long ago. Nothing can alter the fact that we live on a visited planet.

We shall be celebrating no beautiful myth, no lovely piece of traditional folklore, but a solemn fact. God has been here once historically, but, as millions will testify, he will come again into any human heart ready to receive him.”

Yes, God came down at Christmas! Let’s not ever forget what that means for us, as we prepare for Christ’s coming with hope, peace, joy and love in our hearts.

~Pastor Rebecca



WORSHIP AT JWUMC

8:30am Communion service
9:30am Sunday School –all ages
10:30 worship in the sanctuary & WoW K-4th grade

*Love God,
Love Others
Serve the World.*

The season of Advent runs from Sunday, December 2nd through Christmas Eve, December 24th. The word Advent comes from the Latin word “adventus,” meaning, “coming” – the coming of Messiah to the Jews, the coming of Jesus being born in Bethlehem, the coming of Christ into our hearts and lives, and the coming of Christ in his final victory. It is a time of anticipation and preparation. Each Sunday will be a different theme – Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The banners and the paraments in the chapel and sanctuary will be purple, depicting royalty – Christ, and penitence – the need for a Savior to save us from our sins. And so, we wait and prepare.

Sunday, December 16th will be a special “Advent Lessons and Carols” musical program, with our children, bells, chancel choir and more. **So that everyone can enjoy, we will have one service at 10:30 in the sanctuary. There will be no 8:30 service.**

Christmas Eve Services:

5:00 – Family friendly service with our children and youth participating.

7:00 – Traditional service with chancel choir, bell choir, string quartet, the Christmas story, and candlelight.

9:00 – Quite service in the chapel with the Christmas story, Communion and candlelight.

Please pick up an “O Holy Night” Christmas invitation card and invite neighbors, friends, others you meet during the week! Remember, the number one reason people come to church is because they were invited!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Food for the Soul: Join us at noon on December 5th in the chapel followed by a delicious meal. Rev. Jonathan Drury from the First Congregational Church in Falmouth will be our guest speaker. Mark your calendars for the first Wednesday of every month.

Men’s Breakfast: Please join us for this time of food, fellowship, and discussing our faith on Tuesday, December 18th at 7:30 am in the Fitzgerald room.

MUSIC AT JWUMC



We welcome Tom Goux as our Interim Director of Music Ministries! He will begin December 17th, and take us through until we find a permanent director. Tom is a graduate of Southern Illinois University with a bachelor degree in music. His graduate studies include courses at De Paul University and the Orff-Institute, Mozarteum, Salzburg, Austria, where he received the International Course Diploma. Prior to coming to Falmouth, he served as Music Director, Roseland Presbyterian Church, Chicago Illinois. He was an elemental music instructor for three decades here on Cape Cod in the Falmouth (Morse Pond School) and Barnstable Public Schools. He has been interim Music Director at First Congregational Church, Falmouth and Cataumet UMC. He is skilled in leading children, bells and adult choirs.

Tom is well-known as the founding director of the Greater Falmouth Mostly all-Male Mens’ Chorus (now the Falmouth Community Chorus) and Notescape, a 5-voice a cappella group singing close-harmony jazz standards. Down-Cape, he sang for ten years as a member of the Chamber Singers of the Chatham Chorale, Maggie Bossi, Director. Along with his scholastic and church-centered musical activities, Tom has been collecting and presenting the music and poetry of the American maritime epoch in academic, concert and festival settings. A partial listing of his performance credits would include maritime museums and historical societies in Boston, Salem, New Bedford, Portland, ME, Mystic Seaport, the American Museum of Natural History in New York and the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. He is also the founding director of the New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus, now in its 19th season. His music can be heard (and downloaded) on the Smithsonian Folkways and Whaling City Sound labels.



John Wesley United Methodist Church

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT



Want to get in the Christmas spirit? What better way than acting out and “living out” the birth story of Jesus? This Christmas Eve, our Children and Youth will be hosting another fantastic Christmas Eve Pageant at the 5:00 pm Family Service. We would love for any-aged child to participate! There are many roles depending on the comfort of each child, whether having a speaking role, acting out a role or helping out behind the scenes...we’d love to have everyone participate!

Please speak to Allison by Sunday, December 16th if your child(ren) are interested in participating. We’ll have a quick rehearsal Sunday, December 23rd following the 10:30 am service.

ADVENT YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY

For four weeks, we invite 5th grade and above students who are interested in learning more about the Bible to join us Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15 pm during Advent. We will read through two books of the Bible together, learning how to read scripture, its context and applying it to our lives. This is intended for anyone who is sincerely and seriously looking to dig deeper into the Bible. No games/physical activities will be played. The group will meet Wednesday, **November 28th, December 5th, 12th & 19th.**

Contact our Youth Director, Allison Deyo at Allison.jwumc@gmail.com if you have any questions and/or to sign up. Please bring your personal Bible to class. If you don't have one, one will be provided for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HANGING OF THE GREENS (Sunday, December 8th, 4:00-7:00 pm)

Mark your calendars for our Annual Hanging of the Green’s Celebration where we decorate the church for Christmas, play games/activities for all ages, participate in a short worship service where we hang the Chrismons and enjoy a potluck supper (new this year)! Please sign up on the bulletin board in fellowship hall.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY! (Sunday, December 16th, 4:00-5:30 pm)



All Youth (5th grade and up) are invited to join us for our Annual Christmas Party! Come dressed in your ugliest Christmas sweater, bring some baked goods/cookies for our Cookie Swap and an item from your home to contribute towards our Yankee Swap (wrapped). All are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN/SLEEPOVER! (Thursday, December 27th, 6:30 pm to 8:30 am)



The students have spoken! They would like another sleepover in the church, so all 5th grade and above students are invited to join us for a fun evening together during School Break on Thursday, December 27th starting at 6:30 pm. We’ll make dinner together, play tons of games, watch movies and just hang out with one another. This will be a relaxed and fun environment with no real teaching. Pick up is at 8:30 am Friday, December 28th (breakfast not included). Be there or be square!

DECEMBER VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Sunday School Teachers	Acolyte	Nursery	YG Adult
December 2	Heather--Amy--Carrie	Clayton	Tiana	Meissner
December 9	Lynne--Amy--Carrie	Sam	Karlee	Davignon
December 16	Julie--Amy--Carrie	Nate	Clayton	O’Brien
December 23	---	Dorothy	Moriah	---
December 30	---	Michelle	Tiana	---

PAST EVENTS: Recap: Sticker Shock

On Saturday, November 18th, 7 students went to Falmouth liquor stores placing thousands of “Parents Who Host Lose the Most” stickers on brown paper bags, a bi-annual prevention campaign with Gosnold. For some this might sound strange that we would have students doing this, but it’s actually quite important. You see... many young people start drinking alcohol before the age of 21 and instead of ignoring this fact, we’re facing it head on with our students. Educating them of the effects of alcohol on a developing brain, how it can affect someone into adulthood and the fact that it’s illegal. Needless to say, our students had an awesome time! Check out all the photos on our Facebook page. *A special thank you to Ali Armitage and Mike Lowry for chaperoning/driving our group around town, you both are awesome and so appreciated!*



Thank you to Arthur, Clayton, Karlee, Matty, Moriah, Nate and Sam for serving in this fun way!



Lexi Davignon



We are so excited to announce that our December Children & Youth Spotlight honoree is 7th grader, Lexi Davignon! Lexi, her sister and mom live down the street from John Wesley and have been seeing some of our outdoor activities, such as our bouncy houses at picnics and dunk tank from our end-of-the-year Youth Group Celebration this past June (and even joined in!). Lexi volunteered at “Shipwrecked” Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the first time this summer as an Assistant Crew Leader. Lexi bonded and clicked with the younger kids in her Crew in no time. She always was looking out for the best interest of them, all while having fun. She also was a huge help at our Trunk or Treat two months ago, being solely responsible for decorating the VBS Car and then acting in Karen Tierney’s spooky car! Almost every Sunday Lexi has been joining us for Youth Group, which we couldn’t be happier about. Lexi has brought great insight and contributions to conversation and a competitive and energetic spirit to activities. It’s clear that Lexi is very sensitive to the ways and character of God, and for that, we’re grateful. We look forward to growing closer to Lexi over the school year and seeing all the ways God is moving in her life. Congratulations Lexi!

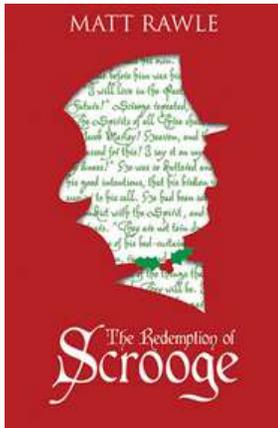
What's Going on at JWUMC

ADVENT STUDY

Go from "Bah! Humbug!" to a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas! You're invited to participate in this year's 4-week Advent Study, *The Redemption of Scrooge* by Matt Rawle. The book explores the Christian themes in Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*, to help us learn about living in this world, as people blessed by Jesus. Join any group that meets your schedule each week: Sunday 9:30 a.m. (Lintons), Tuesday 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. (Betty Smith), and Friday 11 a.m. (Pastor Rebecca). Register and purchase your book (\$14) after each service or in the church office. Contact Jennifer Linton (508-548-2792).

The Redemption of Scrooge

Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in dire need of a second chance. Is redemption possible for such a greedy, dark, and sad character? *The Redemption of Scrooge*, from Matt Rawle's *The Pop in Culture Series*, shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent study will "bless us every one" and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith.



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AFTERNOON TEA (Monday, December 10th, 2:00pm)

Please join us in celebration of the Christmas season on Monday December 10th for the Afternoon Tea at 2 o'clock in the fellowship hall. Tea sandwiches, sweets, tea and coffee will be served. Transportation available if needed just contact the church office or Karyn Briggs 315-750-0682 or e-mail larrykaryn@hotmail.com



JWUMC Fellowship Hall

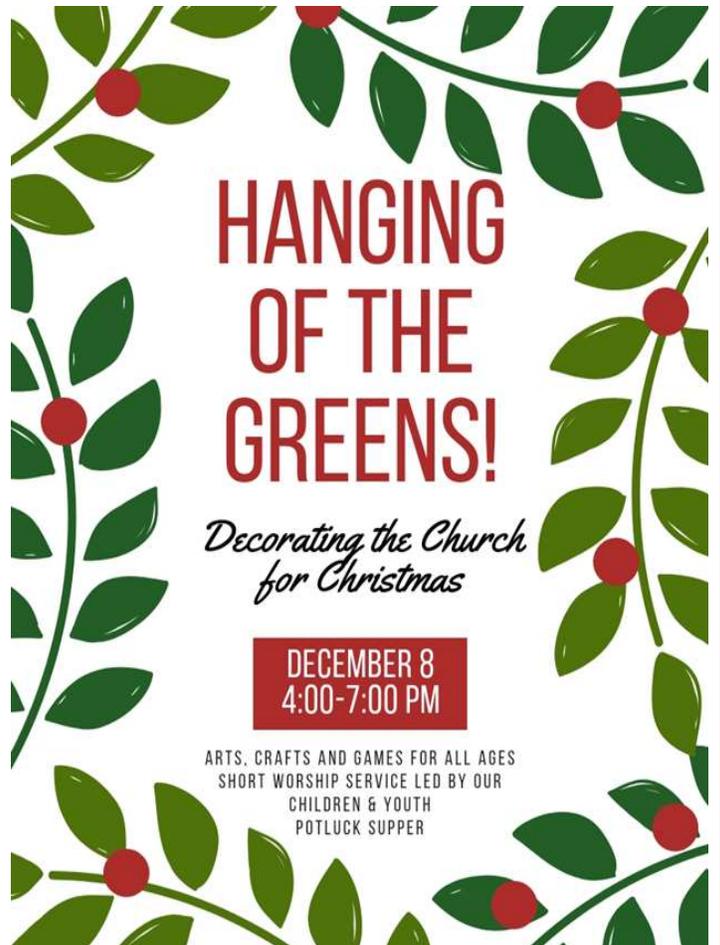
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Festive home made tea sandwiches, sweets, coffee, tea, and a special time to share our favorite Christmas holiday traditions.

Everyone is welcome.

Transportation can be provided, if needed.

Contact Karyn Briggs at (315)750-0682, or larrykaryn@hotmail.com



Announcements and Reminders

Pastor Rebecca and John will be visiting her parents from December 5-8th.

All Church Conference – Thursday, December 20 at 6:00 pm in the chapel. Our District Superintendent Rev. Andrew Foster will be here to lead our “state of the church” meeting. Everyone is welcome to come and share all we’ve done together as a Body of Christ this past year.

Fair Update - *Praise the Lord for this is the day the Lord has made....We will rejoice!*

I’m so beyond excited to be able to announce the Fair has brought in approximately **\$24,500** to date. This represents a 20% increase from last year. Truly amazing!

Thank You for all your donations...we take your unwanted stuff and we fill The Hardware Store, The Boutique, Books, Holiday Room, Kids, Attic Treasures, Jewelry. We also take your old wreaths and refurbish them to new. Yes, we will continue to accept your treasures!

Thank You to the Monday morning Crafters, to the Elves and the wreath makers, the cooks and kitchen crew, the bakers, the woodworkers, the painters, the sorters, the work crews, to Lynne Brown for her advertising efforts and her poster team, the money handlers, the Fair workers. You get my message, yes it takes a village!

Thank You to our new chairs...Rob Blomberg - Books and Cheryl Ann Randall - Holiday and Kids Room. And of course, to all our regular chairs.

A huge **THANK YOU** to Maryellen Geoghan, Christine Quesnel and team for taking on the Silent Auction and bringing it to the next level...can’t wait to see what you guys do next year!

But most importantly, **Thank You** for representing our Lord with your smiles and enthusiasm. Believe me the community felt it! They experienced our love of God and let’s all pray they’ll want some of that!

Mark your calendars now...be part of it next year! **November 15-16th, 2019**

With much appreciation,

Aline Ward, Chair. Contact info...508-444-6038. Or aw7050@comcast.net



“Perspectives” Bible Class on Cape Cod (January 24 - May 16)

Two years ago, our Children & Youth Director, Allison Deyo took an online class called, **“Perspectives on the World Christian Movement.”** The class is a 15-week course designed for anyone in the Body of Christ who wants to grow closer to God and interested in gaining deeper understanding of God’s ultimate purpose in the world. There have been thousands of classes all over the world, and for the first time ever, one will be offered on Cape Cod in Sandwich starting January! The class is quite unique as it is split into 4 sections: **Biblical, Historical, Cultural** and **Strategic** and has different expert teachers each of the 15 sessions. There are three different enrollment types:

Key Reading (attend class, read a few key articles, complete personal responses/reflections)

Certificate (everything above plus a few additional readings, weekly response questions and a project.)

Undergraduate/Graduate Credit (everything above plus more articles to read, 2 exams and a project/paper.)

The class details are as follows:

15 Week Class, Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:00 pm

January 24 to May 16 (excluding 2/21 & 4/18)

Covenant Community Church

360 Quaker Meeting House Road, E. Sandwich, MA 02537

Cost: \$275 (until 1/17, \$300 after)

For more information, please speak with Allison, who is the Coordinator/Facilitator of the class on Cape Cod, and to learn more about the class/to register, visit www.Perspectives.org/CapeCod.

Falmouth Eats Together is Thursday, December 13th at 4pm at the Congregational Church. All are welcome. And if you would like to help, please contact Tim or Bonnie Valade at (508) 563-9578.

Falmouth Choral Concerts “On Earth, Peace” December 8th at 1 & 4pm and December 9th at 4pm at the First Congregational Church in Falmouth.



Outreach/Missions Ministry Team

Change the World: Thank you for donating your loose change to Change the World. The October collection for the homeless bags brought in \$278.21. In November we collected \$161 for UMCOR. In December we will be collecting for the Pastors Discretionary Fund. The fund is used to help those in need in our church or in our community. This time of year can be very rough during the winter months and in order to help the world we need to start from home. It's hard to believe some can't afford heat or even a roof over their head. But we can help in some way!

Falmouth Service Center is overwhelmed with food donations during the holidays, so we are looking to donate to the Bourne Service Center as they have more of a need at this time. Please continue to bring in non-perishable items so we can help those in need.

Dress a Live Doll: the program has been an amazing success. We were happy to take on 10 children and 5 teenagers as we did last year. In less than two weeks we were able to fill all of the children's needs. I called the Salvation Army and asked for 5 more children and 3 more teenagers. It is humbling to see so much love from a small amount of people. In the end over 160 items were donated from head to toe and a toy. These children now can have new clothes and toys to celebrate this holiday season. I will post photos of all the gifts on the bulletin board.

Once again the **40 Day Group** has donated gift certificates totaling of \$500 to The Village of Cataumet, a shelter for homeless families, for the holiday season. This helps them with anything they may need at this time of year.

Venezuela Project: is back on track and we will have a table set up for donations. We have reconnected with our contacts and they are still in desperate need of formula for babies. Please look for a table on December 9th the second Sunday of the month. We are hoping to send our third shipment as soon as we have enough money. Thank you very much to those who have donated in the past.

Celebration Time!!!! A party is in the works for January to celebrate a milestone of our giving. We have donated over **\$200,000.00** to missions and outreach programs near and far. We will have a list of all the recipients posted at the party and then have it on the bulletin board. We want to thank all those who have had a part in this process. We couldn't have done it without you over the years of hard work and help.

Alternative gift market: was another great success in 2018! We are so blessed to live in such a responsive and generous community!

- The charity gift donations totaled \$39,403. Another \$533 was raised selling gift cards and \$167 in the bake sale.
- The World Shoe \ Samaritan's Feet organization that was represented by JWUMC raised \$3179!

Thank you to all who shopped and supported the market. A huge thank you to our volunteers who so enthusiastically and lovingly gave of their time at the gift market informing shoppers about our charity. Thanks to Kimberly Black, Ann Komer, Bob McIntire, Linda Duane, Amy Clatonoff Brown, John Mincieli, Kate Finemore and Boby Anderson.

....remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"*
Acts 20:35

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."
Ephesians 2:10

Please join our ministry meetings on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm



From the Archives 17 Our church's cemeteries

Did you know that our church owns a cemetery? In fact we own two cemeteries. One is on Main Street next to the Police Station. The other is in East Falmouth next to the Post Office. These are the opening lines from an excellent report about our cemeteries written by Bob Dinsmore titled "Cemetery Report 2014". It gives a concise background of both cemeteries including their history from the rise of Methodism in Falmouth in the early 1800s. The Main Street cemetery, called the Methodist Society Burial Ground, is the oldest continuously owned Methodist property in New England and the second oldest in the nation. In 1998 that cemetery and the adjacent Poor House were accepted for listing in the National Register of Historic Places after a complex application process. The other cemetery, called the East Falmouth Burial Ground, is next to the Post Office but separated from Route 28 by land now occupied by two commercial buildings. That land is where the East Falmouth Methodist church once stood.



On several occasions volunteer groups have done maintenance on the grounds –at least two Boy Scout Eagle projects (1985 and 2018) and a major effort in 1985 including work by church members and the Baker Monument Company. The picture shows our Youth Group painting a fence at the cemetery back in 2009.



An important step forward was taken by church members Gordon and Alice Todd in 1985 when they produced a complete survey of the Main Street cemetery including a map of the site and transcriptions of all the gravestones. Gordon and Alice have now both passed but their seminal work started serious recording of our cemeteries.

More recently we were able to hire a professional conservator, Donna Walcovy, with support from the Community Preservation Committee to work on both cemeteries. This work required several years and encompassed physical cleaning and repair of many stones and research about all those interred in the cemeteries. We now have extensive data about those buried in both our cemeteries and have verified that among them are veterans from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War and World War I and II.

Donna also compiled a list of residents from the adjacent Poor House (now the Town of Falmouth Marks building) that are buried in unmarked graves. Based on this information we installed a monument in their honor which was dedicated in 2014 by Rebecca Mincieli. The monument was provided and installed by Grafton Briggs free of charge; the church provided the plaque.

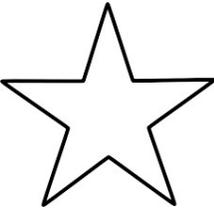
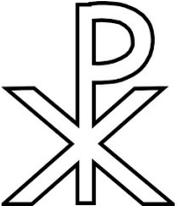
In 2008, part way through the conservation work, Bob and Donna held an open house to stimulate interest in the historic value of our cemeteries and also to let church members know that we are open to modern day burials. Routine burials stopped about 1956 but started again in 1986. An interesting note - our conservator has expressed her displeasure with the perfunctory modern day tombstone inscriptions that include only names and dates. She urges us to consider more interesting inscriptions that will say something about us or our times to future visitors to the cemetery.

And a mystery remains. A 1985 Falmouth Enterprise article refers to a 24 x 18 painting of the Main Street cemetery by Falmouth artist Esther Pearlman-Kane that the Todd's planned to leave to the church. Does anybody know where it is?

Finally a modern day dream from Bob Dinsmore is to create a park where the East Falmouth Methodist Church once stood by buying out the businesses there. In fact we already have a sign identifying the cemetery, we just need to select an appropriate place to erect it. A park would serve as a memorial to the church and provide an attractive entrance to the East Falmouth burial ground.

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John Wesley UMC's December, 2018 Calendar of Events

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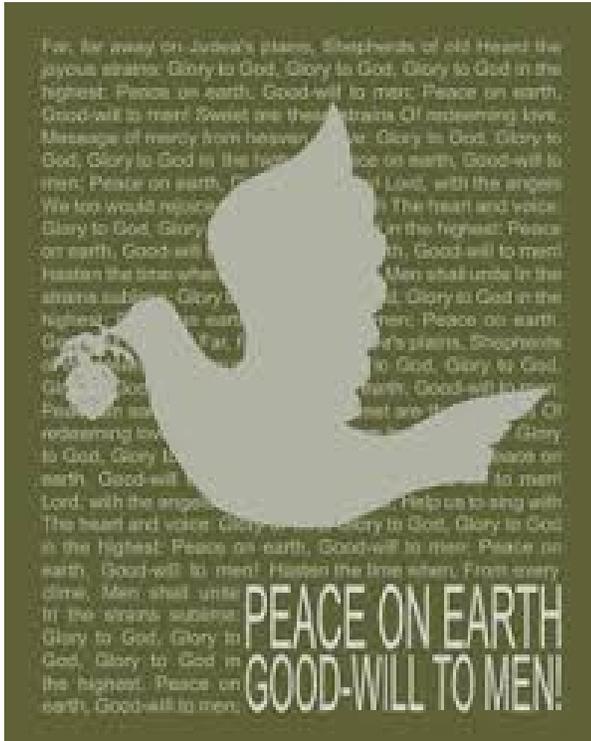
God's blessings to our family members celebrating birthdays this month:

DECEMBER 5-Dan Fraunfelter, 20- Dick MacKenzie, 26-Jeff Warburton

Please give your birthday information to the Fellowship Ministry by recording it on the calendar on the Fellowship bulletin board. Birthdays can be lifted up in prayer for all of God's blessings in the year ahead. Let us celebrate life among our church family. It's a great thing to have a birthday, a gift from God.

December

What Gifts Shall We Give This Christmas?



*What gifts shall we give this Christmas
To Jesus, Who gave us His life
To erase our sins and save us
From earthly temptations and strife?*

*What better present than ourselves
To spread good will to everyone
By being kind and generous
Exemplifying God's own Son?*

*To love our neighbors as ourselves,
To support the community,
To be there for someone in need,
To try to erase poverty.*

*If each of us could give these gifts
And share God's love with everyone,
I think Jesus would be thankful.
To each of us, He'd say, "Well done".*

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