

# WESLEY WINDOW

DECEMBER 21, 2023

## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

**DECEMBER 24, 2023**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

### **Traditional** **8:30AM**

Sanctuary  
Greg Porterfield  
Scripture: *Luke 2:1-20*

### **11AM**

Sanctuary  
Greg Porterfield

### **4PM**

Sanctuary  
Greg Porterfield

### **6PM**

Sanctuary  
Greg Porterfield

### **11PM**

Narthex  
Greg Porterfield

### **Modern** **4PM**

Celebration Space  
Lindsey Solomon

Watch live at  
[www.wesleyumc.net](http://www.wesleyumc.net)

Livestream on  
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available



**WESLEY  
CHURCH**

## *Things to Know*

- ♦ 8:30AM will be a normal traditional service as we observe the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent
- ♦ The 11AM Family Christmas Pageant will be an interactive telling of the Christmas Story geared towards families with young children. All are welcome!
- ♦ The 4 & 6PM Traditional services will feature carols around the manger, communion and the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight.
- ♦ The 4PM Modern service will feature communion and candlelight.
- ♦ The 11PM Service will have 9 Lessons & Carols, communion and "Silent Night" by candlelight.
- ♦ Nursery is available during all services for children birth-three years old.
- ♦ The 11AM Family, 4PM Modern and 6PM Traditional services will be livestreamed.

## *Christmas Eve at Wesley*

MEET ME AT THE MANGER

**8:30AM**

**Traditional  
Sunday Service  
Sanctuary**

**11AM**

**Family Christmas Pageant  
Sanctuary**

**4PM**

**Modern Service  
Celebration Space**

**4 & 6PM**

**Traditional Services  
Sanctuary**

**11PM**

**Lessons & Carols  
Sanctuary**



## OUR PRAYERS

Alcohol/Drug Addiction	Bret Evans	Jamie Moxley
Tony Altman	Gordon & Betty Fair	Jane Moxley
Nate Anderson	Jerry French	Scott Noss
Lisa Atchley	Homer Gaither	Frank & Peggy Ondrea
Armed Forces	Dee Gebhard	Jared Ondrea
Baker Family	Greg Gelinas	Julie O'Neill
Danny Barton	Sue Haas	Jared Overton
Beery Family	Sulli Hajek	Donna Palmer
Skylar Bernstein	Bob Hall	Rusty Palmer
Gena Berry	Cindy Hall	Debbie Parker
Rose Mary Bishop	Deborah Hall	Eunice Parker
Jim & Judy Bowman	Mark Hall	Sam Passmore
John & Darlynn Bradley	Kris Hardy	Lily Patterson
Pam Buckus	Jessi Hickey	Gloria Prather
Tim & Cindy Bufford	Shaun Hickman	David Radford
Vickie Bufford	Dave Hinner	Family
Garry Burkhart	Don & Betty Holck	Susan Reitz
Benjamin Butler	Joe Jackson	Luke Russell
Diana Butler	Patricia Jameson	Steve Samborne
Gilbert Caride	Jimmy & Patsy Johnson	Johnny Seals
Branch Carter	Roger Johnson	Lonnie Servais
Gloria Cawley	Jerry & Teresa Kelly	Stephen & Debra Shockley
Frances Chandler	Jeri Key	Richard Shouse
Cherland Family	Olivia King	Jack Smith
Chris & Lisa Childs	Taylor Laurson	Gary Sonnedeker
Christy Family	Wanda Lee	William & Marietta Steele
Megan Clark	Linda Linder	Bobby Strozier Family
Kim Diane Cliett	Amy & Ava Litka	Jason Taylor
Marie Creasy	Juliet Maddox	Melissa Tobakos
Audrey Dawe	Allyson Malcom	Cynthia Trammell
Ann Dockal	Dan Marshall	Jackie Troupe
Walter & Linda Dodson	Michelle Mashak	Waddell Family
Katherine Dore	Haley McPhail	Debi West
Draper Family	Jeffrey Mims	Megan Williams
Raynetta Drinnon	Miller & Margaret Mims	Bonnie Wilson
Jennifer Earlenbaugh	Bob Minton Family	Timothy Wirz
Dolore Eckles	Susie Miville	
Amy Eubanks	Earl Morgan	
	Daryl & Sharon Morse	

## OUR WEEKLY BREAD

*"You will keep in perfect peace those  
whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."  
Isaiah 26:3*

Peace is a word that gets thrown around a lot at Christmas. It's on cards, decorations and sometimes even lit up in bright lights. It's a word that seems to stir a longing in all of us, yet it also seems hard to come by, especially at Christmas - there's a house to decorate, gifts to buy, meals to cook, relatives to connect with and loads of events to attend. How on earth are we expected to find peace in the midst of the extreme hubbub?

The circumstances of the first Christmas were very stressful, too. There was an unmarried, pregnant teenager and a scared but faithful fiance. There was no room in the inn. There was an unidentified star in the sky. Yet God gave the gift of prevailing peace in that story in the same way He longs to give our hearts the gift of peace. How did Mary and Joseph overcome the chaos of their circumstances and embrace peace instead? They implemented the truth in Isaiah 26:3. Their trust in God made them steadfast, as evidenced by their response when they were first given the startling and stressful news of being parents to the Messiah: Mary said, "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." (Luke 1:46-47). Joseph put aside his plans to divorce Mary quietly, and per God's instructions, took her as his wife.

Perfect peace isn't dependent on circumstances. It comes from a steadfast, trusting heart. Let's intentionally grow our steadfastness by focusing our trust on God who is faithful. The resulting peace will point to the Savior we're celebrating!

*Lord, I set my heart on You. You are trustworthy, faithful and the Giver of the gift of peace. Please fill me this Christmas season. As others see Your peace in me, let them recognize You as Savior. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

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## FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION

### DECEMBER: BABY FOOD & DIAPERS

If you can donate any non-perishable foods and household staples, please place them in the Mission Cart in the Biscuit Area.

## OUR GIFTS - DECEMBER 17, 2023

• Operating	\$	69,009
• Received Through This Week:	\$	2,144,398
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	2,557,421



PEACE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT





# Meet the Manger

A FEW OF THE MEANINGFUL NATIVITY SETS FROM LAST SUNDAY



**Dawn & Mark Titter**  
Our daughter Ashley brought this to us from a Wesley UMC mission trip to Honduras.



**Amelia**  
I have had it for a very long time and it brings special memories!



**Penny Hodges**  
My 4-year-old granddaughter made this for me last year. It has been on my hearth all year to remind me that God's Grace is sufficient for me.



**Morris Family**  
We spent Christmas in Wyoming visiting Yellowstone and the Tetons on Jet Skis.



**Morris Family**  
Our first Christmas without our oldest son Joshua who was at Navy Boot Camp. We spent Christmas in Colorado.



**Unknown**  
My favorite nativity was painted in 1997 by my daughter Jordan. She was only 5 when she painted it in children's church at Lewis UMC.



**Karen Mitchell**  
African Manger



**Bill & Patti Morningstar**  
It was given to me by my aunt and uncle when I was a child in 1956.



**The Teagues**  
We lived in Alaska 2019-2019.



**Jordan Barnes**  
My sister gave it to my son (little David) for his 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas.



**Porterfield Family**  
As described in last week's *Window*



## THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

**Sunday - 24<sup>th</sup>**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:30a Traditional Worship  
11:00a Family Christmas Pageant  
4:00p Modern Service  
4:00p Traditional Service  
6:00p Traditional Service  
11:00p Lessons & Carols Service

**Monday - 25<sup>th</sup>**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday - 26<sup>th</sup>**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Wednesday - 27<sup>th</sup>**

6:00p Handbells  
7:00p Celebration Choir

**Thursday - 28<sup>th</sup>**

6:00a Men's Breakfast/Riverwood  
6:00p Pickleball

**Sunday - 31<sup>st</sup>**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

8:30a Traditional Worship  
9:30a Modern Worship  
11:00a Traditional Worship  
12:00p Noon Year's Eve

**Monday - 1<sup>st</sup>**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Wednesday - 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10:00a Women's Bible Study  
6:00p Handbells  
7:00p Celebration Choir

**Thursday - 4<sup>th</sup>**

6:00a Men's Breakfast/Riverwood  
9:15a Mom's Group  
6:00p Pickleball

## CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY PAGEANT

**DECEMBER 24, 11AM**



**The church office will be closed:**

Friday, December 22  
Monday, December 25  
Tuesday, December 26  
Monday, January 1

**The Wesley Window  
will not be published  
on December 28.**

*Merry Christmas*



**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

*Worship*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**8:30 & 11AM TRADITIONAL**

**9:30AM MODERN**

*Merry Christmas!*



**WESLEY  
CHURCH**

Helen Bissell.....Senior Adult Outreach  
Rebekah Bryant ext 207.....Modern Music Director  
Lisa Clayton.....Custodian  
Laura Croft ext 210.....Preschool Director  
Michelle Dodson ext 221.....Evangelism/Program Secretary  
Amanda Ellis ext 203.....Finance Director  
Ellyn Gilbert ext 224.....Student Ministries Coordinator  
Jose Gonzales.....Custodian  
Mark Haddon ext 206.....Facilities Manager  
Scott Harris ext 205.....Associate Pastor  
Laura Lowe.....Interim Assistant Music Director  
Elaine Maxwell.....Pianist  
Kate Morris ext 211.....Family Ministry Director  
Greg Porterfield ext 201.....Senior Pastor  
Makayla Rittwage.....Student Discipleship Coordinator  
Carol Shikle ext 211.....Assistant Family Ministry Director  
Kelley Sleeper ext 202.....Missions Assistant  
Lindsey Solomon ext 223.....Associate Pastor  
Aaron Talbott ext 213.....Pastor of Student Ministries  
Jeff Wickell ext 225.....Music Ministries Director  
Hillary Williamson ext 220.....Care Director

For a complete listing of staff contact information, visit [wesleyumc.net](http://wesleyumc.net).

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