

MISSION, VISION, & CORE VALUES STATEMENTS ~ WMC

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NEW MISSION STATEMENT (fall 2019)

"Connect with God, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love"

VISION STATEMENT

The Wintersville Methodist Church will serve as a beacon of Christian love, compassion, and hope to our world.

CORE VALUES

The Wintersville Methodist Church has a commitment to:

- **Honor Christ:** We will honor our Lord in all that we practice and teach.
- **Prayer:** The ministries and activities of this church will be characterized by a reliance on prayer in their conception, planning, and execution.
- **Proclaim the Gospel:** Whenever and wherever possible, we will proclaim the Gospel through the teaching and preaching of God's Word.
- **Meaningful and relevant worship:** We will provide meaningful and relevant worship that conveys the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- **Welcome and accept all persons:** Without regard for race, faith, culture, or lifestyle, we will welcome and accept all persons just as they are.
- **Nurture and care for our church family:** As brothers and sisters in Christ, we will nurture and care for each other as a church family.
- **To equip lay persons:** We will train and support lay persons to carry out the ministries of the church.
- **Small groups:** We will form small groups that meet specific needs and promote growth in Christ.
- **Excellence:** We seek to maintain a high standard of excellence in all of our ministries. This will be achieved when everyone is exercising his or her God-given spiritual gift to the best of his or her ability for the upbuilding of the Body of Christ.
- **Growth:** We believe that Christianity exists to share Christ with others. Therefore, we will pursue attitudes and knowledge that encourage numerical growth without compromising in any way our integrity or our commitment to biblical truth.
- **Improvement of our physical facilities:** Updating and expanding the physical facilities will continue in order to enhance the present and future ministries of the church.
- **Service:** We will seek to follow Jesus' example through acts of service to those in our congregation, community, and beyond.



THE CENTER FOR HOPE PRAISE SERVICE

**“Bible Alive 2025!
“Seeking First God’s Kingdom -
Eyes fixed on Jesus”**

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:1-2

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PALM SUNDAY

Wintersville Methodist Church

April 13, 2025 ~ 9:00 a.m.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



PALM SUNDAY

2025 Worship Theme: “Bible Alive 2025!”

Lenten Theme: “Seeking First God’s Kingdom”

Welcome, Ministries Updates & Prayer

Palm Sunday Scripture *Matthew 21:1-9, 15-16*

Children’s Bell Choir Praise

Worshipping the Lord Together

“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

“King of Kings”

“The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power”

Offering Worship

(Children invited to Jr. Church in the Fellowship Hall)

Worship Through the Word

“Seeking First God’s Kingdom – Eyes fixed on Jesus”

Hebrews 12:1-3

Song of Testimony *“Victory in Jesus”*

Discipleship Challenge

Please stay for refreshments, fellowship, & Sunday School classes

(As you leave the sanctuary with palm crosses in hand, may it serve as a symbolic reminder of Jesus’ love and sacrifice for us, and also as a symbolic reminder to fix your eyes on Jesus each and every day.)

Our Mission: Connect with God, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love

Focus Scriptures

Bible Pledge

“This is Truth, this is Life, this is God’s Word.

Let’s open it together.”

John 12:20-22 ~ “Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.”

John 1:29, 35-37 ~ “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” . . . The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.”

Hebrews 12:1-3 ~ “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 ~ “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

Romans 8:18 ~ “I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

Matthew 16:24-26 ~ “Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

Colossians 3:1-2, 15-17 ~ “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. . . . Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Prayer Concerns

Please continue to pray daily for your church family and many others.

Specifically please lift up: Debbie Wickham, Glenn Grimes, Martha Bigrigg, Cheryl Walters, Family of Elaine Snider, Annalise Quillen's Arrival, Family of Bradyn White, Fred Walton, Robert Malcolm, Jim Halstead, Marlene Darr, Betty McKay, Jean Zamberlan Brandsberg, Jeff (cancer), Hannah Sindeldecker, Jim Lash, Gary Swickard, Donna Henry, Darla Bednar, Sanford Miles, Terry Pendleton, Linda Streblo, Pat Perry, Chris Briggs, Liz Kendle, "Leaders", Bev Sullivan, June Sweeney, Susan & Jerry Matics, Doug & Regina Patterson, Emily Maurer, Darla Doan, Wrenlee Buxton, Neiko Boni (3 yr. old), Jonathan & Ty Lallone, Mike & Julie Rudy, Charlie Snyder, Daylaynee Howcraft, Larry Standiford, Allison Neptune, Ann Bass, Monroe DeLuca, Josh Beadnell, Charlotte Shively, Alva Striffler, Cathy Perry First, Joey Snider, Michelle Turner, Mary Alice Brandt, First Responders, Kennedy Harbin, Wendy Matthews, Joan Lantry, Sue Rooney, Tory Zink, Brian Adams



ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

If you would like to provide Altar Flowers in memory or honor of someone, please sign up on the chart in the informational hallway. Please put in honor or memory of and the person(s) name and who it is given by, so we will have the information to put in the bulletin. Also only one set of flowers per Sunday, if at all possible, mark which service to place them – "Praise" or Traditional." Please "take" the flowers with you or indicate if you would like to donate them. The cost for the flowers is \$25.00, (please mark Altar Flowers) and can be paid through the church office. Any questions, please call the church office.

JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS & SUNDAY SCHOOL



Children's & Youth Sunday School - 10:00am
All Kids 2 years thru 12th Grade Welcome!



Adult Sunday School – 10:00am
All are welcome to join us!

Adult Sunday School Class:

"Jesus Time: Where We Spend Time with Jesus in His Culture," led by Lanny Sterms, meets in back of sanctuary

Updated Website & Facebook

Our updated Website is – wintersvillemc.com.

Our updated Facebook is – [Wintersville Methodist Church](https://www.facebook.com/WintersvilleMethodistChurch)

APRIL 13 – APRIL 20 ~ CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Date | Day | Event | Time | Room |
|------|------|--|-----------------|------------------|
| 13 | Sun | Lighthouse Praise Service | 9:00am | CFH |
| | | Sunday School | 10:00am | Assigned rooms |
| | | Traditional Worship Service | 11:00am | Sanctuary |
| | | Bell Choir Praise Both Services | 9:00 & 11:00 | |
| 14 | Mon | Pickleball | 6:30 pm | CFH Gym |
| | | Cub Scouts | 6:30-7:30pm | FH |
| | | Center for Hope Board Mtg | 7:00 pm | YR |
| 15 | Tues | Friends Practice | 7:00 pm | 100 |
| 16 | Wed | Jefferson County Chamber | 11am – 2pm | CFH |
| | | Purpose Driven Knitting Class | 1:00-3:00pm | FI/204 |
| 17 | Thur | Sacrificial Meal | 6:15 pm | FH |
| | | Pickleball | 6:30pm | CFH/Gym |
| | | Maunder Thursday Service | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary |
| 19 | Sat | AA 12 Step Group | 10:00-11:15am | FH/108 |
| 20 | Sun | EASTER SUNDAY | | |
| | | Lighthouse Praise Service | 9:00am | CFH |
| | | Refreshments & Sunday School | 10:00am | Assigned rooms |
| | | Children's Easter Egg Hunt | 10:00 am | JCCCS |
| | | Traditional Worship Service | 11:00am | Sanctuary |

2025 Worship Theme: "Bible Alive 2025!"

Lenten Theme: "Bible Alive 2025! ~ Seeking First God's Kingdom"

Our theme for EASTER SUNDAY, Apr. 20 , " Seeking First God's Kingdom-Living for Jesus Today (& Every Day)!" **2Cor. 5:15-6:2, 1Cor. 15:1-6, 57-58.**

Memory Verses: 2Cor. 5:15, 17.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Praise Service (Center for Hope) 9:00am 9:30-10:00am Jr. Church
Sunday School for all ages 10:00 am Traditional Service 11:00am

Live Stream Worship

Our 9:00am Praise Service is livestreaming on YouTube on Sunday mornings, and also available anytime on a link through FaceBook. Visit wintersvillemc.com to connect. Special Music, Sacred Dance. Please join with us and invite others!

Thank You Notes

I want to thank all of my sisters & brothers in Christ for your card, prayers, and thoughtfulness. I ask that you keep me in your prayers. God is good all the time.
Your loving sister, Betty Thompson

Dear Church Family: I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the thoughtful birthday card I received. Your kindness and love made this special day even more meaningful. Thank you for being such an important part of my life and for sharing in my celebration. I feel blessed to be a part of such a caring and supportive community with heartfelt thanks.

Joyce Nicholson

Church Camp Scholarship Fundraisers

One of the highlights of summer as a child from our church is church camp! With costs topping out over \$500 this year it is getting increasingly difficult to send our children. To ease the burden on parents, the kids (with help from some adults) are launching a series of fundraisers to support these efforts.

- We will have two Noisy Can collections. One on April 27th and one on May 18th, so please save your change!
- Our BIG EVENT is the SPRING INTO SUMMER VENDOR SHOW in the Center For Hope on May 3rd from 11am-3pm. If you know any vendors willing to participate, please have them contact Jessica Ward at 931-217-7766. Mark your calendars and come out to support these vendors who are supporting our kids on May 3rd!
- On May 7th at First Wednesdays in Wintersville the Kids will be selling Ice cream Sundaes and offering face paint for donation.
- If you feel called to help in any way with these efforts or if your child is in need of a camp scholarship please reach out to Jessica Ward at 931-217-7766.

Youth News

Youth Mission Week June 15-19. We have nearly 30 youth registered for this impactful week, so we are in need of many chaperones. Please mark your calendars and come help the most amazing Youth Group in the world and serve our amazing Lord! Questions? Call Tif 740-317-0609. Pick up a registration form from the Youth Room.

Summer Camp is right around the corner. WMC will be offering a \$150 scholarship per camper. Pick up a form in the back of the sanctuary and Center for Hope today. Forms **due May 1st**.

Donations of Candy/Easter Eggs for Easter Egg Hunt

As we prepare for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, we're reaching out to our church family for your generous support. The children eagerly anticipate this tradition, and your contributions play a vital role in its success. **Candy/plastic Easter eggs donations can be dropped off at the back of the Center for Hope or Sanctuary by Wednesday, April 16th.** Thank you for your continued generosity, support, and love for our children.

Annual Church Rummage Sale

The Annual Church Rummage will be held both **Friday, April 25th and Saturday, April 26th**. It will be from 9:00am-2:00pm on both days. We will also have a concession stand both days. All monies raised will go to the "Nehemiah 2.0 Raise the Roof" Campaign. Donations may be dropped off **ONLY Monday, April 21st thru Wednesday, April 23rd from 9:00am-12:00pm & 5:00pm-7:00pm.** So, save all your good "stuff". We will need lots of volunteers to get this organized. Can we count on you? It really has been a lot of fun in the past. If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Michele Purviance 740-424-7464, Kitty Ferguson 740-317-8690 or the church office 740-264-1676.

Biennial Church Auction


We are planning on having another Church Auction on **Saturday, May 17 beginning at 10:00am**. We will also have a concession available. All monies raised will go to the **final** "Nehemiah 2.0 Raise the Roof" Campaign project. So, if you have items that you think will be good auction items or if you have any questions, please contact Michele Purviance 740-424-7464, Bob Woods 740-457-7156 or the church office 740-264-1676.

Men's Bible Study

Due to Easter the Men's Bible Study on Saturday, April 19, 2025 has been **Postponed.**




Sacrificial Meal Explained

The logo for the Sacrificial Meal, featuring a stylized green plant on the left, a golden chalice in the center, and a red flame on the right, with the words "SACRIFICIAL MEAL" in green capital letters below.

For several decades in our church it has been a tradition to offer a "Sacrificial Meal" experience on Maundy Thursday before our Communion Service. However, we now realize that there are many in our congregation who do not know what the "Sacrificial Meal" is or why we have it. It is a quiet, solemn opportunity during Holy Week to focus on Jesus and His sacrificial love for all of us. This year we will meet in the sanctuary on Maundy Thursday, April 17, by 6:15pm. There will be about 10 minutes of reflective devotions, and then everyone will quietly proceed to the Fellowship Hall for a "sacrificial meal" together. The meager meal consists of a small bowl of rice soup, crackers, some cheese and fruit. It is not a meal intended to fill our stomachs, but a light meal and time of quiet devotion to nourish our souls. The silence of the occasion and sparse meal are to help us more thoroughly reflect on Jesus' suffering, sacrifice and the price He paid for the sins of the world. At about 6:55pm we will proceed back up to the sanctuary for the Maundy Thursday Communion Service, which begins at 7:00pm. There is no talking during any of this "sacrificial meal" time from 6:15-7:00pm. Our Nursery will be available for those children who are too young to participate and stay quiet for this solemn experience.

Anyone is welcome to participate, but for planning purposes it is helpful to have a general idea of how many to prepare for. Please consider participating in this unique spiritual experience, and please sign the "RSVP sheet" in the back of the sanctuary or Center for Hope by April 14th if you plan to attend. Thank you.

Keeping Holy Week Holy

The logo for Holy Week, featuring a green plant on the left, a golden cross in the center, and the words "Holy Week" in green capital letters below.

Holy Week begins Today. "Holy" means to "set apart", and another definition of "holy" is, "to be dedicated to God for a religious purpose". Please truly make Holy Week "holy" by setting it apart to be dedicated to God for His glory and for your spiritual reflection, repentance, re-orientation, renewal, re-commitment and growing and deepening relationship with the Lord. Many years ago God spoke through the prophet Isaiah, "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near." Holy Week is a special time to seek, call upon, and "find" the Lord in new and more meaningful ways while He is "near." Please participate through worship (in person if possible, or online), prayer, and our special Holy Week services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday

Worship Opportunities through Easter (Please join with us in person if possible, or online if necessary)

Lent 2025 Worship Theme: "Bible Alive 2025! ~ Seeking First God's Kingdom"

Holy Week Worship Experiences

Sunday, April 13 - PALM/PASSION SUNDAY. Theme: "Seeking First God's Kingdom ~ Eyes Fixed on Jesus," Hebrews 12:1-3. **Children's Bell Choir at both services.** Distribution of Palms.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE & SACRIFICIAL MEAL MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 17

SACRIFICIAL MEAL - begins at 6:15pm in the sanctuary, then proceed to the Fellowship Hall (see article in this bulletin with explanation of this meaningful experience.)

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE - 7:00pm in the Sanctuary Theme: "Seeking First God's Kingdom – Jesus' Footsteps of Suffering,"

1 Peter 2:21-25

Sunday, April 20 - EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION CELEBRATION!

Theme: " Seeking First God's Kingdom – Living for Jesus Today (& Every Day)!" 2 Corinthians 5:15-6:2, 1 Cor. 15:1-6,57-58.

Memory Verses: 2Cor. 5:15, 17.

Special Music, Sacred Dance.

9:00am – Lighthouse Praise Easter Resurrection Worship Service.

10:00am – Sunday School for all ages/Refreshments in the Fellowship hall. Easter Egg Hunt for children

11:00am – Traditional Easter Resurrection Worship Service.

Sunday, April 27- "Seeking First God's Kingdom – Hearts Burning within Us," Luke 24:32

Youth Group & Kingdom Kids News

Please join with us for Youth Group and Kingdom Kids on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm. All youth 6th -12th grade are welcome at Youth Group, and Kingdom Kids is for all those in K-5th grades.

Ohio Valley Health Center Annual Gala

The Ohio Valley Health Center is hosting their Annual Gala on April 27. OVHC is the only free clinic in a 50 mile radius, and last year alone they met the needs of 434 active patients while providing free healthcare and prescriptions valued at over one million dollars. Once again our church is a major sponsor of the Gala (their major yearly fundraiser), and if you would like to attend the Gala, please see Ann Quillen for tickets today.

Keep Your Plastic Bags!!

Indian Creek has asked us to continue collecting plastic bags until March 31st. They are less than 500 pounds away from their goal. After we deliver them on the 31st, we will continue to collect them for one more week (April 7th) and use those bags for our rummage sale. Thanks for participating.

Outreach Committee

“Raise the Roof! – Pig Giveaway”

One of our church members, Chad Johnston (operator of Johnston Farmstead), graciously agreed to raise and then prepare a pig to help raise funds for our “Raise the Roof!” project. We will have a drawing on June 1 to determine first, second and third prize; 1st: ½ pig and small chest freezer, 2nd: ¼ pig, 3rd: ¼ pig. **Tickets for this fundraiser are \$10 each and we are hoping that many of our church family will not only participate, but also encourage others to do so. For all who are willing to help in this way, we have packets of 10 tickets prepared for you to take with you and “sell”.** They are available for pickup in the back of CFH/Sanctuary after both worship services and include an instruction sheet. Please sign out each packet taken. Thank you for supporting our project in this way!

VBS MUSIC INFORMATION

In preparation for VBS 2025, the music department would like to assemble a small group of youth and adults to be a part of this year’s VBS praise/dance team. The praise/dance team will join the praise and worship leader in opening and closing VBS each night. Rehearsals for this group will begin in June. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please see Cynthia Lytle or Macklyn Weilert.

A/C Units Available

There are still several used church window A/C units available for free. Please see Bob Woods or Dave Price if interested.



4/13 Arah Nardone
4/16 Betty Isaly
4/19 Nancy Grim

4/14 Jorja Anderson
4/16 David Quillen
4/19 Bradley Piko

4/14 Karen Nicholson
4/17 Ali Purviance

CARD MINISTRY: Please take a moment to sign the cards in the back of the Sanctuary or on the table by the kitchen in the Center for Hope. It really means a lot to those who receive them. Thank you!

Today’s cards: Fred Walton Glenn Grimes Jim Halstead

Wednesday FaithBuilders Schedule

Kingdom Kids – Kindergarten – 6th grade ~ 6:00-7:30pm
Youth Group 6th – 12th grade ~ 6:00-7:30pm
Adult Bible Study - 6:30-7:30pm



Financial Support of Wintersville Methodist Church

All giving is GREATLY APPRECIATED! As we move forward for the Lord, into the new year, we ask you to please prayerfully consider how you can generously support the good work that God is doing, and will be doing, through the Ministry and Mission of WMC. Financial support is necessary to help fulfill that mission.

Financial Giving 2025

| | <u>Received 4/6</u> | <u>Needed Weekly</u> | <u>Yr to Date</u> | <u>2025 Budget</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Budget /Special | \$ 12,272.92 | \$ 7,825.00 | \$ 114,393.76 | (+ \$ 4,843.76) |
| Center for Hope | \$ 1,795.00 | \$ 2,875.00 | \$ 37,103.00 | (- \$ 3,147.00) |
| | | | (for loan payment only) | |

**Thank you for generous support for Nehemiah 2.0!
We have “Raised the Roof!” Praise the Lord!**

Please visit our Church’s Website for more information!

wintersvillemc.com

**COMMUNICATION INFORMATION INSPIRATION
DONATIONS CONNECTION INVITATIONS**

Also, please visit, “share”, and “like” our church Facebook page (Wintersville Methodist Church) as often as possible. Thank You!