December 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 9:00am Praise Service 10:00am Children's Ministry Program Practice 10:00am Set up Good Neighbors in Youth Room 10:00am Sunday School all Ages/Refreshments 11:00am Traditional Service 6:00pm "A VERY MERRY NIGHT OF CHEER" CHRISTMAS CONCERT | 2 6:00pm Christian Ed Meeting 6:30pm Pickleball | 3 6:00pm Nehemiah 2.0 Meeting | 4 1:00pm Purpose Driven Knitting Class 6:00pm Kingdom Kids 6:00pm Youth Group Good Neighbors Wrapping 6:30pm Seamless Adult Bible Study | 5 10:00am Seamless Adult Bible Study 6:00pm Praise Band Practice 6:30pm Pickleball | 6 6:00pm Center for Hope Nativity Setup | 7 10:00am AA Meeting 10:30am Men's Bible Study 12:00pm Winter Weekend - Vendors in Fellowship Hall 2:00pm Musical Performances CFH 5:45pm Tree Lighting & Luminaries |
| 8 9:00am Praise Service 10:00am Children's Ministry Program Practice 10:00am Sunday School all Ages/Refreshments 11:00am Traditional Service 4:00pm Wintersville Christmas Parade 5:00pm Children's Ministry Christmas Program | 9 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Pickleball | 10 12:30pm Bright Star Home School 6:00pm HR Committee Meeting | Driven Knitting Class 6:00pm Children's | 12 10:00am Seamless Adult Bible Study 6:00pm Praise Band Practice 6:30pm Pickleball | 13 9:00am Jefferson County Resource Network | 14 9:00am Modern Eve Fruit Baskets 10:00am AA Meeting 10:30am Men's Bible Study |
| 15 10:00am ONE COMBINED SERVICE IN SANCTUARY 11:00am Modern Eve Soup & Cookie Sale Pick-Up 11:15am Annual WMC Business Meeting (CFH) 5:00pm CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM 6:00pm CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DINNER | 16 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Pickleball | 17 Good Neighbors | | 19 Good Neighbors 10:00am Seamless Adult Bible Study 6:00pm Praise Band Practice 6:30pm Pickleball | 20 7:00pm Good Neighbors Packing Groceries/Toys | 21 Good Neighbors Distribution 10:00am AA Meeting |
| 9:00am Praise Service 10:00am BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS 10:00am Sunday School all Ages/Refreshments 11:00am Traditional Service | 23 6:30pm Pickleball | 24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE (CFH) 11:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE (Sanctuary) | 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! OUR SAVIOR IS BORN! Office Closed | | 27 6:00pm Youth Christmas Party at Tif's | 28 9:00am Men's Group Breakfast at Eat-N-Park 10:00am AA Meeting |
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE for ADVENT 2024

Advent 2024 Worship Theme ~ "Better Together!"

Worship Services: Praise Service at 9:00am in the Center for Hope Traditional Service at 11:00am in the Sanctuary



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Sunday, Dec. 1 – First Sunday of Advent. Theme: "Better Together: Prophecy AND Fulfillment (John the Baptist)", Isaiah 9:1-2,6-7, Luke 1:5-25,57-80, John 1:19-34, John 3:30, Matthew 11:2-15. Lighting the candle of Hope.

***Sunday, Dec. 1 - 6:00pm – "A Very Merry Night of Cheer" Christmas

Concert from Amish Country** (in the Center for Hope. Tickets are only \$10

and are available from the church office or at the door. Please join with us & invite others!)





Sunday, Dec. 8 – Second Sunday of Advent. Theme: "Better Together: Trust AND Obey (Joseph)", Matt. 1:18-25, 2:13-23. Receiving New Members. Lighting Candle of Peace.



**Wednesday, Dec. 11 - 6:00pm ~ FRIENDS Christmas Concert in Sanctuary



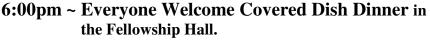
Sunday, Dec. 15 (a Very Busy Day!) – ONE COMBINED SERVICE in the SANCTUARY at 10:00am. Celebration of Holy Communion at the Altar rail. Third Sunday of Advent. Theme: "Better together: Confused AND Willing (Mary)", Luke 1:26-56, Proverbs 3:5-6, Romans 8:26-28. Lighting the Candle of Joy.



*WMC Annual Church Meeting at 11:15am in the Center for Hope.



**Sunday, Dec. 15 – 5:00pm ~ Children's Christmas Program ~ "A Night with the King" in the Center for Hope.





Sunday, Dec. 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent. Theme: "Better Together: Light AND Love, (All People)", John 1:1-18. Lighting Candle of Love. Distribution of Quillen family ornaments. Children's Birthday Party for Jesus at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall.



*(Christmas Eve is a wonderful time to invite others to church with you who may not know the Lord or have a church home of their own.

Please be praying now for who God wants you to invite.)



Tuesday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Services



Theme: "Better Together: The Nativity Puzzle," Luke 2:1-20. Special music. 5:00pm – Center for Hope Candlelight Service (including special Children's Message and Nursery available)

11:00pm – Sanctuary Candlelight Service. "Silent Night" and special music.



Sun., Dec. 29 – Theme: "Better Together: Seeing, Hearing, and Following (the Wise Men)", Matthew 2:1-12. Celebration of Christmas Praise.

Sun., Jan. 5, 2025 – Covenant Communion Sunday.

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;











Annual WMC Business Meeting



Even though "our church" has a notable 200 year history, on July 1, 2023 we transitioned from Wintersville United Methodist Church to Wintersville Methodist Church. While many things remained the "same", with that transition came a new set of legally required by-laws and some changes in our organizational structure. As part of this new structure that was overwhelmingly approved by our congregation, we are required to have an "Annual Church Business Meeting" in December each year for "the election of the Church Council and the transaction of other business." Since none of our Church Council members will be completing their initial term until the end of 2025, we will not be voting on new Council members, but we will be dealing with other church business.

Our annual meeting will be taking place on Sunday, December 15 at 11:15am in the Center for Hope. We will be having one special combined Communion worship service that day at 10:00am in the sanctuary, and then all who would like to attend will proceed to the Center for the Annual Meeting. At this meeting, relevant information will be shared by our church officers, our nominations report and 2025 budget will be affirmed, and other discussion will take place along with a Q & A time. All members of WMC are eligible to vote on any issues that are put to a vote. If anyone would like to make a motion or present a topic of discussion to be placed on the agenda, according to our by-laws it must be submitted two weeks ahead of time. With this being a new process for us, please submit these requests to Pastor Clint by Sunday, December 8.

We are so grateful for our church family and are looking forward to faithfully moving forward together in mission, ministry and service for our Lord and others in Jesus' name.

"Nehemiah 2.0 ~ Raise the Roof!" Update

A letter was sent to our church mailing list on November 20 updating our progress, expressing sincere gratitude, and encouraging our congregation to prayerfully consider supporting this essential undertaking with your prayers, ongoing church involvement, and financial donations. The Good News is that the work should be totally completed by Thanksgiving and the final bill is nearly \$20,000 less than the original estimate. It is also Good News that so far \$120,168.08 has been donated or committed towards the \$267,000 cost. We all realize that our church has had two very major expenses (disaffiliation and Roof/HV/AC replacement) within an 18 month time frame – it is A LOT – especially considering the economy and many other financial issues for families and churches in our world today. But "God is Good, All the Time", and "Where He guides, He will provide."

As was shared in the recent letter that was sent: "Our theme verse for this campaign is Ezra 9:9, "God has shown us kindness... He has granted us new life to rebuild the house of our God and repair its ruins." And by rebuilding the house of God and repairing what is in ruins, we will enable WMC to faithfully move into the future as dedicated disciples of Jesus Christ sharing His love and Truth with the world around us through our mission, outreach, worship, children and youth programs, Christian growth experiences, love in action, fellowship, programs and community involvement and service." Thank you so much for your faithful participation in supporting "Nehemiah 2.0 ~ Raise the Roof!"

"A VERY MERRY NIGHT OF CHEER" CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Please plan now and invite others to join us for a very special evening with World Renown Ventriloquist "Ken Groves" and with the Gospel Group "Renewal." We are so grateful for their willingness to share with us at the Center for Hope. This is sure to be an evening of great Christmas music and inspiration, so please plan to join with us Sunday, December 1, beginning at 6:00pm. Tickets are only \$10 and can be purchased after the church services or at the church office. We can't wait!

Wintersville Weekend - Light Up Night & Parade



The Village of Wintersville is having a Winter Weekend on Saturday and Sunday December 7 and 8. On Saturday our Church is hosting Light up Night which will begin at 5:45 in the Center. We will be lighting our trees and luminaries which will line Main Street. Sunday is the Christmas Parade and there will be other activities as well. Please plan to participate. We also need cookies for both days (packaged two to a bag). Please help us as we show our hospitality to our community.

Wintersville Christmas Parade



The Wintersville Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, December 8th. It starts at 4:00. Line-up takes place between 3:15-3:30 at Ferguson's Furniture Store. Cole and Kristen Starkey are providing a float for the children to ride on. Outreach will provide hot chocolate and cookies after the parade. WE ALSO NEED WALKERS TO PASS OUT POPCORN. Sign-up sheets will be in the back of the Center and Sanctuary. Please volunteer to walk if you are able. Last year we had a very nice showing. Please let the Sunday School teachers know if your child will be riding on the float.



Friends Christmas Concert - Wed. Dec. 11 - 6pm
The FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT will take place in the
SANCTUARY beginning at 6:00pm on Wednesday, December
11. This is for our entire church family and anyone else who would
like to join us. It is always an inspiring and uplifting concert, so
please participate and invite others to be blessed in this way.

Church Family Christmas Celebration & Children's Ministry Program & Dinner



All children are welcome to join us for our Children's Ministry Christmas Program which will take place on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00pm and a Dinner will follow at 6:00pm for our Church Family Christmas Celebration. **Please mark your calendar now and plan to participate.** The children will practice on Sundays during Sunday School hour. The dates for practice are Sunday, December 1, 8 and December 15 if needed. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 14. Thank you!

Birthday Party for Jesus



The Birthday Party for Jesus will be on Sunday, December 22 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. The Youth will be hosting this party. There will be several different stations for the children to participate in. Come celebrate the birthday of the our Savior.

Modern Eve Fruit Baskets



Modern Eve will be making Fruit Baskets to be delivered to shutins and some other members of our church family on Saturday, December 14th in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help, please come at 9:00 am.

Modern Eve Soup & Cookie Sale



December 15th is our Soup and Cookie Sale. Order forms are in the Sunday Bulletin and in the Sanctuary and the Center for Hope. Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 8th. Please remember to stop down and pick your orders up at 11:00am after the Combined Service in the Sanctuary on December 15. We will also have plates of mixed Christmas cookies for sale so make sure to mark this on your calendar. Checks need to be made out to Modern Eve. All proceeds will go to the "Nehemiah 2.0 Raise the Roof Project." Thank you!

Kingdom Kids & Children's Ministry



CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 4 - Kingdom Kids 6:00-7:30pm.

Saturday, December 7 - Wintersville Winter Weekend Bell Choir performance 2:00pm. (Please arrive by 1:30pm to get Bell Choir T-Shirt).

Sunday, December 8 - Christmas Parade begins at 4:00pm. (Please meet us at 3:15pm behind McDonald's and plan to join us for hot coco after).

Wednesday, December 11 – No regular Kingdom Kids – Dress Rehearsal for "A Night with the King" 6:00-7:00pm in the CFH.

Sunday, December 15 – "A Night with the King!" at 5:00pm. Please arrive by 4:00pm, and dress in formal Christmas attire.

Wednesday, December 18 – Kingdom Kids 6:00-7:30pm – Jesus and Jammies – Christmas gift exchange. Please bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift.

Sunday, December 22 – Jesus's Birthday Party! during Sunday School from 10:00-11:00am.

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service with special children's message at 5:00pm.

Wednesday, December 25 – No Kingdom Kids – Merry Christmas!





Wednesday, December 4,11 & 18 – Wrapping for Good Neighbors Sunday, December 8 – Meet at Ferguson Furniture parking lot by 3:30pm. Pick up at the church at 5:30pm. Come walk with us! Friday, December 27 – Christmas Party at Tif's 6:00-8:00pm. Bring a \$10 unisex gift to exchange and the girls bring an appetizer and the guys bring a dessert.

Youth Group starts back up on Wednesday, January 8.

Veterans Dinner Thank You



Outreach would like to thank all those who helped with the Veterans dinner. We served 85 Veterans and their spouses, and also about 30 church helpers and 20 Youth servers. Big thanks to Paula Bush and Diane Busetti for decorating and making the Center look beautiful. Also, thanks to Tiffany and her Youth group for serving and helping with cleanup. We could not have had this without our congregation donating the food and supplies needed. Thanks also for our volunteers who helped in anyway. And a special thank you for the huge American flag which was so impressively displayed over the Center for Hope entryway. This dinner was a success because we all came together to honor our Veterans.

Wintersville Good Neighbors





Wintersville Good Neighbors will be setting up on Sunday December 1st in the youth room. We will be wrapping on Sundays during the Sunday School hour and Youth Group will wrap for 3 Wednesdays. We are in need of hats, gloves, scarf's, and mittens for our Mitten trees- one in the Sanctuary and one in the Center. We also can use wrapping paper and tape. Any new or slightly used toys would be so appreciated. We will pack toys and groceries on Friday, December 20 and distribute on Saturday, December 21. We will have a Church/Community wrapping night on Wednesday, December 18 if you would like to help wrap. Thank you for always being so generous to Good Neighbors.

After-School Program



We have completed the first half of the After-School Program. We will resume it on Tuesday, February 4. We have a very nice group of children and have been having a good year. The volunteers are outstanding and we are so thankful for all their help. If you feel inclined to be a part of our group, please join us in February. Kitty and Tiffany

Men's Bible Study



The Men's Bible Study will be meeting on **Saturday**, **December 7 & 14 and January 11 & 18 at 10:30am** in room 209 in the back of the Sanctuary. All men are welcome to join with us. If you have any questions, contact Dale Tombs (870-930-8367).

Men's Breakfast Group



The Men's Group has changed their meeting location and time. They are now meeting the last Saturday every month at Eat-N-Park at 9:00 a.m. All men are welcome to join us for this time of good food and great fellowship. We will be meeting on Saturday, December 28 and January 25 at 9:00 a.m.

"I'M HELPING" - HANDPRINT



On the wall near the kitchen in the Center of Hope there is a large poster with a big sign that says, "I'm Helping." We are hoping to fill this poster with signed handprints which say, "I'm Helping!" Ezra 9:9." We are asking everyone who has helped in any way (serving, giving, praying, donating, etc.) with our "Nehemiah 2.0 - Raise the Roof!" Campaign to sign a handprint so that we can fill the poster with "hands" of support as we Raise the Roof! We are off to a great start and are so appreciative of everyone's help.

HOW HELP?

** Adopt a Grandparent Program: Nominate a Grandparent! **



We are looking for more "grandparents" to bless through our **Adopt a Grandparent** program! If you know an elderly member of our community who could use extra love and encouragement, we'd love to send them cards, notes, and small tokens.

PASTA DRIVE THROUGH DINNER THANK YOU



Thanks to everyone that helped make the Pasta Drive-Thru a success. Special thanks to all the ladies that helped and made the delicious cookies. Because of everyone's help \$2,158.00 was raised to help "Raise The Roof."

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Christmas Blessings ~ from the Pastor's family to Our Church Family
Even though we would like to send a personal Christmas card to everyone
in our church family, it is just not possible. So, on this, our 25th
Christmas together, we will once again be making and distributing our
"family ornament" to each person or family who is attending worship on
Sunday, Dec. 22. Our ornament always reflects our Advent theme in
some way, and this year our theme is "Better Together." Throughout the
Advent season and the new year, may you truly experience that life is so
much "Better Together" with Jesus, with family and friends, and with
brothers and sisters in Christ.

With Our Christmas Blessings, Pastor Clint, Ann & Family

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Upcoming December Special Events ~ Mark your Calendar



Sunday, Dec. 1 ~ CHRISTMAS CONCERT in the Center for Hope. 6:00pm. Tickets \$10. Please invite others.





Wed., Dec. 11 ~ FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 6:00pm, in the Sanctuary.





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 ~ ONE COMBINED SERVICE in the SANCTUARY at 10:00am. Celebration of Holy Communion. This will be followed by our annual "CONGREGATIONAL MEETING" in the Center for Hope beginning at 11:15. Also, Modern Eve Soup & Cookie Sale, 3rd Sunday of Advent, and our CHILDREN'S PROGRAM at 5pm, followed by a congregational dinner at 6:00pm.





Tues., Dec. 24 ~ CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES. 5:00pm (Center) &11:00pm (sanctuary).



Nursery Volunteers Needed

The Nursery is seeking out volunteers to fill in when someone is out sick or there is a need. If you would be willing to volunteer occasionally, please stop by the office and give them your name and address. Thank you.

Prayer Concerns

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

Our Church Family: family of Nancy Honse, Ann Bass, Sam Quillen family, Harold Huggins, Bill Camp, Linda McClure, Dana Sindeldecker, Charlotte Shively, Roz Linn, Heather Parker, Shirley Baylis, Carolyn Bickerstaff, Chris Briggs, baby Emma, Mary Alice Brandt, Opal Hoover, Rebecca Wayt, Michelle Turner, Nino Siriano, Larry Standiford, Rebecca Christian, Donna Henry, Tory



Zink, Lil Ferguson, Donna Beresford, Elaine Snider, Charlie & Vivian Snyder, Leland McConnell, Allison Neptune, Fred Antill

Beyond our Church Family: Monroe Deluca, Ashton Keith, Tyler Nathan, Kathy Smurthwaite, Bill Degenkolb, Katie Shevlin, Don Nichols, Alva Striffler, Kathy First, Joey Snider, Jim Rosta, Mike & Julie Rudy, Bill "PeeWee" Frieling, Debbie Grecco, Debbie DiCarlo, Smoke Mattern, Josh Beadnell, Pat Andrews, Linda Frost, Bob English, Kennedy Harbin, First Responders, Brad Warren, Tabbitha Meridith, Denise Smith, Sue Rooney, Wendy Matthews, Alice Rich, Brian Adams, Jerry Matics, Ron Smyth, Jeff Horne

Our Shut-Ins: Ruth Markwell, June Turner, Sandy Nevlis, Joan Lantry, Betty Jane Stinard, Madeline Sperry, Helen Kemeliotis

"Blessed to Be a Blessing!"

Financial Support of WMC Ministry & Mission

THANK YOU for serving the Lord and others through faithful financial giving. Our giving supports the fulfillment of our Mission: children and youth ministry, worship and Christian discipleship, outreach to our community and beyond, serving those within and beyond our church "walls", looking forward to new and expanded ministry and mission through the Center of Hope, providing opportunities for worship and discipleship and fellowship in person and online, being a light in the darkness and providing encouragement, care, comfort, and hope.

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 support can be given at the church, through the mail, and/or online through our website. (There is a small service charge for online giving). ALL giving is greatly appreciated and needed. God has blessed us abundantly so that we might be a blessing to others. Thank you for carrying out God's work in this way.

Financial Giving 2024

| | Needed Weekly | Yr to Date Total (47 Weeks) |
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| Unified Budget | 8,500.00 | \$335,181.90 |
| Center for Hope | 1,800.00 (for loan payment only) | \$135,081.80 |

"Nehemiah 2.0 – Raise the Roof!" (Roof/AC/Heat) Total: \$95,168.08

Average Attendance November 3-24:
Sunday Worship: 9am-167 & 11am-59, Online Viewers- "80"
Sunday School-80

The Beacon
December 2024 & January 2025

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Praise Service ~ 9:00am
Sunday School ~ 10:00am
Traditional Service ~ 11:00am

Our Mission:

Connect with God **Grow in Faith** **Serve in Love**

Church Office Hours Monday – Thursday 8:30am -3:30pm



Pastor ~ Rev. Dr. Clint Quillen Jr.
Secretary ~ Susan Matics
Dir. of Youth Ministries ~ Tiffany Manley

Directors of Worship Ministries ~ Wayne & Cynthia Lytle Dir. of Children's Ministries ~ Kristen Starkey

Treasurer ~ **Dana Sindeldecker**

Custodians ~ Brad Jenkins, Barbara Strachan Nursery/Preschool ~ Barbara Strachan, Karlee Warren

Sound Tech ~ Deacon Sindeldecker