# Upcoming Events and Information

Tue./Thur.:Exercise Group (Fireside Room)3:30pmSaturdays:Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room)8:00amWednesdays:Advent Bible Study (Fireside Room)9:30am and 6:00pmThurs. 12/9:Red Cross Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall) 9:00am - 6:30pm

- Everyday Essentials for local pantries are being accepted in the fellowship hall. Throughout **December** we are collecting **shampoo**. We also need **travel-sized toiletries**. Thank you for helping those in need!
- Nov. donations: Thanksgiving baskets= \$951. / envelopes= \$145
- Loose coins for *December* goes to: Loaves and Fishes
- You may sign up in Fellowship Hall for Salvation Army bell ringing at Farm and Fleet on Sat. Dec. 11.
- \*Poinsettias may be ordered until 12-12

The flowers on the altar are in Memory of Annie Kimball, from Keith Kimball

#### Worship Leaders today

Music ministry: Judy Bushman (organist) Pam Clodfelter (handbell choir director)

**Head usher:** Jeff Cedro

Children's sermon (online@9:45am)

#### 8:00am 10:00 am

Liturgists:Rory SmithEllie/Stacey WendelkenGreeters:Rory/Rita SmithDave/Roberta FrederickUshers:Renee Duncan, Wetzell/McCombsToby Johnson family

\*Advent Candle lighting

Today: Wetzell/McCombs families Wendelken family (next week): Fitzanko family Truedson family



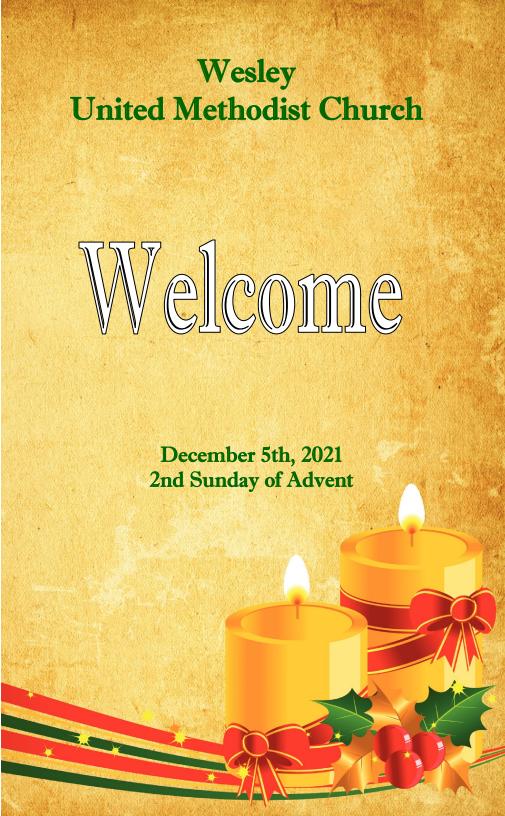
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## Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church December 5th, 2021

#### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

"Glory Be to the Father"

"We Three Kings"

#70

#95

UMH# 254v.4

<u>ENTRANCE</u>

PRELUDE There's a Song in the Air by Karl P. Harrington/arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz Coventry Carol English melody/arr. Robert J. Hughes

What Child Is This? English tune/arr. John M. Rasley

INTROIT Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming Marian hymn of German origin

SCRIPTURE READING Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12

This is the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Wise Men's Gifts"

# † CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 60:2-3)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

We light this candle as a symbol of Peace Jesus Christ brought us. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

### \*LIGHTING THE 2<sup>nd</sup> CANDLE - PEACE

Leader: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us... Luke 1:68-73

We light this candle not to drown out the darkness, but to illuminate what we have to learn from it. O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Let us pray.

ALL: Peace-bringing God, forgive us when we have hurt and destroyed instead of seeking peace. We ask that you bring peace into our thoughts, into our words, and into our hearts and actions. Help us to pursue Advent Peace each and every day. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN "We Three Kings" UMH#254 vs. 2,3

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### MORNING PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### **THANKSGIVING**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**RESPONSE** 

†RESPONSE

**HYMN** 

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

**OFFERTORY** 

† **DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#### † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we give you thanks that in the coming of Christ your steadfast love and faithfulness have met and your righteousness and peace have kissed. May the gifts we offer this day lift up those in need and prepare the way of your salvation. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

#### **SENDING FORTH**

† CLOSING HYMN "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH#431

† BENEDICTION

† RECESSIONAL "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH#204

POSTLUDE Angels We Have Heard on High French carol melody

†Please stand if you are able in your body or spirit. **Bold** print indicates in unison