



Our Mission: To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

December 2019, Rev. Jody Baker, Pastor

Pastor's Front Page Message

“For unto us a child is born.” Isaiah 9:6

I admit I have wanted a lot of different things over my life, especially around Christmas time when there were real possibilities to get a few of the things on my list. Of course I had to avoid the naughty list. My requests came mostly before elves on shelves were watching me so I often could fool the “would be” Santas in my life into fulfilling some of my desires.

It is incredible to think about all the things that have topped my want lists over the years. I remember desperately “needing” a handheld space video game. I also could not live one year without a spring loaded rowing machine. And there was that one year I had to have an inflatable glow in the dark sword. As I got older, the list just kept evolving: shoes and clothing, stuff for cars and then stuff for apartments and houses. Some of the time the things I wanted I got, yet my hunger for more kept coming.

I look back now to the things I actually received, like that rowing machine, video game, the sword and other things. And they all are faint just memories now. The rowing machine broke the day I got it (my brother sat on it). The video game fizzled out soon after getting it as well. My friend stole my sword and pretty much everything else was donated or sold. The things I wanted so badly did not last, and my desire for them did not last either.

Today what I desire most is not the things on sale this Black Friday or anything that can be bought or consumed, today I want Jesus more than anything! For unto each of us, God gave His Son that we shall not perish, that we shall have “everlasting life”. Anything on my lists other than Christ is inanimate and temporary. Something that can be lost, stolen, or broken could never afford us eternity. But Jesus can, and does!

I love the truth that Jesus does not need to be bought, wished for or dreamed of, but He is a gift that is free, and available now to all of us. It is the gift of relationship with our Creator. Would we desire Christ this Christmas? Would we find contentment? For unto you and me, Christ was given!

In Christ's Grip,

Pastor Jody

JESUS is
the Reason
for the
Season.

Nursery Schedule for December:

11:00 am

1 Ed & Emily C
8 Sara & Taylor
15 **Combined 10:30 Service - Christmas Program**
22 Beth & Emily C
29 Hope & MiKayla

9:00 am

As Needed

Toddler Schedule for December:

11:00 am

1 Shelly & Abby
8 Shelly & Serenity
15 **Combined 10:30 Service Christmas Program**
22 Lindsay & Micah
29 Melissa & Taylor

9:00 am

Robin
Katie
Bev
Bev

Jr. Church Schedule 4 years-Grade 5

Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 15th at a combined 10:30 am service in the family life center. **There will not be any Jr Church on the 22 & 29. Children can worship with their parents. Nursery and toddlers will be available.**

Come Visit Us Online at Our Church Website

www.wildareunitedmethodistchurch.com
Information about upcoming ministry, download our church phone app, online giving, our weekly sermons on video and more!

Youth News

Bring a Friend!!

Sun. Dec. 1 - Ignite Youth 6:30-8:30 pm
Sun. Dec. 8 - Caroling - meet at church at 3:00
Sun. Dec. 15 - Christmas Party at McCauley's
Leaving church at 4:30
Sun. Dec. 22 - No Youth
Sun. Dec. 29 - No Youth

All events away from church require a permission slip and medical information on file

For more information on our youth activities, go to Ignite Wildare Youth Ministries @ igniteWYM
Facebook Twitter Instagram



Coffee with Pastor

If you want to meet the pastor, are interested in our church membership, have faith questions or more, see Pastor after both services each Sunday in connector to share.

Sharon Winter Concert

Our youth director, Frank McCauley, who teaches/directs the choir at Sharon High School has invited us to attend their winter concert:

Wednesday, December 18 @ 7:30 pm

Sharon High School Choir Concert

In the Sharon High School Auditorium

1129 East State Street, Sharon PA

Featuring: Mixed Choir, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir & Show Choir

Contact Frank with any questions



Wildare Retirees/Challengers Class

Wildare Retirees and Challenger's Class will meet for their Christmas luncheon and fellowship at Georgios Restaurant on Tuesday, December 10 at 12:30.

Recording Our Faithfulness for the month of November (four Sundays):

Average Sunday School Attendance: 41
Average Worship Attendance: 171
Average of Tithes & Offerings: \$5354.00
Weekly budgeted amount needed: \$5478.00
Giving YTD \$233,116.00



United Methodist Women

The UMW will be having a Christmas Luncheon this year at noon on Thursday, December 12th at Virginia Whitacre's house. Please bring a \$5 gift exchange PLUS a white elephant gift!

Wildare collected 124 shoe boxes! But the grand total of our drop off site was 1,817. 20 + area churches helped to reach this number!!

Thank you to all who participated!



Poinsettias

If you would like to bring in a poinsettia to help decorate the altar before Christmas, please do so on Sunday, December 15th and place on altar in the sanctuary. You can take back home with you after Christmas Eve service.

Night to Shine Special Needs Prom

Please consider helping serve at our next Night to Shine prom. We had an amazing evening at our last prom and this year will be even better. Please plan to attend our next planning meeting Dec 1st at 1pm in the FLC. The Night to Shine Prom will be Feb 7, 2020

Sharing Wildare Christmas Wishes 2019

It's time once again to share your family "Christmas Wishes" with the rest of your Wildare Family. Submit a Christmas photo of your household (in front of your tree or some other Christmas setting) along with your Christmas blessing ("Merry Christmas from the Baker's" or some other creative thought). Pictures can be submitted electronically to pastor-jody@outlook.com. All pictures need to be submitted by Wednesday, December 11th to be included in the presentation on the 15th & 22nd. Contact the ministry office with any questions.

A list of our missionaries can be found below.

Help Needed!

We are in need of additional help in the Children's Church areas (nursery, toddlers, Jr Church)! If you are willing/able to serve in this way **ONE** Sunday every three months, please let Bev Kappas or Hope know. You can call the church office

@ 330-637-5000 or email

@ wildareumc@neohio.twcbc.com

Basement Ministry Opportunities

Two events with the Basement Outreach are coming and we need your help! Monday Dec 09 and Tuesday Dec 10 evenings we will prepare and serve a meal in Warren. AND Saturday Dec 7th from 9am till 3pm we are invited to serve at the Basement's annual Blessed to be a Blessing event distributing food to over 200 families. A volunteer meeting for event is Dec 2nd 6pm at 1979 Hazelwood SE Warren, OH + RSVPs to help are needed. See Pastor Jody today if interested in these opportunities.

The following is a list of our missionaries. If you would like to send them a Christmas card.

Missionaries:

Scott & Jessi Downey - Cru Global

Jeannine Brabon - OMS International

David & Brenda Cox - Serving in Betel of Britain

Cliff & Sunny Sue Grant - GMM

Ethel Nelson - United World Missions

Micah & Kristen Nelson - HOWW (Help for Orphans World Wide)

John & Naomi Schmidt - International Street Kids

Jamie, Jamie Jr. & Corolla Torrico - Bolivia

Frank & Beth Kuligowski - Cru Global

Wild Game Dinner

Save the date: Friday, January 24th @ 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Details to follow!

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is December 10th from noon to 6pm. We feature delicious food and desserts generously donated by our Church family to entice donors to come, we admit it! Don't be afraid, come on out and at least eat with us. In the last 2 years we have had 9 blood drives, and collected 271 units. Thank You!!! And please continue to donate those yummy foods, and rolling up your sleeves!!

After months of vague symptoms and emergency room visits, 6-year-old Kinzie Frey was diagnosed with stage 4, high-risk neuroblastoma, a type of cancer that can grow into tumors. Her tumor was collectively the size of a mini basketball, originating on her right adrenal gland and was tangled throughout her abdomen, wrapping around veins, arteries and organs from her heart to her pelvis. Kinzie's doctor immediately began an aggressive treatment protocol to fight the cancer and prevent it from returning. After her second round of chemo, she had a procedure to remove some of her stem cells. The cells were preserved and given back to her during two stem cell transplants. Each transplant required a month in the hospital and strict precautions that prevented her from returning to school or going to public places. Kinzie developed a late complication from the stem cell transplant that caused her body to break down blood cells at an alarming rate and required numerous blood and platelet transfusions. Over 18 months, Kinzie received 46 red blood cell transfusions and 72 platelet transfusions. Her mother, Holly Bosse, says, "If it weren't for the generosity of blood donors, Kinzie wouldn't be here with us today. Those blood donations aren't only a gift to Kinzie but to our family, friends and supporters.

The Red Cross urges donors of all blood types to give blood now to help keep the blood supply stable during the holidays. Blood donations often decline from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day.

- This winter give blood and be the lifeline patients need. Medical conditions and emergencies don't stop for the holidays.
- Red Cross must collect about 13,000 blood donations every day for patients in need.
- [FOR DRIVES DEC. 1-18] Come to give blood by Dec. 18 and receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, courtesy of our partner Suburban Propane. See terms; visit rcblood.org/thanks.
- There aren't enough people donating blood to help people in need. Do you know someone who has never donated before? Please encourage them to make an appointment with you.
- [FOR DRIVES WHERE POWER REDS WILL BE COLLECTED] Eligible donors with types O, B negative or A negative blood are encouraged to make a Power Red donation at this blood drive. Power Red donors give a concentrated dose of red blood cells during a single donation, allowing them to maximize their impact. During this type of donation, red blood cells are separated from other blood components, and the plasma and platelets are safely and comfortably returned to the donor. Type O negative is the universal blood type and what emergency personnel reach for in trauma situations when there isn't time to determine a patient's blood type. Type O positive is the most transfused blood type and can be transfused to Rh-positive patients of any blood type. Types A negative and B negative can be transfused to Rh-positive or negative patients.
- Save time with RapidPass®. Complete your pre-donation reading and health history at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or with the Blood Donor App before your appointment.
- For detailed donor eligibility questions, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. YOU CAN HELP!
- Encourage friends and family who have never donated blood to give!



Cookie Donations

We are in need of cookies for the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15th at our combined 10:30 am service in the Family Life Center!



Mitten/Hat/Scarf/Sock Tree

We have one tree in the connector for all of these items to be hung on. Then they will be taken to the Warren Family mission. Items are due by Sunday, December 15th.



Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 8th we will go caroling. We will meet at the church at 3pm and split into caroling teams to go sing at nursing homes and assisted living homes. Contact Sherry Leasure with any questions.



Salvation Army

Bell ringing opportunity December 20th evening and December 21st day at Edna's Market in Bristol. See Pastor Jody if interested in helping this great cause for an hour, or more.

Breakfast With Santa Youth Missions Fundraiser

Saturday December 7th from 8:30am-10:30 am in the Family Life Center.

Adults: \$7 Children: \$5

Bring your camera and take your own pictures!!

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, muffins

Facepainting, cookie decorating, games, craft

If you are able to help with this or have any questions contact Lynn Carlson!

Children's Christmas Program

This year's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 15th, during a COMBINED 10:30 am worship service in the Family Life Center. Practice will begin on November 3rd. The children will still meet in the sanctuary at 11:00 am for a short worship before starting practice. If you want your child/children to participate in this year's program, it is imperative that they are here for the practices and rehearsals!! Contact Jen Nolan, Trish Shafer, or Shelly Steffey with any questions!





ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER:

- 6 Dean and Beverly Kappas
- 16 Doug and Denise Starr
- 23 Pat and Robin Carey
- 28 Jim and Linda Knepp

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER:

- 2 Rose Marshall
- 3 Joe Marshall,
Kathy Fowler
- 5 Pamela Swager
- 6 Clinton Fowler
- 10 Jim Dolgae,
Kaitlynn List
- 13 Brooke Scott
- 14 Jacob Waldman
- 15 Jan Haycox
- 16 Tom Armstrong
- 21 Todd Haycox,
- 23 Sharon Braunberns
- 24 Ron Imhoff Jr.,
Jennifer Nolan
- 30 Timmy Merlino,
Julia Burnett,
Jocelyn Nalbach
- 31 Robert Eakin,
Lindsey Campbell

Coming In Worship

Journey thru Luke:

12/1/19 - Advent week 1: Waiting for the Shepherd + Communion

12/8/19 - Advent week 2: Waiting for Wholeness

*12/15/19 - Children's Christmas Pageant
Combined (One) Service 10:30am FLC*

12/22/19 - Advent week 4: Waiting with Joy

*12/24/19 - Christmas Eve Family Service 7pm in FLC
Devotion: Our Wait is Over*

12/29/19 - Message by Brian Muresan



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Sunday School Classes
For all ages at 10:10 am
Morning Worship at
9:00 am (Traditional - Sanctuary) &
11:00 am (Contemporary - FLC)

Come as you are!!

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Merry Christmas!

Have fun coloring and bring your completed picture back to church and we will hang it up!