

23rd SUNDAY after PENTECOST
Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
November 8, 2009

ENTRANCE

THE GATHERING

JOYFUL WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

PEOPLE: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

LEADER: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

PEOPLE: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress

LEADER: You turn our mourning into dancing!

PEOPLE: Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* no. 57

*RESPONSIVE READING *Psalms 41* no. 776

SCRIPTURE READING *Deuteronomy 15:7-11*

LEADER: This is the Word of God for the People of God

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A CELEBRATION of LIFE & COVENANT

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON TEXT

Mark 12:38-44

LEADER: This is the Word of God for the People of God

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Michael Bingham

"A Giving Heart"

*HYMN *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed* no. 359

OFFERING OF THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING of TITHES & GIFTS Irene Walker, Organist

*PRAISE GOD Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* no. 881

THANKSGIVING

*GLORY TO THE FATHER *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* no. 400

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*RESPONSE to BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

READER: David Smith

*Please stand in praise of God, if you are able. If you are unable to stand with ease, please feel comfortable remaining seated.

MEMORY VERSE for NOVEMBER

1 Thessalonians 5:18

How can persons become Members?

By *Confession of Faith*—this process marks the initial entrance into membership in the Church, when one confesses faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. By *Reaffirmation of Faith*—renewing our confession of faith after a period of inactivity or not being on a church membership role. *Transfer of Membership*—you may be joining from another United Methodist Church or a Christian church of another denomination. We recognize baptism from all other Christian churches.

Our Commitment:

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church is a neighborhood church serving God and neighbor—making disciples of Jesus Christ. Every member commits to faithfully participate in the ministries of our church by actively praying for the church and its ministries; regular presence at corporate worship, small groups, and activities; giving financial support as a faith investment in God's work; service in the Kingdom of God by volunteering to serve in one or more ministry areas, and witnessing where we tell the story of God's grace in our lives through the story of the Gospel.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Giving gifts as an expression of love is universal. In my studies in anthropology, we have never found a culture where gift giving is not a part of the love-marriage process. A gift says, "They were thinking about me." The gift need not be expensive. It really is the thought that counts.

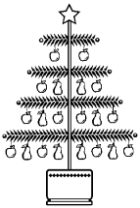
—Gary D. Chapman

VETERANS' DAY—is this Wednesday (11/11). If you see a member of the military this week, be sure to thank him/her. To our veterans we say, "Thank you, and God bless you!"

WORSHIP TEAM—will meet on Sunday, November 8 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be provided.

EVANGELISM MEETING on Sunday, November 8 at 6:30 pm in the Conference room. We will be planning events for next year with an emphasis on "Spring Festival". You are encouraged to join us; we appreciate your input.

ACOLYTE TRAINING—during Sunday School on Nov. 15.



ANGEL TREE—Please note our special giving tree this year in the entryway of the sanctuary. There are tags for Epworth Children's Home and Harvest Hope Food Bank. Please take a tag(s) of your choice and return the unwrapped gift no later than Sunday, Nov 29th. You may also donate gift bags, wrapping/tissue paper.

Children's Church – following "Children's Time" in the worship service. Children ages 5 and under are invited to participate in a lesson, music, prayer, and offertory. They may be picked up after Worship in the Education Building.

A NURSERY is available in the education building during Sunday School and Worship for infants/toddlers. Just ask a greeter or usher.

Nursery Workers / Children's Church:

November 8: Sharon Caggiano

November 15: Lucie Bingham

Greeters:

November 8: Dixie Jenkinson, Quenna Smith

November 15: Jerry Alderson, Quenna Smith

WEEKLY CALENDAR (November 8 – November 14)

- Sunday** 9:30 am Fellowship Time
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 pm Worship Team
6:30 pm Evangelism Meeting
- Monday** 12 noon MEN's Group
- Thursday** 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Attendance November 1:
Church School - 13 Worship - 42

