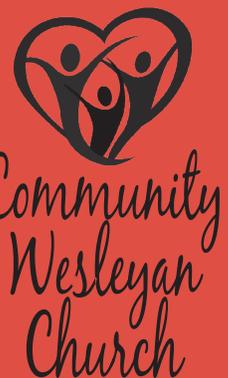


THE BRANCH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2020

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." — John 15:5

WATCH OUR SERVICE ONLINE

You can now watch our Sunday Morning Worship service on Facebook live each week at 11am on our church Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BvilleCWChurch. You can also find the links to past services on our church website at www.communitywesleyanchurch.com. Our church service is also aired on Spectrum Digital channel 98 and Verizon channel 30 at 5pm on Saturdays & Sundays.



WHERE PEOPLE BECOME FRIENDS AND FRIENDS BECOME FAMILY

CWC BOARD 2020-2021 Board of Administration

Dave Lewis
Ticia Wicks
Claude Sykes
Charlie Lewis
Michelle Chapman
Mark Chermak
Mike Hodell
Holly O'Hara
Frank Palmisano
Mark Stevens
Jeremy Wilmot

Please be praying for the church board as they give leadership and oversight to CWC

CWC LEADERS 2020-2021 Ministry Leaders

Adult Sunday School Coordinator:
Holly O'Hara
Children's Sunday School Coordinator:
Jennifer Lewis
Junior Church Coordinator: Dan Perez
Nursery, 2's & 3s and 4's & 5's
Coordinator: Joyanne Kraebel
Youth Director: Mike Kraebel

YOUTH UPDATE & SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Hello Youth! We are praying that you all are in good health and staying safe during this holiday season. What a great time of year for us all to reflect on the birth of our Savior Jesus!

The Youth group silent auction is underway and we are taking bids both live at the church, on Facebook, and direct calls or texts to Deb Lewis (+1 315-383-9800). Bids should be made by 5pm daily, and look for updates posted on the Facebook events page. The cut off for bids will be at noon on December 12th and winners will be announced directly after church on 12/13. All proceeds will go directly to the Youth Group Kingdom Bound 2021 fund. We thank you all in advance for your investment in the lives of our Youth!

Proverbs 22:6: Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

Auction Items will be available to view and bid on in the CWC Foyer and Online

CWC YOUTH Christmas SILENT AUCTION



**Sunday, November 29th through
Sunday, December 13th**

Winners will be announced after Church Services @12:00 noon – December 13th

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? If you have needs or concerns and would like prayer support you can email your request to prayer@communitywesleyanchurch.com anytime or you can call the church office at 315-635-3501 during office hours.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who donated to this year's Operation Christmas Child collection. Due to your generous donations we were able to send 114 boxes to needy children around the world this holiday season. An amazing accomplishment considering all the challenges that have come with this year. Thank you to everyone who donated, made items for the boxes and packed shoeboxes for this year's collection.

WKFM REPORT

Our special speaker for November, Mrs. Kathleen Berg Spencer, had to cancel her visit. We will reschedule her for next Spring. Instead Chip took us via Google Earth to LEBANON where we learned about our missionaries JAMIE and SANDRA DARWISH. We learned how they minister to refugees from Syria and help those who are sick. We learned that they have to wear masks too. We plan on visiting them again in 2021.

We began our missionary story "The Book with Legs" which we will continue in the next WKFM class. We will continue to work on our yearly mission verse 2 Corinthians 5:15. *"And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."*

The children are earning prizes for reciting this verse and others. Checka led us in our missionary songs. Each month we do a review game to see what the children have learned.

This month we will travel to the CZECH REPUBLIC in Eastern Europe to visit our Global Partners missionaries KEVIN and CINDY AUSTIN.

PLEASE PRAY that each student will understand better the Lord's Great Commission found in Matthew 22:36-40, memorize these 5 verses (last year's WKFM verses) and put them into practice with their family and friends.

— For the children, Barb Good, Chip Good and Patsy Sweeney

chickchat

Chick Chat will be starting again on **Sunday, December 20th**, at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to bring your own food and drinks and a \$5 gift for a fun gift exchange. See Dorothy Polmanteer for more information.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS

Join us on Mondays at 10am or Wednesdays at 6:30pm for in person prayer meetings at church. Join us for a time of prayer for our church, community and the world that we live in.

AFTER SCHOOL-GOOD NEWS CLUB

We have had to cancel our Good News Club since Oct. 27th due to students and staff being sick. We hope to restart the club on December 1st. PLEASE PRAY for the health of our students and staff, wisdom as to when it is safe to restart the club, and that our 6 students will work on learning their Bible memory verses at home. I am so hoping we will be able to do our Christmas month with the children and staff. It is always a very special time for them.

— For the children and God's glory,
Barb Good and Staff

UPCOMING 2021 MOVIE TIME!

Our new year of Movie Time will soon be here! Three are being planned for January 16, February 20th and March 20, 2021 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. They will be held in the CW Kidz room. Watch the January BRANCH for more details. (Covid-19 protocol will be used.)

Christmas

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

This year because of COVID and restrictions on how many people we can have in the sanctuary, we will be having 2 Christmas Eve services. One will be from 4-5pm and the other will be 6-7pm. You will need to go to the church's website (www.communitywesleyanchurch.com) and register for which service you and your family will be attending. Or you may call the church office and register that way. We will be limiting each service to 80 people.

Also, we will be live streaming the 6-7pm service on the church's Facebook page, if you are more comfortable attending the online service.

The service will include candles, Christmas carols and communion. The individual

candle lighting that we normally have at the end of the service will look a little different this year, but we will have something unique to take its place.

Each Christmas Eve service we take an offering for some non-profit organization. This year the church board voted to take an offering for New Hope Family Services. You can check out more about this organization and all that they do for the community on their website at www.newhopefamilyservices.com.

We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior on Christmas Eve, whether it is in person or online. Please remember to register for the service that you and your family will be attending.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETINGS

The Adult Sunday school committee is wishing you all a wonderful Christmas. Please try to reach out to some people in church during this month with the idea that people are stuck home, maybe getting a little lonely. Some ways to reach out to your Sunday school classmates might be a Christmas card, phone call or an email to let them know they are being thought of. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy month.

NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE, COME

REDISCOVER CHRISTMAS

with us this

ADVENT SEASON.

REDISCOVER CHRISTMAS
GOOD NEWS IN TROUBLING TIMES

2020 ADVENT SERMON SERIES: GOOD NEWS IN TROUBLING TIMES

11/29 – Finding Hope in Our Uncertainties

12/6 – Finding Peace in Our Struggles

12/13 – Finding Love in Our Differences

12/20 – Finding Joy in Our Discouragements

DECEMBER CHURCH SERVICE WORKER'S SCHEDULE

2'S AND 3'S ROOM

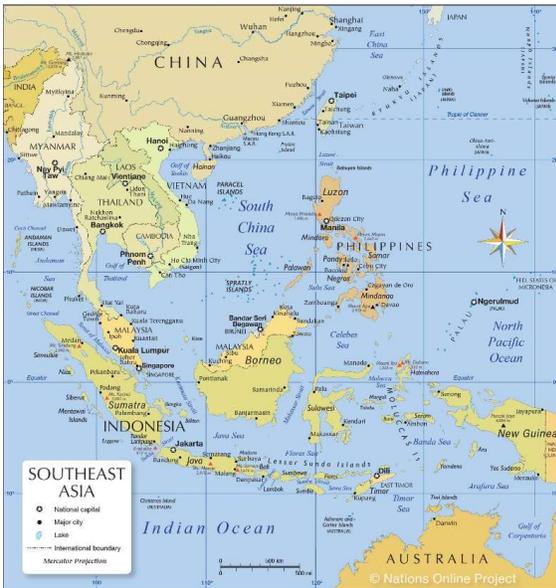
December 6th: Jenn & Bailey Lewis
 December 13th: Lynn & Rachel Hannon
 December 20th: Tiffany Loftus
 December 27th: Joyanne Kraebel

JUNIOR CHURCH

December 6th: Barb Good (WKFM)
 December 13th: Ticia Wicks
 December 20th: Jenn Lewis
 December 27th: Wagner

GREETERS

December 6th:
 - Sara Guenther (sanctuary)
 - Stephannie Rozioc (front door)
 - Mike Hodell (back door)
 December 13th:
 - Sandy Hilliard (sanctuary)
 - Paul Hilliard (front door)
 - Scott Spier (back door)
 December 20th:
 - Georgi Duprey (sanctuary)
 - Bob Duprey (front door)
 - Chuck Abbott (back door)
 December 27th:
 - Claudia Swan (sanctuary)
 - Toots Cooper (front door)
 - Cindy Pluff (back door)



MISSIONARY Spotlight

RACHEL Z — MAINLAND SOUTHEAST ASIA

Thank you for praying for "This Country" (TC) in mainland SE Asia. TC is now entering the cool, dry

think of creative ways to do our work so that more people in TC can know God and His Word. It has been a blessing to see how God has used this time to help us to grow through us better realizing our need to depend on Him. Pray that we can think of creative ways to hire and train the new staff that we need through online interviews and orientation.

Please also pray for the many people across TC who have been affected by ongoing fighting. Many people have had to leave their villages and flee to cities far away in order to keep their families safe from war. Pray for reconciliation and peace.

season. That means the monsoon season has finished and temperatures are only getting up into the low 90s. Believe it or not, that is much cooler than the rest of the year!

Now there are many things happening in TC. COVID cases continue to rise in the second wave. The government has given strict stay at home orders with many extensions. Our office has been closed for almost 9 months so our work has been all online (mostly email, Zoom and Viber) for a long time. This has been challenging but also a great opportunity to learn new skills and to



Personal Update:

An exciting part of 2020 has been that my husband and I married in April! We had a 7-person COVID wedding, complete with social distancing and face masks (as you can see in our wedding photo, here). We even gave hand sanitizer as the wedding favors!

Blessings,

Rachel (and for Lin, my husband)