

Wintersville Good Neighbors



The Mitten Trees for Good Neighbors will be in the back of the Sanctuary and the Center for Hope. We are collecting scarves, hats, mittens and gloves to give out with our toy distribution. We will be toy wrapping with the youth on Wednesday December 1 and 15. We will be doing this upstairs in the Youth Room. If you have toy donations you can take them there or put them at the bottom of the stairs in the stairwell by the Vineyard Room. We also appreciate donations of wrapping paper and tape for this project. Thank you as always for your continued generosity!

Kitty Ferguson, Toy Coordinator

Children's Christmas Program



The Children's Christmas Program will be on **Sunday, December 12 at 6:00pm** in the Center for Hope. The children (and their adult helpers) have been practicing very hard for their upcoming Christmas program. Please come out and support our young people in this way while being blessed in the spirit of the season. All are invited.

Friends Christmas Concert



Friends will be sharing a Christmas concert with us on **Wednesday, December 15 at 6:00pm**. As always, this is sure to be inspiring and uplifting for all who participate. Please join with us and invite other to be blessed in this way.

Fruit Baskets



We will be packing the Fruit Baskets for our shut-ins on Saturday, December 11 at 9:00am. We could use help making up the baskets and delivering them. Thank you.

Birthday Party for Jesus



A Birthday Party for Jesus will be held for all Children on Sunday, December 19 during the Sunday School hour hosted by the Youth. There will be treats, refreshments, crafts, and a story. We hope all children and youth will attend.

Men's Group



The Men's Group will be meeting again **Saturday, December 4 and January 8** at Zalenski's for breakfast at 9:00am. All men are welcome to join us for this time of fellowship and planning for future outreach and events. Any questions or to join in, please contact Bob Woods at 740-264-7823 or 740-457-7156.

Fit Faithful Followers Exercise Class



The Fit Faithful Followers Exercise Class will be taking a break. We will start back up again in January.

Welcome New Members

We are so glad to welcome to our congregation all who joined as new members of the Wintersville United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 21.

We accept you with open arms as part of our church family and look forward to serving the Lord with you in the months and years to come.

May God's richest blessings be upon you as you continually trust and follow Jesus.

Jayne Beadnell, John Beadnell, Lisa Beveridge, Connor Byers, June Crago, Carolyn Frantz, Gerald John, Peggy Jones, Randy Jones, Karen Krause, Britney Pugh, Pam Striffler, Beth Rupert-Warren, Mike Warren, and Karlee Warren

December and January Youth Group News

December 1st 6-7:30 - Wrapping gifts for Good Neighbors

December 8th - No Youth due to Kathy Troccoli Concert

Thursday December 9th - 6:00-8:00pm wrapping party. Food and wrapping. Bring a friend.

December 15th - 6:00-7:30. Wrapping for good neighbors

No youth group Wednesday December 22 or 29

January 12th Midwinter RSVP and money DUE

JANUARY 28-30 - Midwinter Retreat at Camp Asbury. Meet at church 4:00pm. Bring money for dinner on the way there. We will return by 3:00pm on Sunday. We need drivers if anyone would like to help transport youth. There are scholarships available please let Tif know. Cost \$100. Please register online if you can.



Operation Christmas Child Thanks

Thank you to all those who supported our Operation Christmas Child shoebox outreach, and a special "Thank You" to our leaders and all those who directly helped. We collected 144 boxes from WUMC, and as a drop-off location we collected a total of 426 boxes. Many children around the world will have a much brighter Christmas because of Operation Christmas Child! Again, thank you to all.

Notes of Thanks

A very big Thank You to all my Wintersville Church friends whose name was on my birthday card. I moved to North Carolina eight years ago, so very happy to still hear from all of you.
Thanks again, Carol Schmidt

Thank you to Wintersville Methodist Church. I really felt honored to be serviced by you through the community dinner for veterans. It was wonderful. May God richly bless all of you. You show you really care and are a blessing to all. Bob Burns (Air Force)

Thank you, WUMC Servants!!

A special "THANK YOU!" to our WUMC Outreach Committee and EVERYONE who helped make our Veterans Dinner (over 200 served), the M&M Ministries Social (for those with special needs), and our participation in the Wintersville Parade and the activities and Tree Lighting at the Center for Hope which followed, all a great witness and success. It is such a blessing to our church, community, and God's kingdom when His servants serve faithfully in Jesus' name . . . as so many here do!

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 22nd 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. 19. Our ornament always reflects our Advent theme in some way, and for 2021 our Advent theme is, "The Cradle, Cross and Crown." We pray that no matter what you or your loved ones are currently going through, you will have a

very meaningful Advent season experiencing God's precious gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Also, be reminded and encouraged that through God's love the holy child with a manger for a cradle, is our sacrificial Savior and the eternal King of Kings and Lord of Lords. *With Our Christmas Blessings, Pastor Clint, Ann & Family*



THANK YOU for PASTOR APPRECIATION

Our WUMC congregation is such a blessing! Once again this year we are so grateful for your Pastor Appreciation cards, gifts, expressions of appreciation and the love offering. We love being your pastoral family and feel so encouraged by all you do for us. The apostle Paul wrote, "This service you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but it is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God" (2 Cor. 9:12). We feel the same way about our church family, as you give of yourselves in so many ways to benefit us and many others. May God's blessings continue to be poured out in you and through you as we continually seek to follow Jesus together. *In Christian Love, Pastor Clint & Ann*

Thank You

Dear Church Family, Thank you for loving me. Thank you for praying for Jeff and I. Your love and prayers make life easier and I don't know where we would be without them. Thank you for the wonderful appreciation Sunday and gift. It really helped us out with some winter projects. We thank God for all of you.

In Christ, Tif & Jeff Manley

Words cannot express the love that I feel from the congregation on a weekly basis, but my heart was completely overwhelmed with the love I received for pastor appreciation. I received cards in the mail, cards at church, and of course the generous gift I received on pastor appreciation Sunday. I want to thank each and every one of you for that. It was a huge blessing to my family in a time of need. The kids at WUMC are my life and I love them so much. Teaching them and guiding them is such a great blessing to my life that I cannot even put it into words. Thank you for all your continued love and support.

Xoxo, Jessica Ward

WEDNESDAY EVENING FAITHBUILDER UPDATE

We will be having our regular Wednesday Evening FaithBuilders on December 1 and 8, from 6:00-7:45pm. December 15 will be the Friends Concert and we will not be meeting on December 22 and 29. We will start back up again on January 5.

Financial Support of WUMC Ministry & Mission

As one year is ending and a new year will be beginning, faithful financial stewardship and generous giving is essential for us to fulfill the mission to which God has called us. Our church budget reflects our WUMC 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. **THANK YOU for serving the Lord and others in ALL these ways and more.**

With a great sense of appreciation, we ask you to **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 WUMC.**

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, **especially so at this time. 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 2021

	<u>Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Yr to Date Total (48 weeks)</u>	<u>Yr to Date Difference</u>
Unified Budget	7,900.00	364,848.33	(+1,557.18)
Center for Hope (need for interest only on loans)	1,850.00	93,312.00	(+9,453.00)

Online Bible Studies

See our Website: wintersvilleumc.com for details. All are welcome to join!

**The Beacon
December 2021 & January 2022**

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Sunday Church Services
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
Dir. of Praise Worship & Discipleship ~ Ryan Bradley
Dir. of Children's Ministries ~ Jessica Ward
Organist ~ Carol Evans
Treasurer ~ Dana Sindeldecker
Custodian ~ Kerry Thomas
Nursery/Preschool ~ Barbara Strachan, Sue Evans
Sound Tech ~ Caylin Richardson



*Wishing all of you a Blessed and Joyous Christmas
and a Safe and Happy New Year for 2022.
The Staff of the Wintersville United Methodist
Church*



Dear Wintersville UMC Friends,

Thank you for the wonderful love you showed me and my family while we worshiped the Lord together. You gave us a spiritual home for nearly a decade. During that time we were taught, led, and loved by Reverend Clinton Quillen, an excellent man, friend, and pastor! During that time you, the congregation, extended your love and care to us. I give thanks to God for both Pastor Clint, and all the saints at Wintersville United Methodist Church.

Over the years, Pastor Clint has displayed a long obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, and committed service to the congregation. He regularly works more than full-time hours. He does so not because he is a work-a-holic. No, he works the way he does because he is filled with the love and compassion of God for each one of you. Clint is a man of prayer and sincere dedication to loving you as the Lord Jesus loves him.

These past two years have been difficult. The pandemic has forced all of us to adjust how we live and think. This constant change and adjustment has hit hard in the lives of pastors. Everything we do has to be thought through, adjusted, and thought through and adjusted, again and again and again. It is time for Pastor Clint to take a renewal leave. The SPRC committee reviewed the situation and graciously offered Clint time away from the daily work of ministry so that he might rest and renew himself for further work in God's Vineyard. As a friend and colleague, I highly encourage and support Pastor Clint taking time away. It is a short time and will fly by.

You have many wonderful and gifted people available to help during Clint's renewal leave. I ask two things of you. First, will you make it a priority to pray for Pastor Clint and Ann? Second, will you ask God in what way you might serve Wintersville UMC? I know that is a regular part of your life in Christ, but at this moment Christ might have you step in to ministry to continue growing disciples of Jesus Christ.

With love and respect for all, Bruce Hitchcock, Ohio Valley DS

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Dear Church Family, I am very appreciative of your thoughtfulness and generosity with this renewal leave, which will take place from Jan. 3-31, 2022. Our UM Book of Discipline recommends a renewal leave for pastors every 7 years, and in my 32 years of full-time ministry I have experienced one other one - so I guess it's due! Sunday services and all other pastoral responsibilities will be covered, and as Rev. Hitchcock suggested, thank you for your prayers for Ann and me during this time of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual renewal. We look forward to "coming back" revitalized for service and ministry as together we move forward with the mission to which God has called us.

Romans 15:13, Clint & Ann

APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Our Congregation is blessed to have so many who serve so willingly at WUMC. Whether your service is “behind-the-scenes”, in leadership roles, on various committees and boards, through outreach and mission projects, through your prayers, presence and involvement, through the giving of your Time, Talents, and Treasures, through music, baking, preparing, cleaning, and providing supplies, or in other ways – Know how very much you are appreciated!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE for ADVENT 2021

Advent 2021 Worship Theme ~ "The Cradle, Cross & Crown"

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

**Sunday, Dec. 5 – Second Sunday of Advent. Celebration of Holy Communion.
Theme: "The Cradle of His Humility," Luke 2:1-12, Philippians 2:3-8.**

**Sunday, Dec. 12 – Third Sunday of Advent. Theme: "The Cross of Agape Love,"
John 1:1-14, Isaiah 53:1-6.**

***Sun., Dec. 12 - 6:00pm - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ~ Please come
to be uplifted, encouraged, and to support our young people.**

****Wednesday, Dec. 15 – 6:00-7:00pm - FRIENDS Christmas Concert.**

**Sunday, Dec. 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent. Theme: "The Crown of the King,"
Matthew 2:1-12, Luke 1:29-33, Philippians 2:3-11. Distribution of
Quillen family ornaments.**

***(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.)**

Friday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Theme: "The Cradle, Cross & Crown of Our Lord"

6:00pm – Lighthouse Praise Candlelight Service

11:00pm – Traditional Candlelight Service

**Sun., Dec. 26 – ONE SERVICE AT 11:00AM in the SANCTUARY
Celebration of Christmas Praise.**

**Sun., Jan. 2, 2022 - Covenant Communion Sunday. Celebration of Holy Communion.
Theme: "What's Your Next Step?" 1 Peter 2:21-25, Proverbs 4:11-27.**

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:10-12