

## SOUP STOP FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

The Sentimental Journey barbershop quartet will perform at First Presbyterian Church in Charleston Sunday October 28 at 2:00 PM to benefit the Soup Stop ministry. There is no charge for the event, but donations will be accepted at the door. Soup Stop provides hot meals for the hungry in our community Monday-Friday from 11:00 to 12:30 at the New Hope Worship Center, 2175 Harrison Ave. For more information on Soup Stop visit [www.soupstop.org](http://www.soupstop.org) or call Mary-Nance Miller at 345-7264.

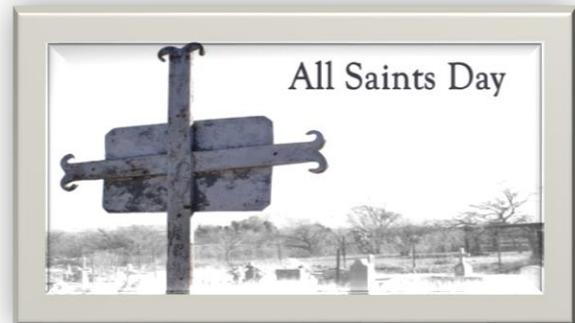


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Volunteers will meet at the church at 7:30AM to be divided into teams, then head out to worksites by 8:00AM. If you are interested in being part of this worthwhile and important ministry, please sign up at the Information Center on Sunday morning or write "Helping Hands" on your Making Connections card. Questions? Contact Pastor Janice Kahl in the church office or at [jkahl@charlestonwesley.org](mailto:jkahl@charlestonwesley.org) or 915-540-2362, or email John Kramer at [jemgray@consolidated.net](mailto:jemgray@consolidated.net). Please sign up to help ASAP – the date is fast approaching!

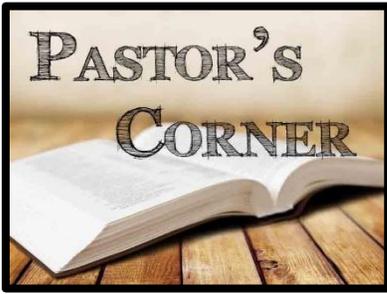
## CALLING ALL HELPING HANDS!

There is still time to sign up for the fall Helping Hands work day which will take place on Saturday, November 3, and we really could use a few more hands! Our Helping Hand volunteers do small home maintenance chores for our homebound and senior members. Some of the jobs they have done in the past include window washing, cleaning gutters, trimming shrubs and changing out light bulbs and smoke detector batteries which are too high for some of our elderly members to reach.



## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 4

On November 4, we will observe All Saints Sunday. This is the day we remember Wesley members and loved ones who have passed since All Saints Sunday of 2017. If you would like to contribute the name of a family member or friend, please email Elizabeth Halbe in the church office at [charlestonwesleyumc@gmail.com](mailto:charlestonwesleyumc@gmail.com) or call the office at 217-345-3917. Names of loved ones will be listed in a bulletin insert; those who were Wesley members will be remembered during worship services that morning.



## GRATEFUL

As I continue to become acclimated to Wesley UMC, it's easy to become overwhelmed by what I don't know, trying to

learn how things typically work around here, what needs to be done right now, what I need to get done if/when I ever get around to it, and what I still miss about my/our life before we moved to Charleston. I need to remind myself on occasion to give myself a break, trust, breathe, pray, pace myself, and not bite off more than I can chew. Grief is real, and hard sometimes. It doesn't get resolved in a day. Developing a "new normal" isn't a clear-cut process.

While I've been reckoning with all of this, the temperatures have begun to drop, and the leaves have begun to fall, and the furnace has been turned on, and the calendar says we are headed toward Thanksgiving. A few weeks ago, I decided to have my morning devotions in the WUMC Chapel. Even finding a suitable spot for prayer and meditation can be complicated and uncomfortable, especially when we miss the old places and spaces.

But as I sat in the Chapel I realized/remembered there was a prayer labyrinth on the floor and I stood up and began to walk it, and before you know it I was grateful for this space to breathe and be and let go and receive. Sometimes if we are to be grateful we simply need to see what is in front of us (even if it represents some discomfort or change) and get up and engage it. So that's what I did. And I began to feel grateful, and to give thought to other reasons I am thankful.

November 18, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, will be Consecration Sunday. Consecration Sunday is the day we make our commitments to financial giving to/through the ministries of Wesley United Methodist Church for the coming year 2019.

I want to keep Consecration Sunday very clear and very simple. First, your giving is voluntary and confidential. No one can make you do it. It is your decision. Second, I believe people give to the church because they want to give—because they want to make a difference in the world. Third, giving also is a means of spiritual growth. If you want to grow your faith, I encourage you to grow your giving. That said, you are being asked to prayerfully consider the question, "What is God calling me/us to give to the ministries of Christ through Wesley United Methodist Church in 2019?" Look for materials in the mail and announcements in worship.

Our theme this year will be "Grateful." I want you to consider, in this season of giving thanks, what it is for which you are grateful. And I want you to know there is no one more generous than God. The text I want to offer you is, "Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God (II Corinthians 4:15)." Grace means we are loved and wanted and valued more than we could ever earn or deserve, no matter who we are, no exceptions. There is nothing we can do to make God love us any more, and there is nothing we can do to make God love us any less. If you know or feel these things in any way, I would call that grace. There is no one more generous than God.

And that is the good news for Consecration Sunday, for Thanksgiving, and for every day of our lives. Our lives of faith are about everything we do once we take this good news to heart.

Faithfully yours,  
*Rev. Tom Corum*



**Just an FYI:  
The parsonage  
phone number has  
recently changed.  
The new number  
is 217-345-9553.**



## NOVEMBER MISSION PROJECT: SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW

The Missions Ministry Team has designated **Society of St. Andrew (SoSA)** as our November Mission Project. The Society of St. Andrew is America's premier food rescue and distribution ministry that partners with people of all faiths so that America's hungry might be fed out of the abundance we have been provided.

For 39 years, the Society of St. Andrew has coordinated farmers, donors, and volunteers who glean fields after commercial harvest and collect



the imperfect leftover fruits and vegetables that would otherwise go to waste. This

charitable food system provides more than 4 billion meals to over 46 million people each year free of charge to food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters in the 48 contiguous states.

If you would like to donate to the **Society of St. Andrew**, please make your check out to **Wesley UMC** with **SoSA** on the memo line or visit our website at [www.charlestonwesley.org](http://www.charlestonwesley.org) and click on the **\$ button** at the bottom of the page. If you prefer to make a cash donation, there are blue mission offering envelopes in the pew backs. Thank you very much for your support.

**Your Missions Ministry Team**



## 2019 ALTAR FLOWER CHART IS NOW AVAILABLE



The flower chart for 2019 is currently available at the Information Center (located in the hallway just outside the sanctuary). Please stop by, pick the date(s) you would like to provide altar flowers, and leave your name, phone number and a brief description of who or what you will be commemorating that day. Someone from the Altar Committee will contact you close to the date to confirm details.



If you are a “snow bird” who heads south or west for the winter, please let the church office know so we can keep in touch while you are gone. Send your information to Rosalie Addison in the church office at [raddison@charlestonwesley.org](mailto:raddison@charlestonwesley.org), or call the office (217-345-3917) during the week. Alternately, you can note your winter address on your Making Connections card on Sunday morning. Be sure to include the date you are leaving and the date you will be returning. Have a safe, warm and happy winter!



# ONE STOP COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS - BLANKET & BOOK DRIVE!



For several years now, WUMC has collected donations of new fleece blankets which are picked up by the EIU office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism and delivered to the One Stop Community Christmas event held in December. Last year, Wesley folks donated over 200 blankets! We will be collecting blankets again this year beginning **Sunday, November 4** and ending **Sunday, December 2**. **NEW THIS YEAR** – we will also be collecting new books for children and youth which will be handed out at the One Stop event on December 8. Books are needed for kids ages infant through 18 years. When you're out doing your holiday shopping, be sure to pick up a blanket and a book for a child in need. All donations can be brought to the display by the Information Center on Sundays beginning November 4 or any time the church building is open. To learn more about One Stop Community Christmas or to volunteer, visit them at <https://www.facebook.com/OneStopCommunity>



[Christmas/.](#)

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS BEGIN NOVEMBER 18

Sunday, November 18, we will begin taking poinsettia orders for the Advent and Christmas season. Order forms will be available in the church office as well as in your Sunday morning worship

bulletin. The order deadline is Monday, December 10. Silk poinsettias may be sponsored for \$10 each with all proceeds going to the Advent Offering. You may also buy a live poinsettia for \$16. Live plants can go home with you after Christmas Eve services. All plants, silk or live, can be given in honor or in memory of someone or simply given as a gift. *Please note that for bookkeeping purposes, we ask that you write SEPARATE checks for silk plants and live plants.*



## OUR CHANCEL CHOIR INVITES YOU TO SING IN THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Wesley's annual Christmas Cantata will take place during both worship services on Sunday, December 16. The Chancel Choir has begun rehearsals and invites all singers high school and older to join them. This is a great opportunity to sing with our choir even if you cannot commit to the entire choir season. Rehearsals take place at 7:00PM each Wednesday in the choir room (Room 121). For more information, please speak with any choir member or with Chancel Choir Director Michael Mellott.

Don't forget to turn your clock back ONE HOUR before going to bed on **Saturday, November 3** so you will be here for worship at the correct time **Sunday, November 4!**





## SCOUT NEWS

The newly concreted area north of the church garage will be the site of a fire pit being built by Troop 141 scouts to honor the memory of committee

member Dr. Joe Williams. Each of the troop's patrols will also be planting bushes (chosen by Terri Farley, of course) at the four corners of the area, which will be available for the church and its youth groups to use.

The cub scouts at nearby Kansas are collecting plastic caps from all sorts of containers, which they take to a company in Vincennes that uses them to make park benches, which the scouts have been placing at various locations in their town. They are collecting all sorts of plastic caps, just not the containers themselves....except for the brown pill containers from pharmacies, which they can take. So, here's a great way to recycle what your prescriptions come in. Please save plastic caps and pill bottles and drop them off in the Scout Room.

At one recent campout, Troop 141 scouts earned trades-related merit badges such as Home Repair, Surveying, and Welding. At a second campout, they learned fire-fighting techniques from area fire and EMT departments. And at their third recent campout, scouts had four hours of careful instruction on climbing and rappelling techniques, following which they demonstrated their new skills at a six-story climbing facility in Bloomington, and the next day at a ropes course in Decatur. Scouts from the troop also helped at the SACIS 5K race, volunteered at the food pantry, distributed food pantry calendars, and helped at the "Power Our Planet" event at Douglas-Hart.

## STEPHEN MINISTER PROFILE



Gail Lockart comes from Vandalia IL and attended college at EIU. After teaching in her home town for 23 years she completed her Doctorate at SIU Edwardsville and came to Charleston to take a position at EIU in 1994. She taught at Eastern in the Department of Childhood, Elementary and Middle Level Education. Gail has three children, 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

After her retirement from Eastern in 2009, her interest in the welfare of children led her to become a volunteer for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), where she advocates for children who come from abusive or neglectful families and who have been placed under court supervision.

Gail has served in the Stephen Ministry program at Wesley for 18 years, and she sees the other Stephen Ministers as her second family. She feels that Stephen Ministry and CASA, along with close family relationships, enable her to have a full, meaningful life.



Our sympathy is extended to  
Jim & Dorothy Bennett and their family  
on the passing of James Bennett, Sr.  
on October 1, 2018;  
to Murray & Rick Choate and their family  
on the death of Fran Choate  
on October 4, 2018;  
and to Larry & Vicki Emberton and their family  
on the death of Larry's mother  
Doris Emberton on October 14, 2018.



**Happy November birthday to the following Wesley folks!**

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| Stan Adkins     | Vauhnee Baptist  |
| Jim Bennett     | Luke Bonnstetter |
| Lisa Braden     | Molly Chappell   |
| Ruth Ann Craig  | Trevor Doughty   |
| Richard Durham  | Ruth Ann Finley  |
| Tom Finley      | Erin Fleming     |
| Gary Hawker     | Jean Hawkins     |
| Kay Helton      | Linda Inman      |
| Randy Jackson   | Lynn Johnson     |
| Keith Kohanzo   | Ben Lanman       |
| Greta Larson    | Cheryl Laursen   |
| Amy Lynch       | Charles Maris    |
| Gale McElwee    | Alan Metzger     |
| Elise Ramsey    | Jean Replogle    |
| Anne Rodgers    | Eli Sidwell      |
| Margaret Speer  | Jeff Stewart     |
| David Stoltz    | Cherie Sutliff   |
| Jeannie Walters | John White       |
| Al Young        |                  |



**Happy November anniversary to the following Wesley couples!**

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| Charles & Jeri Hughes | Bill & Cheryl Lair   |
| Troy & Brandi Shott   | Steve & Joy Starwalt |

Gifts have been given to the Wesley Memorial Fund in memory of Mara McFadden James Laughlin & Frances Choate.



**ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4**



You are invited to attend the annual Charge Conference at Wesley UMC on Sunday, November 4 at 2:00PM in our parlor. *“The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. All members of the charge conference must be members of the local church. The charge conference must meet at least once per year. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry.”*(from [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)) Though the Charge Conference is set up to oversee the “business” of the church, it is also a time of celebration for all that has taken place in the past year and a look ahead to the new church year. We invite you to join us on November 4 as we celebrate the life and work of Wesley Church!



**DON'T FORGET THE COOKIE DRIVE!**

Our Thanks-For-Caring Cookie Drive will take place November 11 – 14. All cookies collected will be delivered to care facilities where Wesley members are being cared for. It’s our way of letting care facility workers know how much we appreciate them! Sign up at the Information Center to donate 3 dozen cookies, then bring them to the church office between Sunday, November 11 & Tuesday, November 13 being sure to have your cookies bagged in **Ziploc** baggies (2 to a bag). Please speak with Pastor Janice for more information.



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**OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM  
 A Time of Fellowship  
 takes place at 9:30AM  
 Sunday School for all ages - 9:45AM

**THE WESLEY CIRCUIT**  
**November 2018**



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