

A Community of faith, led by God's spirit, offering Christ to the World

December 18, 2022

As we continue into Advent, this week we are focusing on love. So, at the risk of someone breaking out into song, what is love? I asked around the church this week to see what others thought about love, and most of their responses were also in song. But one, more than any, stuck out to me. Love is the greatest gift of all. Here, so near Christmas, as we prepare to find the last of our presents for those we care about and get them stacked around the tree, gifts are an important topic.

Whether it is a new toy, a new tool, a new sweater, or even a new pair of woolen socks, we love to give something to those we care about. We love to look for the newest, brightest thing to give to those around us. That look on their face as they open that wrapping and see just what they wanted is enough to take us to next Christmas. All of it is a sign of the love we feel for each other. We give out of love, because God gave to us first.

But there is something else important that comes along with giving, and that is receiving. Giving and receiving are two sides of the same coin. After all, if someone wasn't there to receive, you could never give. That can be tough for us to wrestle with sometimes. We find it so much easier to give than to receive. That's why we hesitate when people ask us what we want for Christmas, we don't want to trouble them.

Love was given by God first, so that we could be able to love. But, if the world didn't receive the love of God, then where would we be now? Think about it this way, we are preparing to receive the greatest gift of love the world has ever seen, the gift of Jesus. We have to be willing to receive Him.

This year as you gather around the tree preparing to open all those presents that someone worked so hard on, remember to welcome the gift as much as you welcome giving. Love isn't a one-way street. Love is a balance, it must exist on both sides. We have to be willing to accept it, and to give it, both in equal measure. Love is a gift, both to the giver and the receiver.

By His Grace,
Will



Join Us!

Christmas AT WYNNTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata "One Silent Night" Sunday, Dec. 11 • 8:30AM & 11AM Worship Services	Christmas Caroling to Homebound Members Sunday, Dec. 18 • 3:00PM Caroling and Return to Church for Soup and Dessert	Christmas Eve Candlelighting Services Saturday, Dec. 24 3:30PM and 5:30PM Traditional Worship Service	Christmas Day Service Sunday, Dec. 25 10:00AM Traditional Worship Service
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OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed Thursday, Dec. 15th at 12:30 p.m. due to the Staff Christmas luncheon.

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Jason Wade, Will Walley and their families** by Shirley Moon

In honor of **Cindy Autry** by The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study

ADVENT PRAYER TIME

Wednesday, Dec. 14 & 21
Noon - 1 p.m. & 6:15- 7:15 p.m. (drop by)
Chapel

CONGRATULATIONS

To Billy Daffin on graduating from Columbus State University on Dec. 9, 2022 with a Business Degree.

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

New holiday cards \$5.00 each
see Randy Autry or Suzanne Supple
All proceeds go to the needy.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Finance Committee has designated our Christmas offering to go to the Wynnton Neighborhood Network. You may make your gift anytime in December in a worship service or by mailing it to the church office.

2022 END OF YEAR GIVING

Please be sure to send your end of year contributions before December 31. Submissions postmarked after Dec. 31 cannot be counted for 2022. Also, gifts of stock and online payments must clear by Dec. 31. Thanks for helping us meet our budget needs!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join us in celebrating the holidays with our homebound by Christmas Caroling. We will be leaving at three-o'clock on December 18th to see as many of our homebound members as possible. After caroling we will be returning to the church to gather around the table with hot soup to warm back up from our singing. Please contact Will Walley or the church office if you would be interested in singing with us, and if you would be interested in volunteering to make a pot of soup for the fellowship time after or bring a small dessert.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

I am profoundly grateful for our choir members at Wynnton. Week after week they study and prepare music to support our worship service and ministry. It is a commitment that requires much focused time and energy, but also, a commitment that brings many blessings. It is an honor and a privilege to make music to the glory of God with all of our members of music ministry at Wynnton.

As we continue in Advent and prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord, the Chancel Choir will again bring the spirited anthem by Pepper Choplin, *Glory to God in the Highest Heaven*, with tenor soloist, Billy Ragan. It has been described as an exultant outburst of joy, sung in the spirited call-and-response folk style for which Pepper Choplin is revered. We celebrate as we proclaim the birth of Jesus with the words of the heavenly host: "Glory to God in the Highest Heaven!"

"Glory to God in the Highest Heaven" by Pepper Choplin
Glory to God in the highest heaven, glory to God, now a Child is born. Glory to God in the highest heaven, glory to God, He is Christ the Lord. Glory to God in the highest heaven, glory to God, now a Child is born. Glory to God in the highest heaven, glory to God, He is Christ the Lord. Don't be afraid for I come to you, coming to bring you amazing news. In Bethlehem, now a Child is born, a Savior, He is Christ the Lord. Glory to God. Glory to God. We're singin' "Glory to God in the highest heaven, glory to God, now a Child is born. Glory to God in the highest heaven, glory to God, He is Christ the Lord." Shepherds, now to the manger go. Find the child there in swaddling clothes. When you see Him, you'll lift your voice and praise the Lord with joyful noise! Glory to God. Glory to God. We're singin' "Glory to God in the highest heaven, glory to God, now a Child is born. Glory to God in the highest heaven, glory to God, He is Christ the Lord." Sing "Glory to God." Glory to God. Glory to God. We're singin' "Glory to God in the highest heaven, glory to God, now a Child is born. Glory to God in the highest heaven, glory to God, He is Christ the Lord." Sing "Glory to God." "Glory to God, glory to God!"

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

Friday, December 16th

7:00-7:30am Prayer Breakfast
CFA on Whittlesey Dr.

Sunday, December 18th

3:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling

*Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010

*Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010

Youth Christmas Party December 17th 3-7pm

Click the QR code to register



Christmas Party Registration

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Advent Readings 2: December 18-24

Luke 1:26-55

This week we will be reading about Mary, mother of Jesus. As she encountered an angel of God, Mary was told she would be giving birth to the Son of God. Mary was young, she was engaged to be married but still unmarried. And here she was, being told she would give birth by an angel of the Lord. This was a lot to put on her. She was going to give birth to the Son of God. There would be difficult times ahead. Difficult conversations with her betrothed, Joseph. But, at the end of this walk, she would hold the child who would grow into the Savior of the world.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 18 Alice Bickerstaff, Andrew Carpenter
- 20 Andy Andresen, Martha Daffin
- 21 Kathy Green, Dorothy Johnson,
Mary Beth Mims
- 23 Vicky Smith
- 24 Ed Annable

Children's Programs

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as well as Sunday School for grades K-12 from 9:45-10:50 a.m. The nursery for infants through age 3 is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for Pre-K-5th Grade is on the first floor of the Grimes building, and youth Sunday School is in the basement under the sanctuary. Children's Church will be offered for children through 5th Grade in the Children's Center in the Grimes building during the worship hour.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

12-11-22

General Fund.....	38,426.00
Christmas.....	300.00
Missions.....	115.00
Other Contributions.....	106.00
Prepaid Pledges.....	4,037.24

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Pre-K through 4th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Grimes Bldg.'s first floor children's church room next to the nursery.

OUR ATTENDANCE

12-11-22

Early Morning Service.....	73
Morning Service.....	158
Sunday School.....	95

BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of January. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.

UPCOMING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Come help us make cards for our homebound members. Wednesday, January 18th from 11:30 to 1:30. A light lunch will be provided.

We will be having a planning meeting for adult ministry events on January 19th at 12:00 p.m. Please plan on bringing your lunch and ideas for adult ministry activities.

WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY NEEDS

Our church was able to serve 23 students through the Adopt-A-Family project. Thank you all so much for your generosity. This year there were individuals who “adopted” students in addition to the Sunday School classes!

In January and February, WAA is asking for donations of **gloves, and socks**. The cold winter is approaching, if not here, and many students are in need of these items. Please drop your donations in the bin in the Fellowship Hal to be delivered.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 18

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
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Streams Live on Facebook
- 11:00 a.m. Children’s Church - Grimes Building
- 3:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling followed by soup dinner - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 20

- 10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Bldg.

Wednesday, December 21

- 12-1:00 p.m. Advent Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
- 6:15-7:15 p.m. Advent Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 22

Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

- 3:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25

- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

December 18: Team 4: Dave Stevenson, Bart Wilson, Paul Therrien, Andy Andresen

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Lynn Christenson	Dorothy Robinson
Aubrey Walker	Jenefer Spell
Daro Miller	Jim Accordino
David Woolbright	Denise Hill
Pam Feagle	Benjamin Feagle
Julee Robinson McGehee	Barbara McKenzie
Betty Garrett	Richard Holmes
Lucy Hart	Agnes Tew
Andy Andresen	Joy Graham
Sue Pope	Freddie Richardson
Doris Rowe	Dentin Spurlin
Tom Stafford	Shelley Montgomery

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Dec. 16-18
Rev. Will Walley 601-337-9691

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please help us update our information (or pick up a card in the church) by using this QR code. Contact Will Walley at the church for more information or questions.

