



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Peacemaking - December 8, 2024



Check In

The altar flowers are presented by Audre Bueche in celebration of Wesley Family, Beuche Family, and Friends.



WELCOME



PRELUDE

Jesu Bambino

M. Hayes



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Music: *Light of Hope* by Joel Raney

Please share in the words in bold, and in singing following the lighting of the candle. First, the choir sings, then the reading. After the candle is lit, we all join our voices in song.

The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God’s coming salvation. “For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness” (Malachi 3:2b-3).

In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God’s peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God’s grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God’s love throughout the earth

We light this candle of PEACE as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God’s kin-dom comes on earth as it is in heaven. .

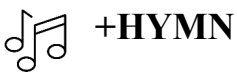
The second candle of the Advent wreath is lit.

Light — of life, Mak - er of day, gath - er our
 sha - dows and cast them a - way. Bea - con of
 truth, gleam - ing and bright, shine in our
 hearts, _____ shat - ter our night. _____



+SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

The PEACE of Christ be with you. And also with you.



+HYMN

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph
Please stand in body and spirit, however you are led and able.

UMH 215 (v. 1,2,4)



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 41:17-20 and 1 Peter 3:13-17

+GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26-38

Please stand in body, stand in spirit, however you are led and able.



+DOXOLOGY

Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Em G C D7 G D G C G

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

5 Am Bm7 Em Am Em B7 Em A7 D Em

here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

10 D Bm G C Am D7 G D Em Bm G

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -

15 C D7 Em D G C G Am Em Bm Em

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.



FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Alexander Dungan



SONG OF PREPARATION

The First One Ever

UMH 276



SERMON and INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Megan Tobola



ANTHEM

People, Look East!

arr. John Leavitt



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



INVITATION to the PRACTICE of GIVING *Thank you for sharing your gifts!*

Give by Text: (630) 528-0155, Online: wesleynaperville.org/giving
The offering basket is also available at the front of the sanctuary.



Following the postlude, all are invited for ADVENT FELLOWSHIP FUN in the Atrium.

🎵 ~ Any children and youth interested in singing a special song for the Dec. 22 Pageant in Worship is invited to rehearse with Nicole after church today! ~ 🎵



WELCOME! — We welcome Sherice Horton as our new Assistant Director of our Kids Day Out daycare ministry!

She has years of great experience as both a classroom teacher and a backup daycare director. She has served as a Substitute Teacher in each of the Kids Day Out rooms. We look forward to you all getting to know her better. You will see her quite frequently at pick-up/drop off times, as well as in the office getting acclimated to the administrative end of things in the coming days. She will be working closely with our Transitional Administrator, Ken, to learn the ropes, and provide support in the classrooms. There will be a few days in the next month or two that you do not see her smiling face due to previously arranged commitments, but she is off to a great start having begun on Wednesday, December 4. Ken will **continue as Transitional Administrator** until both Sherice and the forthcoming Director are fully trained and ready to fly on their own.

Wesley Recycles Styrofoam



Bring your styrofoam recycling to the special recycling bins on the lower level. Stained and soiled items are not accepted, so please be sure to soak and rinse!

Thank you!



Loaves & Fishes
Community Services

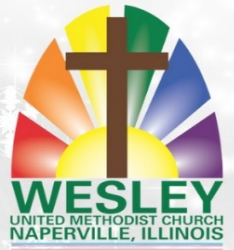
The need for food in our community has grown drastically. The supply has not come close to keeping up. Most Needed Items:

FOOD: Canned Protein (tuna, salmon, chicken), No sugar-added canned fruit, Ready-to-Eat soups, Dried fruit, Spaghetti sauce, Whole Wheat Pastas Instant and Whole Oatmeal, Whole Grain Cereals Rice, Couscous & Grains Corn Muffin Mix, and Canned Tomatoes, **PERSONAL CARE:** Toilet paper, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Household cleaners, Kleenex, Deodorant, and Body Wash.

Donation bins are available at Wesley in the Atrium, Lower Level (B), and the Narthex

IMMEDIATELY AFTER 10AM WORSHIP

Advent Fellowship Fun for All



DEC. 1, 2024
Christmas tree
building and
decoration



DEC. 8, 2024
Make a take
home Chrismon
ornament



Dec. 15, 2024
Advent
Scavenger
Hunt



DEC. 22, 2024
Make your
own Christ
Candle



**WE WANT TO FEATURE YOUR
CHRISMON ORNAMENTS ON
WESLEY'S SOCIAL MEDIA.**

Kindly email a photo of your finished chrismon
craft to the church office
(wesleynaperville@gmail.com) or tag us!



@Wesley UMC Naperville



@Wesley.Naperville

Your 2025 PLEDGE

Thank you for your support!

Paper Forms can be found in the Atrium
and Church Office.

You can submit your pledge online at
wesleynaperville.org/giving or scan the QR code.



SAVE THE DATE!

Christmas Story

DEC. 12, 2024 | 10 AM | WESLEY ATRIUM

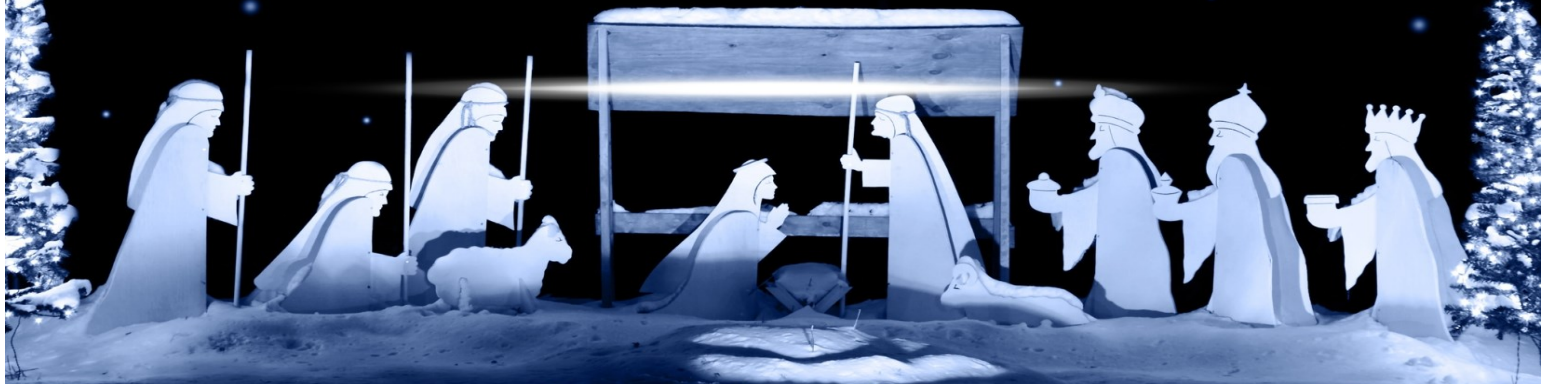
WESLEY UWIF WILL BE PRESENTING OUR
FAVORITE CHRISTMAS STORY! OUR NUTS
AND CANDY WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE -- WE HOPE YOU JOIN US!



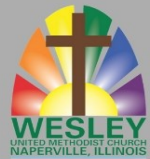
United
Women
in Faith

Children's Christmas Pageant,

Sunday, December 22, 2024 at 10am



Contact Alexander at
alexander@wesleynaperville.org to join the effort





Christmas Eve Service

DEC. 24, 2024

3:00 pm

WESLEY SANCTUARY



Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

The deadline for ordering poinsettias is

December 15, 2024

If you wish to order poinsettias to be placed in our church sanctuary during the Christmas season, please complete the form below. After completion, it can be placed in the offering basket (Sunday morning) or church office.

Cost per plant: \$20.00

of red _____ # of white _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Phone _____

In memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Celebration of _____

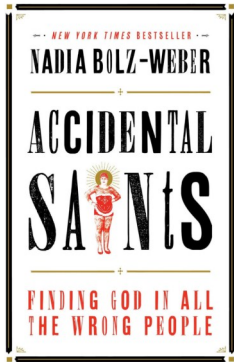
Other dedication _____



ADULT ONE-TIME DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITIES

If you have interest in being a part of any of these one time gathering and discussion opportunities, reach out to Pastor Megan at 630-355-1834 ext. 102 or pastor@wesleynaperville.org. The interested group determines the date(s) and time(s) of gathering. Together, we will coordinate refreshments.

*Accidental Saints:
Finding God
in All the Wrong People*
by Nadia Bold-Weber
book discussion (books \$12)



The Miracle Club
Movie viewing and discussion



Messiah
Netflix
series
viewing and discussion
(selected episode)



CHILDREN and YOUTH

Time for Young Disciples in worship, immediately followed by Sunday School (2nd—4th Sundays). 5th Sundays beginning in December: Worship through hands on mission at 10am. **The Children & Youth Christmas Pageant will be in Worship on December 22nd! For those interested in joining the song for the day, rehearsal will be after worship next Sunday, December 8th!** For more details about the pageant, contact Alexander at alexander@wesleynaperville.org

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Part-time daycare ministry Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9am to 2pm for children 6 months to 5 years of age. Contact Ken for more information and tours (630) 355-1758 wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT BOOSTERS

If you would like to help support this ongoing ministry through volunteering your ideas and time, contact wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com or call (630) 355-1758 to let us know!

GIVING TO OUR ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund invests donations to provide for outreach programs and to supplement the church budget. You can donate directly, dedicate a leaf on our Wesley Family Tree or put Wesley in your will. I am happy to help answer your questions. Please contact Barbara Burke, 239-405-5898, or email barbaraburke123@att.net for information on contributing to the Endowment Fund.

ADVENT MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Chancel Choir rehearses on most Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. All voices are welcome. Instrumentalists are also welcome to share their gifts. Contact Nicole Melody (Director of Music) info@wesleynaperville.org

STYROFOAM RECYCLING

You are welcome to bring your styrofoam recycling to the special recycling bins on the lower level. Stained and soiled items are not accepted. Please rinse ahead of time.

LITURGIST OPPORTUNITIES

To be a liturgist, please sign up in the Atrium or contact the office (details on back).

COFFEE HOUR during ADVENT FELLOWSHIP FUN!

Join us after Worship in the Atrium for a cup of coffee or tea, and a little nibble. If you would like to bring a treat or help with set-up, contact our church office at 630-355-1834 or infowesley@naperville.org



DAYCARE ENROLLMENT

AGES 6 MONTHS - 5 YEARS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Full days: 9am-2pm
Half days: 9-11:30 or 11:30-2

SUMMER PROGRAM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Full days: 9am-1pm

630-355-1758

wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com

**If you enjoy working with children of this age, job opportunities are available!
Visit wesleynaperville.org/kdo**

Sundays

Additional parking is allowed in the Old National Bank (formerly, Midwest Bank) lot

10:00 AM (Hybrid): **Worship in-person or online** wesleynaperville.org (Sanctuary—Level 1)
2nd - 4th Sundays: **Sunday School** immediately following the time for Young Disciples.

After Worship In Person **Fellowship in the Atrium** (Coffee and Nibbles—Level A)

Starting December 29th: 5th SUNDAYS ARE WORSHIP THROUGH MISSION

5:00 PM **Center Street Table Dinner Dialogues**
(Across the Street @ Community UMC).

IN PERSON HOURS

CHURCH OFFICE

(630) 355-1834

Emily Torres, Administrative Assistant

Sun 9am – 1pm

M, T CLOSED

W, TH, F 8:30am—3:30pm

ext. 110

Building Events

events@wesleynaperville.org

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Ken Tobola, Transitional Administrator

Sherice Horton, Assistant Director

M, W, F 9am—2pm

(630) 355-1758

wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com

Rev. Megan Tobola, ext. 102

Lead Pastor

Tuesdays are sabbath

pastor@wesleynaperville.org

Alexander Dungan, ext. 104

Minister of Family & Justice

W, TH 9am – 2pm

alexander@wesleynaperville.org

Rev. Duane Mevis, Pastor Emeritus

Nicole Melody, Director of Music

Svetlana Mars, Accompanist

Chelsea Guanzon, Pastoral Intern

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**God, as known to us
in Christ Jesus
welcomes ALL people.
So do we.
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