

Communion at FOCUS

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the Lord's Table, also known as Communion. We have open communion, which means you do not have to be a member to receive with the rest of the church congregation. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies. For a list of ingredients, please see Linda Griffith.

Sunday Evening Prayer and Study Gathering 6:30-8PM

Our prayer group will be gathering tonight here at FOCUS. This is an incredible opportunity to learn and grow. **You are invited!**

FOCUS Youth Group 6:30-8P

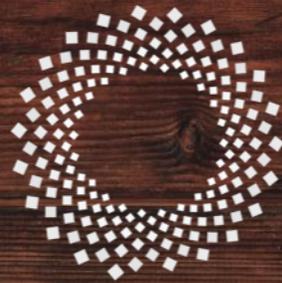
Youth Group will be meeting at FOCUS tonight for a Christmas Party!

Angel Tree

Please bring your Angel Tree gifts back to the church gift wrapped on or before December 19 (tomorrow). The gifts will be delivered Dec. 20 at 2PM. Thank you for giving back this Christmas!

No Sunday School Dec. 25

We will not be holding any Sunday School classes next Sunday, but our 11am worship service will begin as scheduled.



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Welcome to
WORSHIP

THANKS FOR COMING

Local Church Conference January 1, 2017

As we look forward with anticipation to the new year rapidly approaching, please mark your calendar and plan to stay after the 11am service on **January 1, 2017** for our annual Local Church Conference. This is our annual local church gathering where members of FOCUS vote and elect Board members to serve on our governing Local Church Board. This year we will be receiving nominations and electing four church members to serve on the current Local Church Board which consists of twelve lay members and our pastor. In total our board has thirteen members, four of which have served their term. Please take time today and over the next week to prayerfully make nominations for these crucial roles within the leadership of our church. As outlined by The Discipline of the Wesleyan Church; *“All board members shall be adult covenant members, whose lives bear witness to the grace of holy living (297:1; 302:3; 552:2-3; 553:1-2); who are in harmony with our Articles of Religion, Covenant Membership Commitments, and the authority of The Discipline in matters of church government (297:3; 553:1-2); and who are faithful in worship attendance, involved in personal ministry, and supportive of the church financially at least to the level of personal tithing (265:3; 297:4)”* *See Chapter 5, Paragraph 752 of The Discipline 2012.

Please submit your nominations via the drop box on the information counter. By way of reference, our current board includes the following: Jill Hawse, Melanie Bishop, Kenneth Thompson, and Alice Farley (1-year term remaining) and Kevin Farley, Christy Mann, Jeff Bishop, and Andy Griffith. (2-year term remaining).

December 18, 2016

FOCUS Wesleyan Church
Advent Week 4 - “Love”
Main Passage: Matthew 2:1-23

1 John 4:16-21

Matthew 2:1-23

1. Love changed Herod’s _____ (culture)

Notes:

Hosea 11:1

2. Love, changed the _____ _____ (People _____)

Notes:

- a. They entered
- b. They bowed
- c. They gave
- d. They worshipped
- e. They responded with obedience

3. Love, changes _____ (Personally/communally)

Notes:

Matthew 13:44-46

Reflection: What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of worshipping at FOCUS?

What is your **next step** upon hearing God’s Word? When it comes to meeting Christ Jesus, what is your current reaction? How are you doing in the area of worship? Matthew 6:33 says that we should “seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all of these things will be added unto you.” During this week leading up to Christmas, what are you seeking with the greatest intensity?

Challenge: This week I will pray for the following government official: