

MAY 2023

WESLEY TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"WHERE EVERYDAY IS A REFLECTION OF JESUS CHRIST"

1322 West Road

Salisbury, MD

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Pentecost

BY: CATHY MICHELL

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings.
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.

The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in His translation.
Whose mother tongue is Love in every nation.

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BLESSING + OBEDIENCE: BLESSING OF PROVISION

"The LORD will guarantee a blessing on everything you do and will fill your storehouses with grain. The LORD Your God will bless you in the land He is giving you." DEUTERONOMY 28:8 NLT

How sweet it is to know that God is guaranteed to bless you. It's exciting and reassuring.

But we can often forget that some blessings are byproducts of alignment and obedience. The passage above makes clear that the blessing of provision isn't random. The blessing referenced is specifically and strategically attached to the land, the territory, and the assignment God is leading them into.

God doesn't promise to bless us where we don't belong. How else would He usher us into our promised land? For this reason, blessing and obedience go hand-in-hand. It's not that we are striving to earn a blessing; that doesn't work. Instead, we are seeking to align with where God's presence, plan, path, and provision are already flowing.

Far too many of our choices are decided but not truly directed. When you default to doing what you want, when you want, and how you want, God will let you. But it doesn't mean that the blessing of His provision and protection will be upon your decision. It is, however, guaranteed to be upon His direction. It's time to stop trespassing in the land of our desires and to step into the territory of divine destiny.

Are you living in the land of your own decisions right now or in God's direction?

Pray:

Lord, I trade my desires for Your direction. Take me into the territory You have already prepared for me to steward, amplify, and enjoy. Amen.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



'A Blurred Focus'

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”(Proverbs 3:5-6).

The story is told of a male marathon runner who was trying to improve his run time. However an issue occurred when he became so focused on the run time that he ignored his overall strategy and failed to run in such a way as to prevent injury. He understood the how and what of the race, but his focus became blurred because he was fixing his eyes on the wrong goal.

Beloveds, whether we believe it or not, but the same can happen in our attempts to follow Christ. Yes we may seek to live faithfully and obediently, and to share our faith with others, but there are times when we lose track of what we have learned and practiced and we come up short. We often put our convictions on a shelf because we are afraid of what others will think of us, or because our beliefs stand in the way of some worldly thing we want. That my brothers and sisters is why we need to stay focused on the ultimate goal, which is life in God's Kingdom.

We cannot make it on our own by looking solely to ourselves. The same holds truth for our faith life. We need to keep Jesus in focus every moment and allow God's Word to lead us down wise and eternally prosperous paths. We ought to want our focus to be on God as our foundation for everything we do.

*Peace,
Pastor Justice*

**Wesley Temple
celebrates and
honors the love,
kindness, and
patience that is so
generously
provided without
questioning by all
the Mothers in our
lives. This includes
stepmothers,
mothers-in-law,
grandmothers,
spiritual mothers
and other special
women we love.
HAPPY MOTHER'S
DAY!**



Wesley Temple United Methodist Church
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Women's
Day
SUNDAY
May 21, 2023

Worship Experience @ 11:00am

Guest Messenger

Rev. Kiesha Jones
New Beginnings UMC

Theme: 'Women Walking by Faith'
2 Corinthians 5:7

Rev. Lester N. Justice, Pastor



YOU'RE INVITED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL!

Every 2nd and 3rd
Sunday
May 14th and May 21st
12:45 -1:45 PM
We look forward to
seeing YOU!

Wesley Temple offers church school
classes for school age children and
youth (age 4-12).

Children & Youth Bible
Lesson
Fun Games & Activities
Snacks & Free Giveaways!



WESLEY TEMPLE ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL

Sunday morning
9:00 am- 10:00 am

Join us on Sunday mornings for Adult Church School! Use the information below to join our Adult Church School class:

*Dial-in Number: 605-562-8401
Passcode: 941 7385*

WORSHIP WITH US!



Join us each Sunday morning
at 11:00 a.m. for worship in person at Wesley Temple
United Methodist Church!

If you cannot join us in person, you can join us Live
on Facebook for worship. Use the link below to join
the Sunday morning worship:

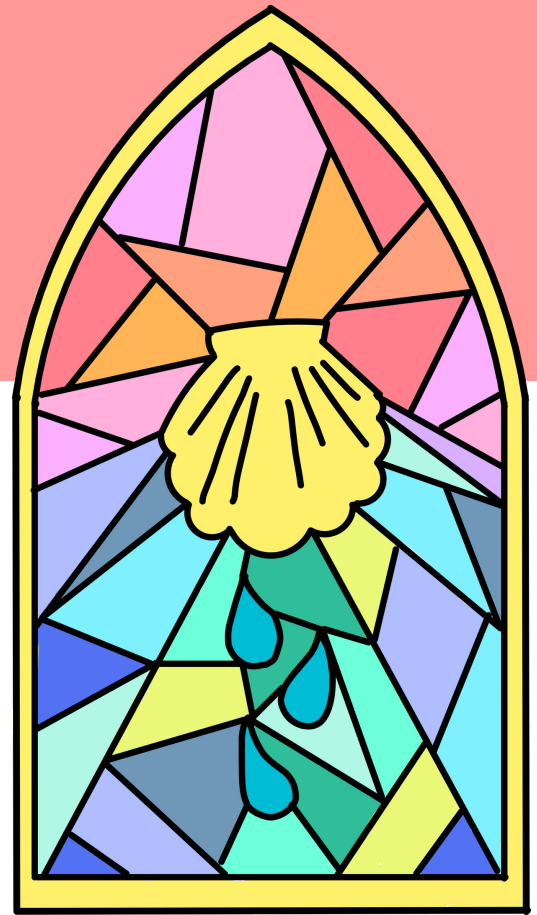
<https://www.facebook.com/WesleyTempleUMCSalisburyMD/>

All worship recordings can be found on our
YouTube page:

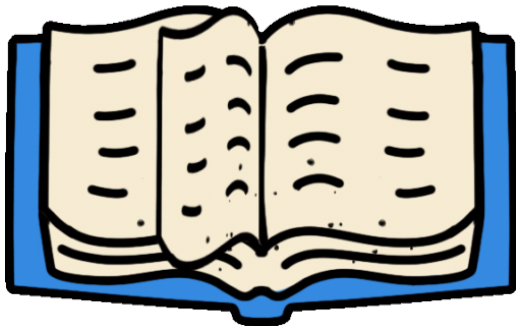
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WESLEY TEMPLE MIDWEEK BIBLE LEARNING

Join our Bible Study each week on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in-person at Wesley Temple in the Multipurpose Room.



WESLEY TEMPLE NOON DAY BIBLE LEARNING



Join our Noonday Bible Study each week on Wednesdays from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. in-person at Wesley Temple in the Multipurpose Room.

For those who are unable to attend either study in-person please contact Rev. Justice.

WESLEY TEMPLE MEN'S BIBLE LEARNING

**Join our Men's Bible Study the 2nd and 4th
FRIDAY of each month at 6:00 p.m. Use the
information below to join the Bible Study:**

Go to <https://zoom.us/join>

Enter the Meeting ID: 878 6976 1005

Enter Password: 19904

For those without internet access, please
dial

Toll Free Call- in: 1-301-715- 8592



WESLEY TEMPLE
OUR TIME OF PRAYER
MAY 13TH & MAY 27TH



Join Wesley Temple for our time of prayer the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in May, May 13th and May 27th at 9:00 am.

Our prayer time together will take place by conference call and the information for joining the call is below:

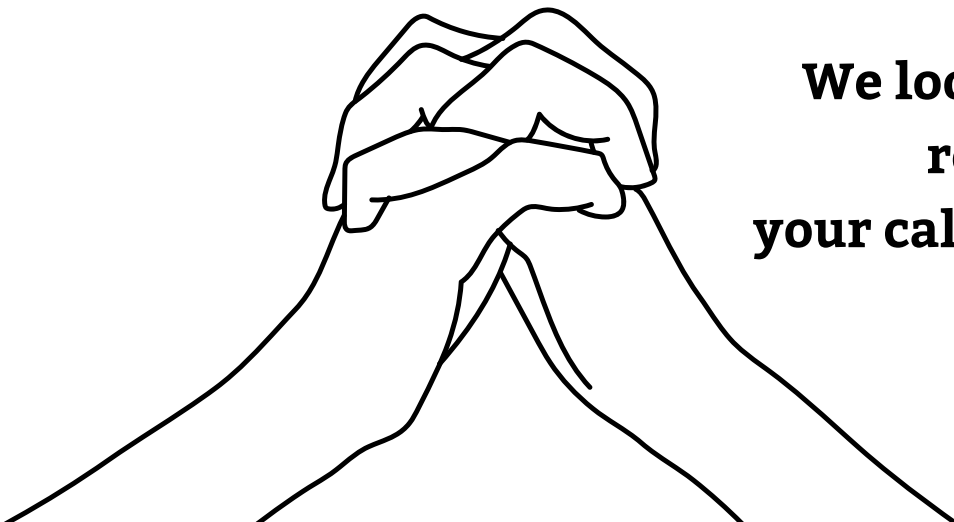
Dial-in Number: 605-562-8400

Access Code: 792-4210

PRAY

Make your prayer requests by leaving a message at our church office.

We look forward to receiving your call- 410-749-4252



WESLEY TEMPLE

SICK & SHUT-IN

Joann Jolley
Monterrey Raynor
Sherry Cook
Roxie Pinkett Evans
Yvonne Taylor

Romaine Parker
Ina Townsend
Virginia Lee
Wallace Mann
Vanessa Sample
Kevin Whittington

**Continue to pray for
all of our church
family who are sick
and shut-in. call or
contact them as
much as you can
and keep them close
to your hearts.**



*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



*"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;" – Psalm 24:1*

Being a Christian is not just a title, it's a position. The position is that of a steward; a person responsible and entrusted with the management of another's possessions. As stewards, all we do should be directed by the desires of the owner, God. And the owner's desires and instructions are clearly understood by what He said in His Word.

Retrieved from: www.christianstewardshipnetwork.com/blog/2019/7/23/christian-stewardship-quotes

"TITHING IS NOT GIVING; IT IS BRINGING." - AUTHOR UNKNOWN

*"Stewardship is not about raising money; it's about raising Christians
who willingly trust God." – Author Unknown*



Women of the Bible

Q	Z	R	A	H	A	B	C	P	J	E	I	V	N
M	A	R	T	H	A	J	Z	T	X	S	W	V	P
W	D	O	K	S	N	A	O	M	I	T	G	X	I
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A	I	I	E	N	H	Y	Z	T	J	V	D	E	K
H	Y	A	G	A	J	O	C	H	E	B	E	D	A
N	N	M	V	H	M	S	W	N	P	L	J	U	H

JOCHEBED

MIRIAM

RAHAB

DEBORAH

RUTH

EVE

SARAH

REBEKAH

RACHEL

LEAH

HANNAH

ESTHER

MARY

NAOMI

MARTHA