



# WESLEY CHURCH OF HOPE

United Methodist Church Newsletter

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025

Rev. Vaughn L. Cook, Pastor



## "LIVING ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT"



Dear WCOH Family and Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I trust that this newsletter finds you and yours well. As we come into the latter part of the summertime, I want to share with you a thought that I believe will be relevant to us in these days in which we live. The apostle Paul says, "The love of Christ controls us... therefore from now on we recognize no man according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we no longer know Him that way." (2 Corinthians 5:14-16) It was pure grace that Jesus Christ gave His life and was resurrected for us ALL! And that same grace will move us to see individuals as Christ sees us (individually).

**Question:** So how should we look at people?

**Answer:** We could ask the Lord for a pair of "Spiritual Lenses," so that we could see them more clearly...in the Spirit and heart-to-heart.

Let's continue to pray together and seek the Lord's grace so that our eyes might be opened and more sensitive to the people around us who are humans just the same. If you call yourself a follower of Jesus Christ, please be reminded that where grace is given, the giving out of grace is required.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
LET US PRAY FOR YOU!

Submit your request online or place a prayer request on the prayer board at the church.

## NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WAYS TO SERVE

IMPORTANT DATES



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*thank you*

for your commitment to serve, give, and share God's love!

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CHECK OUT UPCOMING EVENTS AT [WESLEYCHURCHOFHOPE.ORG](https://www.wesleychurchofhope.org)



## PRAYER LIST

Lord, we lift up those members of our church family who are on our prayer list. We pray that you will anoint them with your strength and your life-giving power. Remind them that your Holy Spirit is watching over them and that their church is praying for their comfort and care.

**Marcella Conner  
Prudence Duncan  
Maia Dillard  
Lester Finney  
Mattie Ruth Hill  
Ronald Jordan  
Lilly Lim  
Art Little  
Godfrey Ludaway Sr.  
Sharon Ludaway  
Helena Mobley  
Eileen Neale  
Zion Shakhan  
Kevin Smith & Family  
Pam Smith  
Wendy Steele  
Christopher Williams  
Dr. Zawadi YaAshantawa**

## Welcome New Members



## NEW MEMBER CLASS

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 13, 2025  
SATURDAYS AT 11 AM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## MEN'S WORSHIP SERVICE

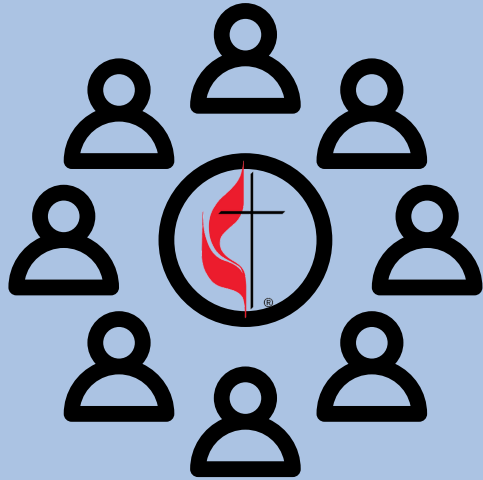
**SEPTEMBER 7 AT 11:00AM**

*Join us for Men's Worship Service on September 7, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. We are looking to involve ALL the men of Wesley Church of Hope. Please contact Mike or Ruciana Fleming to get involved in the All Men's Choir or other aspect of service.*





# CHURCH ANNUAL CONFERENCE



*All members are asked to  
attend the annual church  
meeting as we greet our new  
District Superintendent,  
Rev. Dr. Jim Wilson*

**SEPTEMBER 21  
4:30 PM**

## "LIVING ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT"

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The message you have just read is one that I believe needs to get out beyond the walls of the church so that the Believers might become more effective in carrying out the love and grace which we obtain, to those that desperately seek acceptance in our communities. Please continue to pray for WCOH. And as you pray for us (as we do you), or support us financially, or tell a friend about this ministry, you are helping us to move forward in our mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" and extending the Kingdom of God...one person at a time!

If you have not visited recently, whether in-person or online, I invite you to reconsider. Truly the Lord is doing some exciting work with us, and we extend a warm welcome to you and invite you to join during these wonderful times. Thanks again for being a part of the outreach of Wesley Church of Hope!

In Christ Love,

*Pastor Vaughn L. Cook*

## Grow closer to God

**Build a habit of reading the Bible daily!**



Join us for daily devotional plans, bible study and discussions, prayers, and connection with one another throughout the week.



Download the YouVersion Bible App for free and search for WCOH Members.



# Youth Sunday



Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday we celebrate our youth. In August, we called for special prayers and covering for our youth, teachers, and administrators as they embark on the new school year. Davon Bettis served as liturgist, and the youth ministries led service through song and liturgical dance.



Aubrey Dowdy, a recent University of Cincinnati graduate, delivered a powerful and inspiring message of hope and faith.



## October 26, 2025

**The theme for the celebration is  
"Blessings and Honor"**

The 20th Church Anniversary will be on Sunday October 26th. We are asking for donations of \$100 from each member of WCOH, however what ever you can give is welcome.

**The speaker for the service will be Pastor Paulette Taylor.**

Contact Shirley Mixon if you have any questions.



## United Women in Faith

Ladies, join a community of women united in purpose, faith, and action! The Wesley United Women in Faith warmly invites all women to join our group!

Driven by God's love and united in sisterhood, our mission focuses on women, children, and social justice. Please contact Wendy Steele for more information.



# IMPORTANT DATES

- SEP 3 MAKE IT HAPPEN GROUP
- SEP 7 MENS WORSHIP SUNDAY
- SEP 9 BIBLE STUDY AT 12NOON
- SEP 10 MAKE IT HAPPEN GROUP
- SEP 13 PRODUCE GIVEAWAY AT 10AM
- SEP 13 NEW MEMBER CLASS
- SEP 14 BAKE SALE AFTER WORSHIP
- SEP 16 BIBLE STUDY AT 12NOON
- SEP 17 MAKE IT HAPPEN GROUP
- SEP 20 NEW MEMBER CLASS
- SEP 21 ANNUAL CONFERENCE @ 4:30PM
- SEP 23 BIBLE STUDY AT 12NOON
- SEP 24 MAKE IT HAPPEN GROUP
- SEP 27 NEW MEMBER CLASS
- SEP 30 BIBLE STUDY AT 12NOON
- OCT 1 MAKE IT HAPPEN GROUP
- OCT 4 NEW MEMBER CLASS (MAKEUP)
- OCT 8 MAKE IT HAPPEN GROUP
- OCT 11 PRODUCE GIVEAWAY AT 10AM
- OCT 14 BIBLE STUDY AT 12NOON
- OCT 15 MAKE IT HAPPEN GROUP
- OCT 18 NEW MEMBER CLASS
- OCT 19 YOUTH SUNDAY
- OCT 21 BIBLE STUDY AT 12NOON
- OCT 22 MAKE IT HAPPEN GROUP
- OCT 26 CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
- OCT 28 BIBLE STUDY AT 12NOON
- OCT 29 MAKE IT HAPPEN GROUP



**Sunday,  
September 14th  
following  
Worship Service**



Sign up in the church office to bring a dessert for the sale on Sunday, September 14th after worship service.

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### PRODUCE GIVEAWAY SEPT 13



10  
AM

FINAL

### PRODUCE GIVEAWAY OCT 11



10  
AM

### TOGETHER ★ in ★ RECOVERY

EVERY  
WEDNESDAY  
6 PM

*Make It Happen Group*  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Open Meeting

# Called to Serve

There are a variety of opportunities to serve at Wesley Church of Hope. We encourage you to explore new ways to be of service, in the church and in the community, to reach the lost—and share God's love.

Are you looking for opportunities to share your testimony of God's love, grace and mercy?

There are many ways to use your talents and gifts to serve God at Wesley Church of Hope:

Church Hospitality & Ushers  
Church Ministries & Outreach  
Church Worship Teams  
Community Service Volunteer  
Congregation Nurture and Care  
Certified Lay Ministry  
Church Security Team



Check out some of the opportunities in this newsletter to fellowship, serve, and share God's love. Your testimony could be the seed someone needed to plant.

## Bible Study

**2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>, & 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAYS AT 12 NOON**

Elder Melvin Francis leads an in-person Bible Study group at 12 noon at Wesley Church of Hope. All are welcome to attend. Bring your bible, pen and paper.



## NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Join us on the 4th Sunday each month  
at Scioto Community Nursing Home,  
433 Obetz Road, Columbus, OH 43207