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PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

Consider All Options

Is there anyone here who, planning to build a new house, doesn't first sit down and figure the cost so you'll know if you can complete it? —Luke 14:28 (MSG)

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus talks about the cost of being a disciple. Here Jesus reminds people that they need to be aware of that cost when they set out on their faith journey, much like you would try to estimate the entire cost of construction if you were going to build a house. If you have ever done a major construction project, you know that you won't get the cost exactly right. However, you also know that if you plan you will get much closer than if you do not plan. With a plan you can anticipate issues, choose design options wisely, and hopefully complete the plan.

Jesus is talking about more than money when he talks about the cost of discipleship. There are many other costs. For example, you may need to act kindly when the world would tell you to get revenge. You may need to stop and pray when everyone else rushes forward and reacts. Your choices will be informed by a different set of values that other people may not understand. These are some of the costs of bearing the name Christian in the world.

We worked a long time to come to the decision point to demolish the houses at 211-217 Cedar Ave. Individuals lent their talents to help get demolition estimates, do financial assessments of the various options, and draw up plans to build a storage facility on the church property since the garage would need to be destroyed with the houses. The tenants were treated fairly and with care uncharacteristic of modern landlords. Yet, even with all of our planning, we ran into a problem that put our work on hold. No one involved in the project knew that the house at 217 Cedar Ave would be considered to have historic value. In fact, when the congregation purchased the house years ago it was said to be "non-contributing," and I don't think any of



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PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

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us knew that Judge Barry had lived there, or for that matter who Judge Barry was.

Now we know something we did not know before. It's time to do the careful work that Christian disciples are called to do.

- First, we all need to pray for guidance. We shouldn't pray for a particular option, but rather to be able to see which option before us would be most aligned with God's mission for our congregation in downtown Saint Charles.
- The second thing is to listen carefully. We need to listen to where our city is trying to grow and go. We need to listen to the needs of modern people to consider how we might best reach out to people who are separated from God. We need to listen to each other, and use this time to grow closer together as we all learn. We need to listen for God's direction amidst everything else.

- The third thing we need to do is engage creatively. There are many barriers that need to be overcome if we decide to keep the house and surrounding property. Any church-use building would likely need to be made handicapped accessible on at the least the first floor, and meet codes for public spaces such as installing a fire suppression sprinkler system. On the other hand, selling the property gives us some responsibility to future generations of this congregation and community in terms of what will be next door and how parking will be provided. In addition we need to think carefully about what we would do with any profit that would be to the glory of God.

*With faith, prayer,
and a bit of hard work,
all things can work
together for the good.*

There's a lot to think about and pray about. That's a part of the cost of being a disciple. I ask you to pray about this, and share any ideas you have with any of the Trustees, Joel Peck as lay leader, Lita Jimenez as chair of the strategic property advisory committee, or me. With faith, prayer, and a bit of hard work, all things can work together for the good. My prayer is that we will come to a faith-filled decision that will bring glory to God, spiritual strength to this congregation, and joy to future generations. What is your prayer?

In Christ
Pastor Mary

NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS

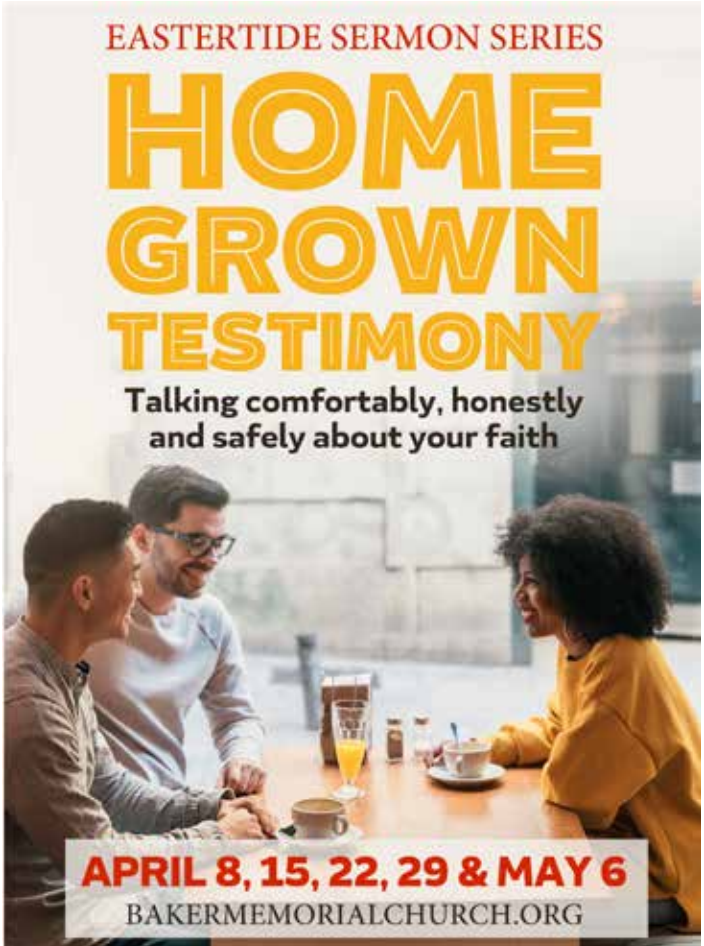
It has been several years since we have had a church photo directory. The last one was in 2012! There have been a lot of changes since then—new members have joined, our children have grown up, people have gotten married, etc. This is an opportunity for us to create new, priceless family treasures.

You will receive a free 8"x10" photo and a free church directory. There will also be an opportunity to purchase additional photos.

Photos will be taken May 1st through 5th. Please take time to look at your calendar and schedule an appointment. There are three ways for you to schedule an appointment for your photo shoot:

1. Online—look for site announcement in Mid-April
2. In Baker Hall on Sundays between services
3. Call Judy Schlarb in the office at 630-584-6680 to schedule an appointment for your photo

If you have questions regarding the photo directory, please call Judy at 630-584-6680 or email jschlarb@bakermemorialchurch.org



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Children & Family Ministries

CREATE AS A FAMILY

Thank you to all the families who celebrated and created the Easter story wreath to hang either on the door, or maybe in their house. The wreath included pictures and Bible verses to tell the events from Palm Sunday through Pentecost. I have extra copies if anyone is interested. We had an eggstravaganza taking only five minutes for all of them to be found. It was an egg-citing event! These events are special because we get to spend time with our immediate family along with our church family. We got to hear Jayne Scales share the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ as we colored. Tell your friends the Good News of Easter!

I look forward to Easter each year. It is a time of joy, life, family and love. It is also during spring, which reminds us of new life. This is another gift because of new life in Jesus Christ. I wanted to share more fun family activities and ideas from a book by Debbie Trafton O'Neal called "*Before and After Easter: Activities and Ideas for Lent to Pentecost.*" She talks about expressions of faith with poetry. I hope to inspire your family's creative side.

Early on that bright morning,
A group of women approached the tomb.
Surprise!
The tomb was empty!
Everyone was filled with wonder.
Rejoice! Jesus lives!

Snow is melting,
Peeks of grass
Remind me
It is the time for
New life and
Growth!

Wrap Up: Perhaps your family can create an expression of faith through words with a poem or story. It doesn't have to be about spring or Easter. It is more about family time to rejoice in God's love. Please feel free to share with me and we'll display it on the Children and Family bulletin board.



Our Family Easter Celebration a few weeks ago was an egg-citing event for the whole family.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **April 1** | Happy Easter! | No Sunday School
- **April 8 or 15** | 9am | Bring your parents to Sunday School
- **April Sunday School Curriculum** | 9am | Come to Breakfast!
- **Wednesday Nights** | 6pm | Baker Kids

THIS MONTH'S FAMILY BIBLE VERSE

Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives. —Ephesians 2:10 (Deep Blue Kid's Bible)

Blessings and Joy,
Shelly Stienbarger
Director, Children & Family Ministry

Youth Ministry

BAKERYOUTH RUMMAGE SALE

Every year around this time, Baker Memorial hosts a grand community rummage sale. You know the one. People from far and wide call in for months anticipating the opportunity to scour the corridors for a bargain and would-be minimalists wait with baited breath to offload items from their closets and shelves. So please clean out those closets and donate to a great cause! Items not sold will be picked up by Savers and they will pay us per pound for some of the items. Everyone wins, including Baker Memorial church!



This year's rummage sale, April 12-14, will benefit our BakerYouth Mission Trip! We have included a list of the items we can take and cannot take, but the most important component of the rummage sale are those who volunteer to help out. Without members of the congregation helping to welcome community members, label items, set up and clean up, this year's rummage sale will not be the success it has been in the past. We need you.

TO DONATE: Please bring all donations to the lower narthex at the Main Street entrance. We accept everything from clean household items and clothing to sofas and bedroom sets and holiday items. **Items not accepted:** large appliances, mattresses, cribs, car seats and solvents of any kind. Drop off dates and times are:

- Sunday April 8 from 1-4 pm
- Monday April 9-Wednesday April 11 from 1-7 pm

TO VOLUNTEER: Help is needed at the drop off/set-up hours listed above or the following sale hours:

- Thursday, April 12 from 4-7pm
- Friday, April 13 from 10-5pm
- Saturday, April 14 from 9-noon

Sign up to assist in this massive effort here:

- bit.ly/BakerRummage or
- signupgenius.com/go/20f094eaba62aaaf94-2018

Blessings,
Carl King
Director of Youth Ministry

Miriam Circle and Wesley Singers, performed at River Glen Senior Living Center last month. The residents greatly enjoyed the performance.

A special thank you to Mrs. Kathy Olivarez for leading the choir and accompanying the soloists. What a wonderful way to share musical talents!



MISSIONS CORNER

Opportunities for Service

MESSIAH CONCERT AND DINNER RECAP

Messiah Concert and Dinner results are not fully in yet, but it is estimated that the earnings for the Cambodia ministry is just over \$3,000. The Mission Outreach team feels so blessed that our Music Ministry made Missions giving a priority.

Many thanks to the numerous help received for the dinner and those who attended. All enjoyed a spectacular concert and dinner!

MISSION TRAINING RECIEVED LAST MONTH

Aurora District Mission Training was held in Schaumburg on March 17 and attended by Jennifer Cerven and Chris Stumpf who hope to bring back new and exciting information about United Methodists in mission.

OUR FOOD BANK TEAM IS ACTIVE & GROWING

The Baker team going to the Northern Illinois Food Bank is growing and getting stronger! At our March 19 session, Baker volunteers packed 821 backpacks and 8,620 pounds of food providing 7,183 meals.

If you have the third Monday morning of the month free, come join us. We do something different every month. Sometimes we assemble food items for either senior or school children backpacks. Sometimes we bag potatoes, onions, corn or other fresh produce. We have even sorted Amazon grocery donations. So, for a different experience give us a try. You can have some fun helping those near to us that are having a hard time. Contact Betty Erickson, if you have any questions.

MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Not all mission trips have to be the same. We have a mission statement talking about helping those here, near and far away. We have *here* covered with the Food Bank, Lazarus House and Feed My Starving Children. We have *far* away covered with NOLA and supporting our Missionary in Cambodia. Now we have a chance to do *near*.

On Friday, April 20th, The Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, Illinois is expecting a team from Baker Memorial to work at their facility. This is your chance to see how the United Methodist Church distributes emergency supplies to Haiti, flood stricken areas in Illinois—to name a few examples. The plan is to leave church around 5:30am

and return about 6:30-7pm. Please contact Betty Erickson at n9yfc@aol.com or text (630)399-6183 with questions or to sign up.

DRIVERS NEEDED TO DELIVER MEALS TO SENIORS

The Kane County Senior Council Delivery of Meals for Seniors is in desparate need of regular and substitute summer volunteers to drive meals to seniors. For more information call Marge Meanger at 630-584-9582.

BAKER TEAM HEADS TO NEW ORLEANS

This will be the 9th year that a team from Baker has served with Habitat For Humanity. Although we will not know our specific job until the week before we leave, in the past a few of the jobs tackled were building walls, installing flooring, painting and siding. We are pleased to do a small part in restoring New Orleans, which will take many years by many organizations. Please pray for the team April 22-29 as we travel and serve.



WHAT IS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY?

Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit housing organization working in nearly 1,400 communities



across the United States and in approximately 70 countries around the world. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat works toward our vision by building strength, stability and self-reliance in partnership with people and families in need of a decent and affordable home.

How does Habitat for Humanity help families?

People in your community and all over the world partner with Habitat to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage.

What's their Mission? Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

PURCHASE WITH A PURPOSE MARKET

Our third Purchase with a Purpose Market will be on Saturday, April 7 from 10am until 3pm in Baker Hall. Most of our vendors from our last market will be there again this year, along with some new vendors. This is a fair trade market. Fair Trade is a trading partnership, based on dialogue, transparency and respect. It contributes to sustainable development by offering better trading conditions to, and securing the rights of, marginalized producers and workers in under-developed countries. In other words, the artisans are treated fairly for their goods and items are produced ethically (no child labor). There will be goods from Colombia, Peru, Uganda, Guatemala, Indonesia, India and many other countries. Our vendors will be selling jewelry, hand-knitted toys, baskets, bags, kitchen wares, baby items, home décor, chocolate, coffee, hand-painted crosses and many other beautifully crafted items. By supporting these artisans and farmers, we are aiding them in making better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Be sure to tell your neighbors, family and friends to come and shop! This is a great opportunity to purchase unique Mother's Day, wedding and graduation gifts and maybe even a few gifts for yourself!

An added bonus is that the Mid-Valley Market will have a booth at the Purchase with a Purpose Market. Though their goods are made right in our very church and not fair trade, this talented group of special need teens and post-teens will be selling their goods to support their mission of learning life skills through microbusinesses. They will also be selling coffee and goodies. Come and learn more about this group, and how being at Baker Memorial has helped them.

If you have questions regarding the Purchase with a Purpose Market or Fair Trade, please contact Gina Armstrong or Betty Erickson, the PWPM Co-Chairs.



Check out the Purchase With A Purpose Market on April 7.

FINANCE COMMITTEE CORNER

2018 YTD Financial Information

March 2018 Financial Information

Operating Fund Balance is a POSITIVE \$ 82,686

The operating fund is down from January based on seasonal expenses.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER THIS MONTH

- **April 4** | BBQ Ribs, Mac-n-Cheese, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, French Onion/Summer Veggie Soup and Bread
- **April 11** | Jambalaya, Cornbread Casserole, Tossed Salad, Tomato Barley Soup and Bread
- **April 18** | Beef dish (to be announced) and Bread
- **April 25** | Lemon Garlic Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli Casserole, Tossed Salad, Tomato Tortellini Soup and Bread

JOIN THE VBS CREW THIS SUMMER!

Ahoy Land-Lubbers! Prepare to set sail on this year's Vacation Bible School adventure. Our voyage departs on Monday, June 18th and runs through Friday, June 22, 2018 from 9am-12pm for those PreK thru 8th grade. Our adventure thru life's storms leave us feeling Shipwrecked! Who will rescue us? Register online or in the office. Cost is \$5 per registrant and those who register by Sunday, May 6th get a free gift!



Want to join the VBS Crew? We're still in need of a few hardy mates to have some fun with our participants. Please contact Courtney Fredrickson, courtney.j.fredrickson@gmail.com or 630-632-6878 for more information!

CREDIT CARD & PAYPAL DONATION OPTIONS

If you would like to donate to Baker Memorial UMC using a credit card or Paypal go to BakerMemorialChurch.org and click on the donate button or you can scan our QR code, shown here, to give with your smartphone.





BLUEPRINT FOR DISCIPLESHIP STUDY BEGINS

All new members are encouraged to take this class as well as anyone who would like to learn about Methodism. The class is Wednesdays, April 11-May 16 at 6:30pm in the Parlor. Books are available in the office for \$10 each. Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/yb6eqrt6> or contact the office at 630-584-6680, info@bakermemorialcurch.org

FUNERAL PLANNING SEMINAR

Have you ever found yourself having to plan a funeral service that would honor your loved one in the way they would have liked? In the Funeral Planning Seminar, facilitated by Pastor Mary, you can consider what's important to you. Joining us will be a representative from Yurs Funeral Home to talk about various options and to answer questions. You will walk away with a packet of information that will allow you to easily provide written instruction on what would be most meaningful to you. The seminar will be held Saturday, May 12 at 10am. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/FuneralPlanning2018>

EXPERIENCE NIC SUMMER CAMPS

Thinking about a summer vacation? Experience God's beautiful creation at one of Northern Illinois Conference Summer Camps. Register online and check out what the NIC has to offer for all ages at niccamp.org/summercamps/. You may also see a list of the camps offered on the bulletin board outside of Baker Hall.

MEAL TRAIN—ALL ABOARD!

There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, *what can I do to help out?* The answer is often to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is called a Meal Train. If you are interested in being included on the church's meal train list, please email courtney.j.fredrickson@gmail.com

THE CARING MINISTRY

It was a cold winter and the Caring Ministry was able to provide lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays to an average of 12-14 people. Take away soups, stews, canned fruit with easy open lids were given to many. In addition, warm clothing, boots and shoes were donated. Help is always needed to provide these meals. All that is necessary is to provide the main entrée, stew, soup, lasagna, chicken

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

- **Wednesday, April 4** | 9am | **UMW Leadership** | Parlor
- **Saturday, April 7** | 10am-3pm | **Purchase With A Purpose Market** | A one-day fair trade market
- **Tuesday, April 10** | 9am | **Phoebe Circle** | Parlor
An officer from the St Charles Police Department will present a program on identity theft protection at 9:45am. This is open to others to attend.
- **Sunday, April 22** | 2pm | **UMW Bunco Party** | All are invited. Bring a snack to share! It's fun and free. RSVP to Marge Meanger at 630-584-9582, if attending
- **Tuesday, April 24** | 7pm | **Lydia Circle**
- **Wednesday, April 25** | 1:30pm | **Sarah Ruth Circle** | Parlor | Dr. Maureen Patten will speak about aging
- **Friday, April 20** | 4:30pm | **Miriam Circle** | End of the Year Party
- **Saturday, April 21** | 11am | **Esther Circle**

UNITED METHODIST MEN

- **Sunday, April 15** | 7:30am | **Men's Breakfast** | The last breakfast for the year. All men of the church are welcome to attend. A suggested donation of \$3 is suggested to cover the cost of food. Mark Armstrong will be speaking.
- **Wednesday, May 9** | 5pm | **Wednesday Night Supper** | UMM will be cooking burgers, hot dogs and brats.

casseroles, etc. We also serve a salad with many of these meals so salad makings are needed. The Mid-Valley Special Ed students, as part of their curriculum, make the salads, set the tables and wash the dishes.

If you would like to help out please sign up at mealtrain.com/trains/z9dyzd or if you have questions, please call Judy in the office at 630-584-6680.

A WALK TO EMMAUS INVITATION

Does your spiritual life need a jump start? The Walk to Emmaus, a three day spiritual experience, may be just what you need. During the weekend, you will learn of God's grace and His plan for your life through discussion, laughter, worship, and song. Dates are:

- Men: May 3-6 at Wesley Woods
 - Women: May 17-20 at Carmelite Spiritual Center
- Interested? Contact Pam Stare, John Clarke, Paula Hall or any other member of the Emmaus community.

APRIL 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9am Worship 9am Sunday School: Children, Middle School & Adult 10am Cherub Choir 10:30am Jazz Worship 10:30am High School & Adult Sunday School	7pm Boy Scouts	11:30am Day Guest Lunch 11:30am Kiwanis 1:30pm Staff Meeting 8pm Alcoholics Anonymous	4:30pm Chapel Bells 5pm Chapel Choir 5pm Wesley Singers 5pm Wednesday Night Supper 6pm BakerKids 6pm Chancel Bells 6pm Confirmation 6:30 Chancel Choir	7:30am FaithFriends 11:30am Day Guest Lunch	NOTE: The first row of items occur every week and will not appear on daily listings (except in case of schedule change)	
1 Easter Sunday 7am Sunrise Service 	2 Church closed 1pm One O'Clock Book Club (at St. Charles Library)	3	4 9am UMW Leadership Meeting 11:30am DBTP 6:30pm DBTP 7:30pm Missions	5	6 9am Indoor Farmer's Market	7 10am-3pm Purchase With A Purpose Market
8 1-4pm Rummage Sale drop off 2pm Joseph Fellowship	9 9:30am SHIP- Help for Seniors 11:30am Faith- Friends 1-7pm Rummage Sale drop off 7pm Trustees	10 9am Phoebe Circle 1-7pm Rummage Sale drop off 3:30pm Lazarus House Cooking 7pm Children & Family Ministry 7pm Finance 7pm Priscilla Circle	11 1-7pm Rummage Sale drop off 6:30pm Blueprint for Discipleship Class	12 4-7pm BakerYouth Rummage Sale	13 9am Indoor Farmer's Market 10am-5pm Baker Youth Rummage Sale	14 9am-Noon Baker Youth Rummage Sale
15 7:30am UMM Men's Breakfast 5pm Sisterhood DBTP 6pm Middle School Fellowship	16 9am NIL Food Bank 11:30am FaithFriends 7pm Church Council	17 5pm Women's Emmaus	18 6:30pm Young Adult Study 6:30pm Blueprint for Discipleship Class	19 1pm Woman's Emmaus 7pm Staff Parish	20 Carillon Articles Due for next month 9am Indoor Farmer's Market 4:30pm Miriam Circle	21 8:30am Pre Marriage Class 11am Esther Circle
22 12pm Have-A-Look Membership Class 2pm UMW Bunco	23 11:30am FaithFriends	24 7pm Lydia Circle	25 1:30pm Sarah Ruth Circle 6:30pm Blueprint for Discipleship Class	26	27 9am Indoor Farmer's Market	28 
29	30 11:30am FaithFriends 7pm Worship/ Spiritual Growth					

VBS 2018

JUNE 18-22 | 9-12PM

FOR KIDS
PREK THRU
8TH GRADE!

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OR AT FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAYS

FAIR TRADE MARKET
SATURDAY • APRIL 7, 2018
10AM TO 3PM
BAKER MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A market dedicated to fair trade organizations and vendors and the farmers and artisans who produce the merchandise.

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CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

furniture, clothing, household items, linens, craft items & more!

THURS | APRIL 12 | 4-7PM
FRI | APRIL 13 | 10AM-3PM
SAT | APRIL 14 | 9AM-NOON
SATURDAY: \$5 bag sale & deeply discounted large items!

Sale proceeds go to support Baker Youth and their summer mission trip
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A Blueprint for Discipleship

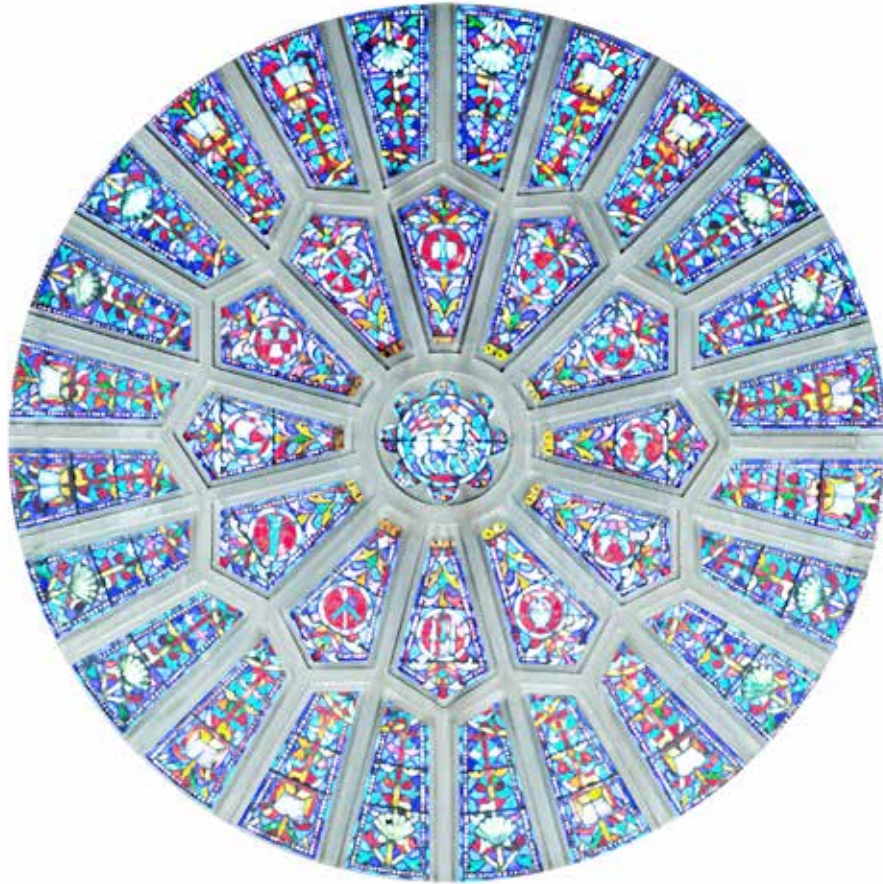
Wesley's General Rules for Christian Living

Wednesdays, April 11-May 16
6:30pm in the Parlor

New members are encouraged to take this class as well as anyone who would like to learn about Methodism

Books are available in the office for \$10 each
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or contact the church office at 630-584-6680

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