

WESLEYAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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Order for Morning Worship – 13th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude —Selected

Greeting and Call to Worship —Psalm 61: 1 – 2

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.
From the ends of the earth I call to You,
I call as my heart grows faint;
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

***Praise 110** *May Jesus Christ Be Praised* Caswall
(Stanzas 1, 3 and 5)

148 *There's Something About That Name* Gaither

149 *His Name Is Wonderful* Mieir

A Reading from the Old Testament —Jeremiah 18: 1 – 11
Pew Bible, Page 684

Hymn 480 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* Pollard
(Stanzas 1 and 3)

Children's Corner

Offertory —Selected

A Reading from the Psalms —Psalm 139: 1 – 6, 13 – 18
Pew Bible, Page 554

***Morning Prayer**

***Response (Insert)** *Hear, My Prayer, O Lord* Owens

A Reading from the Gospel —St. Luke 14: 15 – 33
Pew Bible, Page 924

Choir *All That Thrills My Soul Is Jesus* Harris/Hayes

—Children Out for Junior Worship—

Message "About What It Means to Follow Him!" Pastor

***Hymn 460** *Be Thou My Vision* Byrne
(Stanzas 1, 2 and 3)

***Benediction**

***A Moment for Quiet Reflection**

Postlude —Selected

*Standing, if possible

Organ — Byron Mikesell, Dan Resh **Keyboard**— Kellen & Marian Mikesell

A Warm Welcome to Everyone in Services Here!

Sunday School 9:30 am

Morning Worship 8:15 or 10:30 am

Mid-week Bible Study & Prayer Wednesday 11:00 am

Ladies' Bible Study & Prayer 2nd & 4th Thursday 7:00 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry 3rd Saturday 10:00 am – Noon

Youth Group & Awana Club (Sept. – Apr.)—Wednesday 6:30 pm

Head Hostess/Greeter: Carol Knisely

Greeter: Caroline Jardine and Amber Kerr

Head Usher: Bob Wickard

Ushers: Skip Davis, Sonny Wagner, Ralph Weaver, John Navratil

Sunday School Secretaries: Joyce Mumper, Diane Resh

Offering Stewards: George Carver, Joyce Mumper

Nursery: Barb Deitch, Naomi Lamason

Junior Worship Leaders: Malinda & Seneca Mikesell, Michaelle Ellerman

Sweet is the solemn voice that calls
The Christian to the house of prayer
I love to stand within its walls,
For You, O Lord, are present there.

Within these walls may peace abound,
May all our hearts in one agree!
Where believers meet, where Christ is found,
May peace and concord ever be!

—From "Delight in God's House"
by Henry Francis Lyte

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS— SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Offering received September 1st totaled: \$10,930, making a new building fund total of \$99,245. **Thank you for your continuing generous support** for the anticipated building project: *new standing seam steel roof, demolition and reconstruction of handicap access ramp to sanctuary, interior painting and carpet in narthex and lower floor.* Your interest, prayers and financial support—all are much needed and welcome approaching the start of these building alterations.



LBA Meeting Monday, Sept. 9th, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Your prayer support is encouraged for our church leadership team!

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday morning at eleven—an informal gathering on the lower floor of the church, over coffee. You need God's Word! You need to pray! The Wednesday prayer gathering is NOT for someone else! It's for you, for all!!

On Our Church Calendar: Concert to benefit *West Shore Christian Academy's* music program Sunday, Sept. 15th, 3:00 pm; Women's Ministry Sandwich Sale, now through 18th; Church picnic at Vesta Bear's Retreat Sunday, Sept. 22nd following the morning services; Food & Fellowship on the Fifth, Sunday, Sept. 29th, 9:30, Tammy Blymire, Guest speaker, Adoption & Permanency Program & Chariots Director; World-wide Communion, Sunday, October 6th.

Youth Group and Awana Club each Wednesday at 6:30 pm—a mid-week ministry to youth and children, age 3 through grade 12. Invite a young person you know! Meetings include: Bible lesson, games, food & time to build & enjoy friendships with other kids and adults!



Women's Prayer & Bible Study Group meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday evenings, 7:00 pm, open to any ladies who would enjoy the opportunity for informal Bible study, conversation and prayer. Your participation is welcome! **Next meeting, September 12th.** Welcome to the conversation!

A Concert to Benefit West Shore Christian Academy's music program Sunday, September 15th, 3:00 pm, here at *Church of the Cross*. The program will feature: Dr. Stephanie Cramer, Mrs. Aleta Leatherman, Kellen, Seneca and Byron Mikesell. An offering will be received. Come and enjoy a good hour of great music & entertainment!



Food & Fellowship on the Fifth Sunday, September 29th, 9:30 with Guest Speaker, Tammy Blymire, Adoption & Permanency Program & Chariots Director. Sign up in Sunday school area on lower floor to volunteer to prepare food for buffet. All are invited & welcome to attend & participate!

Choir Rehearsal 1st & 3rd Wednesday of Each Month 8:15 pm, in the chancel! Voices on all parts are welcome to participate. Ability to sight read music helpful, but not necessary.

Prayer Shawl, and Lap Robe Meeting at Alicia Navratil's home the 3rd Sat. of each month, next meeting September 21st, 10 a.m. to Noon.



Church Picnic at Vesta Bear's Retreat Sunday, September 22nd, following the morning services. Meat and beverages, and place settings will be provided. Bring a large hot or cold dish for the buffet. Everyone is invited & welcome!

Prayer shawls, lap robes and baby afghans are available for distribution by seeing Alicia Navratil or by calling her at 717.243.5621. Or please visit the church library to choose one (there is a list in the library to add the recipient's name).

Ladies' Lunch Monday, Sept. 16th, at Noon, at *Chili's Grill*, 2 Houser Lane (off S. Hanover Street), Carlisle. Order from menu, Dutch treat. All the ladies are welcome to join this time of fellowship & food!

Men's Breakfast Saturday, Sept. 14th, 8:00 AM, at *Fairgrounds Diner*, 1111 Spring Road, Carlisle. Order from menu, Dutch treat. You are invited & welcome to join the fellowship & conversation!

Wesleyan Women's Fall Sandwich Sale, now through September 18th, sandwich delivery Thursday, September 26th, 10 a.m. until Noon. Orders may be given to Betty Cornman or Pauliine Calaman. The proceeds from this sale will be used entirely for the building project forthcoming!



Address for Ron & Kellie Kuhn: 8021a Lake Louise Drive, Kodiak, AK 99615.

Your prayers and correspondence will be much appreciated, for sure. Ron serves in the *U.S. Coast Guard* in Alaska. Picture is the view from their master bedroom!!!

THE EYE OF THE STORM

Fear not that the whirlwind shall carry you hence,
Nor wait for its onslaught in breathless suspense,
Nor shrink from the whips of the terrible hail,
But pass through the edge to the heart of the gale,
For there is a shelter, sunlighted and warm,
And faith sees her God through the eye of the storm.

The passionate tempest with rush and wild roar
And threatenings of evil may beat on the shore,
The waves may be mountains, the fields battle plains,
And the earth be immersed in a deluge of rains,
Yet, the soul, stayed on God, may sing bravely its psalm,
For the heart of the storm is the center of calm.

Let hope be not quenched in the blackness of night,
Though the cyclone awhile may have blotted the light,
Far behind the great darkness the stars ever shine,
And the light of God's heavens, His love shall make thine.
Let no gloom dim your eyes, but uplift them on high
To the face of your God and the blue of the sky.

The storm is your shelter from danger and sin,
And God Himself takes you for safety within;
The tempest with Him passes into deep calm,
And the roar of the winds is the sound of a psalm.
Be glad and serene when the tempest clouds form;
God smiles on His child in the eye of the storm.

—*Author Unknown*