

Calendar Events

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday: Saranac Community Meal, East Bldg.
6:00pm

Saturday-Sunday: Missions Conference
Saturday, 6:30pm *Dessert & Discussion with
Pastor Rick West*

Sunday, 10am *Joint Worship Gathering with
Potluck Dinner Following*

Sunday: New Member Class, 6:30pm

COMING UP:

Oct. 2: Special Local Church Conference, 11:45am

Oct. 5: Supper's Ready, ROCK & Westies begins

Oct. 6 & 20: Wesleyan Women

Oct. 7-8: Men's Retreat at Winding Creek Camp

Oct. 10: Four Health Parent Chat: *The Difference
Between Boys & Girls*, in Saranac

New Church Directories Available!

A new version of the church directory has been printed and is available on the information table. Please look over your personal information and let us know if updates or changes need to be made.

Notes:

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Ministry Contacts

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The Bulletin

OUR LIVES BEING TRANSFORMED BY JESUS CHRIST



WE WILL LOVE, LEARN, LIVE AND LEAD THE WAY OF JESUS

*One in Heart
and One in Mission
Better together*

WELCOME

I heard the murmurs among the crowd. Had Jesus really just miraculously fed thousands of people with only a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish? And was He really coming into town? A few acquaintances of mine were convinced that this man called Jesus could heal me, and they grabbed both of my hands to take me to Him. I could hardly keep up as they led me, running, through town. The two men leading me started yelling, but I couldn't hear what they were saying because their voices were drowned out in the roar of the crowd. The crowd got louder and I was confused among the overwhelming noise. Then, all of a sudden, silence. I didn't need my physical eyes to know that God in the flesh was staring at me, and it made me feel simultaneously incredibly weak and amazingly strong. No one spoke. I could hear the wind rustle the leaves in the trees and the bleating of the sheep in the distant fields. I heard Him shuffle his feet in the dirt. Time seemed to stop. I prepared myself to be touched with the very hands of Christ. He took one of my hands in His, and gently walked me to the edge of town, not saying a word. I was anticipating the most wonderful of miracles.

But then... WHAM! What?!? Jesus had just spit in my face! I was angry and confused and humiliated all at once. There was a small crowd that remained, and I expected them to burst out in laughter. I bowed my head in shame. But He quickly caught my face with His hands, and lifted my face toward His.

"Do you see anything?" He asked.

And much to my surprise, I did! For the first time, I knew sight! It was blurry; the crowd looked like nothing more than trees in a forest. He held my face again, and locked eyes with mine. As He stared into my eyes, I could feel his gaze penetrate my heart. And as He looked at me, piercing my very soul, my physical eyes were restored. I could see!

Today, may the eyes of our heart be opened to His heart, to His work, and to His face. May His gaze pierce our very souls. Healer, we confess our blindness. Do a work that only you can do, and give us sight, that we could see clearly.

SCRIPTURES Mark 8:22-26; 2 Kings 6:8-23

LOVE LEARN LIVE LEAD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS: *Global, Regional and Local Missions at West Berlin*

The Missions Committee is pleased to invite you to our annual Missions Conference next week-end, September 24-25. We are honored to have Pastor Rick West join us. Rick and his wife Clara are missionaries whose main focus is facilitating the development of The Wesleyan Church in Cuba.

There will be an informal gathering on Saturday evening, September 24, at 6:30pm with dessert, beverages and time for discussion and fellowship. If you are willing to provide a dessert, please sign up at the Info Table. On Sunday morning there will be a combined worship service at 10am followed by a potluck dinner (bring a dish to pass) along with more interaction & fellowship.

Please plan to join us to learn more about missions at our church and to hear about the developing church in Cuba.

Trustees' Projects	
<i>New Generator:</i>	
Goal:	\$19,175
Received to date:	\$ 2,476 (13%)
<i>EC Parking Lot Extension:</i>	
Goal:	\$20,000
Received to date:	\$ 468 (2%)
<i>EC Completed Painting Project:</i>	
Donations	\$4,320
Spent	\$5,000
Balance	\$ -680

WKFM Update:

August ended the WKFM year. We sent in \$200 for the Block Party school supplies (pens, rulers and glue sticks) and collected another \$200 worth of crayons and spiral note books, etc. Thank you all for your participation as WKFM Honorary Members. We have had an average of 13 present and took in a total of \$1,360 for missions for this year.

FAITH PROMISE-GLOBAL PARTNERS
June 1, 2016–May 31, 2017

Goal: \$5,500
Rec'd Y-T-D: \$735 (13%)

9/11/16
GIVING
\$5,553

Attendance
124

WB, Gateway & Bridge
Sunday, September 18, 2016
Creator God
Seeing His Power

Worship Gathering 8:15 am
Joyful Gathering of the Church

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn #330 *'Faith is the Victory'*
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading Mark 9:14-29
Receiving of Tithes & Offerings
Hymn #403 *'Open My Eyes That I May See'*
Message New Spiritual Eyes
Hymn #401 *Higher Ground*
Benediction

Scripture References:

Mark 8:22-26
2 Kings 6:8-23

WKFM FIRST QUARTER PROJECT (September to November, 2016):
Hephzibah Children's Home. This home in Macon, Georgia serves kids – children who are orphans or whose family cannot care for them – every single day. There are many material needs Hephzibah has on a regular basis like bedding and clothes and they have special needs for school supplies, birthdays, Christmas, etc. We want to have at least \$250 to send to them by Nov. 30th.
On September 25th we highlight **Cuba** at our own Missions Conference. We will not meet at the Schoolhouse, but will help begin the conference with the Parade of Flags at the combined worship service at 10am.
October 23rd: **Austria** is highlighted; continue Hephzibah Project.
November 27th: Focus on **Nicaragua**. By the end of Nov. we will send all we have collected for the Hephzibah Children's Home.

NAME CHANGE PROCESS
Each Sunday in September you will have a chance to select your favorite choices from among the new name suggestions offered by members and friends of West Berlin. The list will be amended each week and the lesser choices will come off and new names may be added through today. NOTE: The new name of the church will include the wording "... A Wesleyan Church".
A special meeting will be held on October 2, 2016 at 11:45am to vote on the new name. Absentee ballots will be available after September 26 by contacting Holly Bandfield (616-318-4857 or hollybandfield@msn.com).

PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED!
We distributed 189 backpacks at this year's Block Party! Now that we've provided a physical need for some of the kids in our communities, we want to provide additional support to them over the course of their school year. We are looking for individuals and families who would commit to praying for a child or several children during the 2016-2017 school year. If you would like to take part in this, please sign up at the info table. Feel free to specify if you would like to pray for a child from a specific school district. For further information, contact Terra Penninga.