

PATHWAY

a Wesleyan church

May 6, 2018

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Today's service will look quite a bit different than usual. The seating arrangement isn't straight rows of chairs, but groups of tables and chairs. Our usual two services have been combined into one larger service. The music selection is more eclectic than what you would expect. Communion will be served in a way that might seem unfamiliar to you. We'll have a meal together after the service, something that we don't do regularly. And then we'll have our annual meeting, something that we reserve for a once-a-year occurrence. This morning will just be different.

Sometimes being different happens on purpose. Sometimes it takes effort to set ourselves apart from everything and everyone else. Today, we're being different on purpose. It's easy to come to church on a Sunday, bow our heads for a few seconds of prayer, sing four songs, listen to a sermon, and go home. But it takes intention to be different. This morning, we're being intentional and incorporating prayer throughout the entire service more heavily than usual. Why? Because the opportunity and privilege of prayer is one of the things that sets us apart as Christ-followers, and we want to take full advantage of that privilege! We often talk about the importance of prayer, but sometimes we neglect to actually engage in prayer. Sometimes we trust in our own strengths, our own ideas, our own plans, and our own resources in order to get things done.

But today, we will be intentionally different. Today, we will choose to lay aside our own strengths, ideas, plans and resources so that we can focus on God and His strength, His ideas, His plans, and His resources. Today, we look to His priorities and plans, and ask that our priorities and plans would align with His. Today, we choose to take our place as a House of Prayer (Isaiah 56:7).

- Terra Penninga

Scripture References: Exodus 19

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Coming Up

- TODAY: Potluck and Local Annual Conference, immediately following 10:00 (combined) service
 - **Sunday, May 13: Mother's Day**
 - Saturday, May 12: Teen Youth Group: Grounds clean up and progressive dinner, 4:00 - 10:00 pm
 - Saturday, May 19: Mother-Daughter Dessert Night, Ebenezer Center, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 - Sunday, May 20: Cookout at Pastor Mark and Ellen's home immediately following service
 - Thursday - Saturday, May 25-26: Multi-Family Garage Sale Fundraiser for Cliff Curtis
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Announcements

- On **Saturday, May 12**, the teens will be cleaning up the church grounds from 4:00-6:00 pm. They will then have a fast food progressive dinner from 6:00-8:00 pm. They'll then move back to the church for open gym from 8:00 - 10:00 pm. Drivers are needed for the progressive dinner! Please see Ellen Lipscomb or Kevin Fletcher if you'd like to help.
 - All Mothers and/or Daughters are invited to a Mother/Daughter Dessert Night on **Saturday, May 19** from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Please bring a dessert to share as we enjoy getting to know each other better. Husbands and older sons are invited to come to lovingly serve beverages and do clean-up. You will be richly rewarded with yummy desserts and the pleasure of seeing your lovely wives and daughters enjoying an evening of fellowship.
 - Pastor Mark and Ellen will be hosting a cookout at their home on **Sunday, May 20** immediately following the service. Hot dogs, burgers, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair.
 - There will be a Garage Sale Fundraiser for Cliff Curtis on **Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26** at the Ebenezer Center. You may drop off items on the evening of Wednesday, May 23. Set-up will be Thursday, May 24. Please contact Mary Pohl if you would like to donate items for the sale or help with set-up.
 - We need your coupons!!! Please bring your unused and unwanted coupons so that we can adequately supply our food pantry. All coupons can be placed in the food pantry box in the Ebenezer Center information desk.
 - WKFM (Wesleyan Kids For Missions) sent \$300 to the Albanian Child Care Project; thank you especially to our Honorary Members (all you adults for Missions) that contribute regularly to our quarterly missions projects. Our next project is to support the Community VBS in Saranac, which will be July 9-11, 2018. Several churches and organizations are raising the funds to make VBS possible again this year. Our goal is \$300 by July 1st !
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Traditional Service, West Berlin Chapel, 8:15 am
Contemporary Service, Ebenezer Center, 10:00 am
Monday: Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 pm

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Global Partners : Goal - \$6,750 Received - \$5,040 (75%)
WKFM: Goal - \$300 Received - \$0(0%)
Parsonage Kitchen Remodel: Goal - \$15,000 Received - \$10,545 (70%)