

THE BRANCH NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5

WATCH OUR SERVICE ONLINE

You can watch our Sunday Morning Worship service on Facebook live each week at 11am at www.facebook.com/BvilleCWChurch. You can also find the links to past services on our church website at www.communitywesleyanchurch.com. Our church service is also aired on Spectrum Digital channel 98 and Verizon channel 30 at 5pm on Saturdays & Sundays.



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WHERE PEOPLE BECOME FRIENDS AND FRIENDS BECOME FAMILY

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Chick Chat: Dorothy Polmanteer

Young Adults: Julianna & Evan Rogotzke



MOMS CONNECTING:

Moms, join us for our January get together on **Wednesday, January 7th**, from **6:30-7:45pm** for a relaxing evening with other Moms. We will have a guest speaker and discuss *How to Set Goals this New Year so You Can Actually Keep them & Tips for Getting More Done with Less Time*. There will be refreshments, a giveaway and a simple craft.

BINGO NIGHT

JANUARY 24TH · 6:00PM

FAMILY FUN · PRIZES · REFRESHMENTS



BINGO NIGHT:

Join us on **Saturday, January 24th**, at **6pm** in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of family fun and bingo! There will be prizes and refreshments. All are welcome to attend. Invite a friend to join in the fun! See Beth DeWeese for more information.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? If you have prayer needs you can submit your request on the church app or email it to communitywesleyanchurch.com@gmail.com anytime or you can call the church office at 315-635-3501 during office hours.

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JANUARY SERMON SERIES: UNLOCKING THE CHAINS OF UNFORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is hard. Forgiveness is not fair. But you will never act more like Jesus than when you forgive others. Forgiveness will unlock the chains of bitterness, anger, isolation, being controlled by the hurt/offense. Sunday mornings at 11am during the month of January we will unpack this command of Jesus to forgive others. Join us each Sunday in January as we seek to truly forgive others as Jesus forgave us.

Here are some passages of Scripture that we will be looking at during this sermon series: Matthew 6:12-15 * Matthew 18:21-35 * Ephesians 4:32 * Colossians 3:13 * 1 Corinthians 13:5 * Proverbs 17:9 * Proverbs 19:11

Updates from Your Local Church Board

LBA ACTION IN DECEMBER:

The church board voted to give the Christmas Eve offering to the Baldwinsville Food Pantry.

JANUARY CHURCHTIME VOLUNTEERS

Nursery

January 4th: Kristin Diener
January 11th: Stacey Hauswirth
January 18th: Kristin Diener
January 25th: Kim Rice



Toddler Class & Floater

January 4th: JoAnn Brown
January 11th: Kari Clark & Checka Palmisano
January 18th: Tracey Perez
January 25th: Bob & Georgi Duprey

Pre-K/K Class & Security Person

January 4th: Chris Sykes & Paul Hernandez
January 11th: Rachel & Jason Coleman
January 18th: Barb Good & Dave Lewis
January 25th: Chris Sykes & Chris Rawlins

CWKidz JAM

January 4th: Barb Good (WKFM)
January 11th: Ticia Wicks
January 18th: Shane Diener
January 25th: Sandra Darwish

Greeters

January 4th:
- Sara Guenther & Laurel Didget (sanctuary)
- Chermaks (front) & Mike Hodell & Sam Wilmot (back)

January 11th:
- Sandy & Paul Hilliard (sanctuary)
- Chermaks (front door) & Scott Spier (back door)

January 18th:
- Georgi & Bob Duprey (sanctuary)
- Chuck Abbott (front) & Mark Chermak (back door)

January 25th:
- Beth DeWeese & Sara Guenther (sanctuary)
- Laurel Didget (front door) & Paul Hilliard (back door)



MISSIONARY Spotlight

**Andrew & Lydia Vaughan,
Missionaries in England with YWAM**

Some recent updates shared by Andrew and Lydia and their children, Luka, Anya & Maja:

In November, Lydia's brother, Jake, was out for a run when he tragically was lost in an accident. It has been a very rough and hard time for the entire family having lost a husband, father, son, uncle and brother. Please pray for the family.

Harvest donations, which Lydia organized and delivered to a local food bank, were huge!



The donations this year filled two cars full of food which goes towards filling weekly boxes for those struggling in their community. This year two of the events Lydia organized with her team were bags of kindness for people in the local area of the church they serve and a shoe box project to be sent abroad. Together with people from the church they packed 50 bags for the local area and 30 shoe boxes.



Recently Andrew had the privilege to help baptize one of the men who started coming to their church a couple years ago and decided to make his commitment to follow Christ. Along with him, 4 other people were baptized that day. Baptisms continue to be one of Andrew's all time

favorite moments in the local church to celebrate and welcome new believers into fellowship and walk with Christ.

Andrew's YWAM maintenance role continues with major structural challenges of subsidence and other issues for the YWAM Derby building.

Continue to remember the Vaughan children in your prayers and they are actively involved in school & programs in their local community.

The Vaughans thank CWC for our continued support and prayers.



BEAUTIFUL MESS MINISTRIES

WORSHIP AND OUTREACH WEEKEND:

Beautiful Mess Ministry Weekend will begin at **7pm** on **Friday, January 9th**, with worship at Casa de Paz, 907 Butternut St.. **Saturday, January 10th**, is Hand to Hand market at Providence House Apartments, 1700 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse. (Note change of location for market, arrive at Casa de Paz first at **10am** for prayer and carpooling). Because our markets are currently being held inside assisted living facilities, we are pausing collecting children's clothing at this time.

Exciting news: In January, Ed Napper plans to begin a Bible study at Ross Towers, the site of our last two markets. Please pray for this outreach opportunity we have been given. Several of us are still in contact with the Syrian and Iraqi families we met through BMM last year. Please pray for these families and the challenges they are facing.

DISCUSSION GATHERING

SHARING THE BURDEN:

On **Sunday, January 25th**, at **4pm**, we will be having our next "Sharing the Burden" gathering. Join others that afternoon at church for a time of listening and discussion. Galatians 6:2 says "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Start off the new year with a time of supportive sharing with other members of your church family. See Tim Polmanteer for more information on this monthly get together.



WINTER Quarter

#1. Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther - Wesley Press

God rules over history. Looking into the books of Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther, we see how the temple project was completed, the wall was built, and the Jews were saved from being annihilated. All because God is in control. He is the same today. God has a purpose for you in your current situation, God works through His people to carry out impossible tasks, and He shapes His people to accomplish His will.

Teacher: Ticia Wicks

Location: Board Room

#2. Acts

In a world that is unsure of where to find truth or purpose, the book of Acts stands apart. It reveals God's plan for global redemption, his purpose for our lives, and the power He has given to accomplish His mission. Pastor Louie Giglio will walk us through the story of the early church. Acts may have been written 2000 years ago, but God is calling us to be part of the story today.

Teacher: Pastor Carl Chapman

Location: Fellowship Hall, Far Side

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WINTER QUARTER

Join Us in Sunday School!

Classes Meet Weekly from 9:45-10:45am.

#3. Spiritual Growth

Spiritual growth renews our minds so that we will hear God's voice, receive His peace and contentment, will walk in truth and healing, and will recognize spiritual freedom with our finances, so that we can follow His plan. No matter where you are in your spiritual walk these four topics: contentment, finances, recognizing God's voice and healing our emotions, will help you start your new year off by growing closer to Him.

Various Teachers

Location: Fellowship Hall, Kitchen Side

#4. Young Adults

A weekly young adult gathering for those age 18-25. Some weeks will include hearing from other adults you see in church and how God is working in their lives. Other weeks will be a discussion of various topics from select Bible verses. See Max or Christopher for more information.

Teacher: Max Hernandez & Chris Rawlins

Location: Upstairs Corner Room



9:45AM SUNDAY CWKIDZ CONNECT:

Children Age 2-5: Led by Chris Sykes

Children 1st-5th Grade

- January 4th: "WKFM Hour 1" with Barb Good
- January 11th: "Kidz Serve" with Jenn Lewis
- January 18th: "Bible Wrap Up" with Susan Dyer
- January 25th: "Connect Time" with Shane Diener



MEN'S BREAKFAST:

On **Saturday, January 10th**, join us for our monthly men's breakfast from **8-9am**. Bring your sons, grandsons, a neighbor, friend or co-worker. Please RSVP through the CWC church app so we can plan how much food to prepare. Come and enjoy a breakfast that is made by men for men!



Ladies Lunch & Fellowship

CHICK CHAT:

All ladies are invited to this month's Chick Chat, on Sunday, January 25th, from 1-3pm. Please bring a dish to pass and join us for a great afternoon of food and fellowship together. See Dorothy Polmanteer for more information.



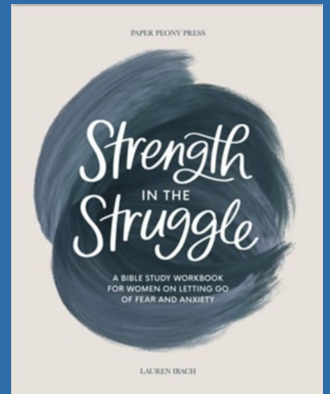
WEDNESDAY NIGHT REMINDER:

If there is a time this Winter when B'ville Schools are closed or have no after school activities due to weather, CWKidz Club and Youth will also be canceled.

NEW LADIES MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

The Monday Night Ladies Bible Study will begin a new study on **January 12th**. We will be using the book "*Strength in the Struggle*", an encouraging 10 week Bible study for women about letting go of fear & anxiety.

Contact Lynn Hannon for more information (e-mail: lkannon10@gmail.com).



LUNCH BUNCH:

Lunch Bunch is a group for all ladies to share lunch & fellowship with other ladies. We meet at **noon** once a month at

LongHornSteakhouse in Liverpool. LongHorn offers an affordable lunch with soup and salad for only \$8.99. Please call or text Marilyn Palermo to make reservations for our **January 15th** get together at 315-420-8099.

NEW MEN'S SMALL GROUP:

A new men's small group is starting on **January 13th**. We will be exploring curriculum from the Navigators as we endeavor to deepen our walk with Jesus Christ. This group will meet on Tuesday nights at **6:30pm**. If you are interested you can sign up in the church app or see Paul Hernandez for details (Hernandez.paul357@gmail.com or 315-857-7855). There will be a kickoff meeting at Buffalo Wild Wings at **6pm** on **Tuesday, January 6th**. Please RSVP to Paul.





NOTE FROM PASTOR SHANE:

"With Christmas and New Year's passing it is easy to slip back into the ordinary of winter days, school schedules, and work weeks. But let us hold onto what this season means for just a little longer. Jesus came as promised, and He will return again as promised. If you are part of CWKidz in any way, the work you are doing is preparing the way for Jesus in the lives of our youngest and dearest. Thank you for your ministry. It is easy to get caught up in the task of ministry and not look to the reason for ministry. You are the body of Christ visibly representing Jesus to kids who do not understand the importance that the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. Thank you for your faithfulness. And parents, thank you for your ministry to your children. Moving through the new year let us keep preparing the way of the LORD."

CWKIDZ



YOUTH NEWS:

During our Youth holiday get together, the teens prepared gifts for 19 families at Joseph's House. We also played a fast paced game of "Christmas Jeopardy" and discussed the Why's of Christmas. Youth Ignite meets again on **Wednesday, January 7th**, for all teens in 6th-12th Grade. Join us this winter!

WKFM



WESLEYAN KIDS FOR MISSIONS:

DECEMBER WKFM was a blessing! After getting into their costumes and going over their parts, ten students and ten staff heard a review of the Christmas story, then did the play. They took a bow then had pictures taken. They did great! Mrs. Sandra Darwish told us the exciting story of Dr. Helen Roseveare, a missionary doctor to the Congo. Dr. Roseveare was the one who influenced Mrs. Darwish to become a missionary nurse to Lebanon. Since Dr. Helen decided at the age of 10 that she wanted to become a missionary, we are praying that her story will help our children to surrender their lives to whatever the Lord wants for them.

JANUARY WKFM: Starting **January 4th**, we will meet both hours.

9:45-10:45am: We will show the DVD "The John Wesley Story (30 minutes), followed by a Review Game. We will work on our Bible Memory Verses, earning prizes. We will work on Prayer Requests, Devotionals, the Bible coloring book plus more.

10:45-11am: Snack Time.

11am-End of Service: We will continue our Bible lessons in Acts, Missionary Highlights, Memory Verses, Review Game, songs and missionary stories. Pray all our children will attend and have a heart for missions.