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-Music : Miss Susan Tan
Youth Worker : Mr. Ronald Yap
Lay Leader : Mr. Andy Chan
LCEC Chairman : Dato' Michael L S Cheah
Administration Director:

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

7.30 am Upper Room Prayer Hour
 (Menara Wesley, Level 1)
 8.00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 Holy Communion (3rd Sunday)
 Bible Studies
 10.00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 Holy Communion (3rd Sunday)
 Sunday School
 11.45 am Praise Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 Holy Communion (3rd Sunday)
 Bible Studies
 1.00 pm Methodist Men Fellowship (1st Sun.)
 6.00 pm Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 Holy Communion (1st Sunday)

TUESDAY

9.00 am Wesley Senior Fellowship
 8.00 pm Parish Groups Bible Study
 Small Group Meetings

THURSDAY

8.00 pm Committee Meetings
 8.00 pm Methodist Young Adults Bible Study

FRIDAY

8.00 pm Parish Groups Fellowship
 Meetings (once a month)
 Small Group Meetings

SATURDAY

2.00 pm Boys' Brigade
 2.30 pm Girls' Brigade
 3.00 pm Methodist Youth Fellowship
 3.30 pm Methodist Women (3rd Saturday)

GIVING

No one has to give. In fact, Paul (the apostle) didn't want any reluctant givers. A person who feels he has to give, or gives grudgingly, shouldn't drop a single coin in the collection plate. God doesn't need the money. And that kind of giving won't bring the giver any blessings at all! But if we want to give – ah, then we reap tremendous blessings.

So Paul reminded the Corinthians and us of the blessings that make Christian giving such a joy. First, giving benefits you materially and spiritually. You see, it's impossible for us to out-give God. God is able to pour so much grace into our lives, that having been "made rich in every way" we "can be generous on every occasion." This isn't a "send in \$10 and God will send you \$100" kind of promise. It is simply a reminder that God is the source of bread as well as the inner joy we experience in Christ. We give only money, God meets our material needs, and gives us spiritual riches as well.

Second, giving permits us to bless others. What you give supplies "the needs of God's people." Even more, our giving deepens the relationship of others with the Lord. As they realize God prompted us to give, they "will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the Gospel."

God doesn't really care about our money. After all, His resources are infinite. But He does care about the spiritual benefits that generosity brings the giver and the recipient of this unusual grace.

Adapted from The 365 Day Devotional Commentary Bible by Lawrence O. Richards

**in the giving of ourselves and all that we have
for Your glory
and for the furtherance of Your Kingdom.
This is our prayer,
in this time of worship. Amen.**

* ACT OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

UMH 70

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of Your Holy Spirit that,
as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed,
we may rejoice in You always
and live in fresh expectation
of hearing the good news of Your coming among us. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

The Gift of Love

UMH 408

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Dr Ling Chu Poh (8am)

(Pgs 1163-1164)

Mr David Wong (10am)

Romans 12:14-21; Matthew 5:10-16

Ms Elsie Choo (6pm)

(Pgs. 1139, 968-969)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

**The Blessing of Giving (8 & 10am)
Our Relationship with Fellow Men (6pm)**

Rev Andrew Tan

Mr Tan Yin Toon

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF 2009 BUDGET

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH 885

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

The liturgist will announce the topics of prayer and the congregation will pray silently.

At the end of each topic

L: Lord in Your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayers.**

OFFERING

O God, receive and bless these gifts which we bring in response to Your many gifts to us. May they reflect our gratitude for the diverse gifts with which You have enriched our lives - especially the gift of Jesus Christ, whose birth we await with eagerness and anticipation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM Go Tell It on the Mountain

GB Handbell Choir (8 & 10am)

Emmanuel Choir (6.00pm)

* DOXOLOGY Advent Doxology (to the melody of UMH 245)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Noel, Noel. Noel Noel

Born is the King of Israel

THANKSGIVING

Father God, we thank You for the hope with which
You have filled our lives.
We give thanks that in the coming of Christ
You have given us the assurance of Your sovereign control of all things.
We praise You for this Advent Sunday,
when we remember the coming of Christ
to be the Saviour of the world.
Thank you for the promise of His coming again
as Lord of all.
In our times of doubt and despair,
the message of His coming,
His birth, life, death and resurrection
renews our hope.
Thank you that because of Christ's coming
we can live each day in the knowledge that ultimately
You hold all things, including ourselves
in Your love and care.
Lord, come, and come again.
Come into Your world.
Come into our lives.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

- * CLOSING HYMN Joy to the World UMH 246
- * THE BLESSING
- * GOING FORTH
Choral Response Shine Jesus Shine GB Handbell Choir (8 & 10am)
Emmanuel Choir (6.00pm)
Silent Prayer
Organ Postlude

[**Bold words** indicate congregational response; * indicates standing]

**Please switch off handphones during worship service.
Come early and spend quiet time with God.**

**PRAISE WORSHIP SERVICE
SANCTUARY**

**Worship Leader: Ms Shaan Sya
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**November 30, 2008
11.45 a.m.**

WELCOME AND CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

- Awesome in the Place
- Forever (Give Thanks to the Lord)
- The Steadfast Love of the Lord
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- My Source

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (Pg. 1163-1164) Ms Teh Swee Jyan

SERMON **The Blessing of Giving** Rev Andrew Tan

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET 2009

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 885

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY/TESTIMONIES

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DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION CHORUS Now Unto Him

ALTAR MINISTRY

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2. OUR CONDOLENCES to:

* Ms Elaine Teh Siok Har and family on the demise of her grandmother, Madam Tan Sam Wah, on 21 November 2008.

* Mr & Mrs Cheong Kee Lai and Edmund on the demise of Madam Kwok Yuet Leng, mother of Mr Cheong and grandmother of Edmund, on 23 November 2008.

3. TRAC DIARY 2009 is on sale at the Church office at RM8.50 per copy. Only limited copies are available.

4. SALE OF TISSUE PACKS & TISSUES BY PJ NORTH PARISH

Venue: Menara Wesley Canteen

The above sale is on this Sunday and subsequent Sundays while stocks last. Proceeds will go to the Legacy Tree Development Fund. Please support us. Thank you.

5. WESLEY SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Date: Tuesday, 9 December 2008

Programme

10.00 a.m. Fellowship at Youth Centre

12.00 noon Lunch at Pik Wah Restaurant

Cost: RM26

Please get your tickets from Mr Charles Dutton.

All are welcome.

6. BAPTISM OF INFANTS/CHILDREN will be held on 14 December 2008 at the 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. worship services in the Sanctuary. Parents who desire to have their children baptised are requested to register them at the Church office, Level 2, Menara Wesley. Please bring along a copy of your child's birth certificate. The closing date for registration is **2 December 2008**. Parents of children who are getting baptized and those on transfer are required to meet for a briefing from 2.45 to 6.00 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Saturday, 6 December 2008.

7. SIGN UP AS A BLOOD DONOR

We are stepping up efforts towards increasing the number of blood donors to 100 for each blood donation campaign. Members of the Christian Social Concerns committee will be stationed in the canteen area during fellowship hour and outside the church every Sunday to enlist your help to donate blood on Sunday, 7 December, 2008 from 8.30 am - 1.00 pm in the Youth Centre. We hope you will not say "NO" to them.

8. CAROLING TO THE HOME-BOUND AND SHUT-INS will be held on the following days:

Sunday, 21 December, 2008 from 4.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Monday 22 December, 2008 from 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm

Members and friends, the young and old and families with children are invited to join in this effort to bring Christmas cheer to those of our members who are home-bound and shut-in. Practices for the caroling party will be held on 15 (Monday), 16 (Tuesday) and 18 (Thursday) December at 8.00pm nightly. As today is the closing date, please make sure you sign up at the church office before it is too late. This is the Christian Social Concerns Committee effort in reaching out to the community in Christ.

9. APPEAL FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR PRISONERS' FAMILIES, HIV+ WIDOWS FAMILIES AND POOR & NEEDY FAMILIES

As we prepare to receive the Christ Child once again during the Advent season, members of the Christian Social Concerns Committee are making preparations to visit the above mentioned families to share with them the good news that God loves them and to bring to them Christmas gifts in cash and kind. We have about 25 families on our list and we wish to appeal to the generosity of our church members and friends to partner with us in this visitation effort by the contribution of the following items:

- Rice
- Cooking Oil
- Condensed Milk
- Milk Powder
- Tinned Foods
- Instant Noodles
- Milo/Ovaltine
- Biscuits
- School Socks
- School Bags
- Cash contributions

Kindly bring the items to the church office by TODAY. We thank you for sharing your love with the poor and needy families.

10. CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SENGOI PASTORS & WORKERS

We praise God for the generous and overwhelming response to our appeal for Christmas gifts for Sengoi pastors and workers. We have received more than what we asked for. LCEC has decided that the extra money over and above the amount intended for Christmas gifts be donated to the operating expenses of Persidangan Misi Sengoi (Sengoi Mission Conference). Thank you, one and all.

11. WANTED

Manager, Wesley Home for Senior Citizens

Applications are invited from persons not less than 45 years of age with nursing background, valid driving licence, able to manage and look after the welfare of residents, and willing to live in, for the above post.

Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Please write to:

The Manager, Wesley Home Management Committee, 2 Jalan Wesley, 50150 Kuala Lumpur not later than 31.12.2008, or call tel. 20705003 (Ms Natalie).

12. FOR THE WEEK ENDED 23 NOVEMBER 2008

		8 am service	10 am service	11:45am service	6 pm service	Sunday School	Total	
Offerings (RM)	Weekly	2,878.20	4,210.55	789.20	1,224.00	-	9,101.95	
	Poor & Needy	-	4,400.00 (received 16/11)	-	-	-	-	
Attendance		258	427	103	74	-	862	
Pledges		RM17,585.00						

**13. WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH, KL
POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified applicants for the post of ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR in Wesley Methodist Church, Kuala Lumpur. Applicants must satisfy the following prerequisites:-

- Malaysian Citizen who is of the Christian faith
- Preferably below the age of 50
- Preferably possess a graduate degree
- Working experience in a similar capacity
- Computer literate
- Able to work independently and as a team member
- Good interpersonal and communication skills to harmoniously work with staff, church leaders, members and the public
- Able to work beyond normal working hours and weekends when the need arises
- A sound knowledge of financial procedures relating to financial management

Job Description

- Administer and supervise the implementation of policies and procedures to support the programs and Christian activities of the church
- Supervise the accounting function of the church relating to the collection, disbursement and banking of church funds
- Plan and organise the resources for all programs of committees and church organizations
- Perform the human resource management and development functions
- Manage and supervise all church office employees
- A resource person for all activities of the church

Emoluments

An attractive salary package is offered and it will commensurate with experience.

Interested applicants are requested to send their detailed resume with the names of 2 character referees and a recent passport size photograph before 15th December 2008 to:

The Chairman, Staffing Committee, Wesley Methodist Church,
No. 2 Jalan Wesley, 50150 Kuala Lumpur.

14. HELPLINE

Please take note that HELPLINE COUNSELLING SERVICE will cease operation from 23 December, 2008. We want to thank all counselors for their dedication and commitment to this ministry for the past many years.

15. CCM FUNDRAISING CONCERT

A musical concert, “**Joy of Christmas**” will be presented by the Operafest Children’s Choir on Friday, 5 December, 2008 at the Lake Club Kuala Lumpur. Funds generated from this concert will be donated to the Council of Churches Building Fund. We strongly encourage you to participate and support this program.

16. BETHANY HOME CALENDARS FOR SALE

Support the efforts of Bethany Home in caring for autistic and mentally challenged children by the buying of calendars for your friends/relatives as Christmas gifts at only RM5 each.