

# The Wesleyan

**Westwood United Methodist Church**

*"Connecting and Caring"*

**January - March Edition**

*Good Christian Friends Rejoice!*

It is the beginning of another new year. It is a time for us to take a look at what we did last year. It is a time to make some decisions about what we want to do differently this year. God is always doing something new and it is our job to see what it is and then to join God in doing it. This involves a certain amount of risk and may indeed lead to changes in what we do and how we do it. But God is calling us to follow into the future God has planned for us. In Isaiah 43:18-21 God says, "Do not remember the former



things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild

animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise." Are we ready for the new thing God is doing? Are we willing to change and follow God and declare God's praise? This is both exciting and a little scary, but together with Christ, we can accomplish anything. So let us be bold and be daring and follow where the Holy Spirit leads us.

John Wesley had a covenant prayer that he used to start a new year. It is an opportunity for us to renew our covenant with God. Let us pray this

prayer together as we start the new year together:

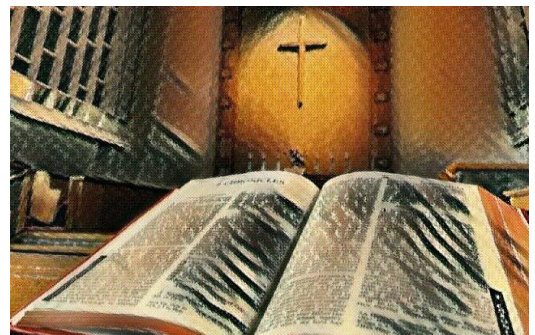
"I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

May our new year be filled with following God and seeking to do God's will!

God Loves us! Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace,

*Wayne*





## WESTWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### CHURCH STAFF

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## Church Spotlight

### Tim Chew

Tim has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Marketing from the University of Bournemouth and a Master of Arts in Education from the University of Bedfordshire, UK. He is the founder of Faith and Fitness International where he has created curriculum, prayer streams and sports network across London. He has been the youth leader, teacher and school chaplain at St. Mark's Federation and St. Mark's Kennington, Church of England where he trained, delivered and facilitated alpha (an experience introducing people to Christianity) and 24-7 prayer courses and led



and assisted sports teams at under 13 and under 18 level in football, cricket, volleyball, basketball, and others. Tim has immense passion for the Christian faith and for all types of sports. He's always looking for opportunities to introduce people to both.

Tim can be contacted via e-mail at [freeandfitnyc@gmail.com](mailto:freeandfitnyc@gmail.com) or visit his personal website:

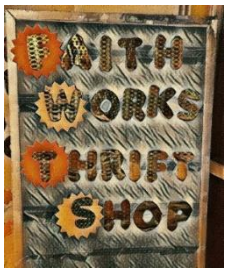
<http://timcheux.wixsite.com/timcheux>

## what's next?

Day	Date	Event
Saturday	February 1	District Foundational Leadership Training
Saturday	February 15	Valentines Dance
Wednesday	February 19	Happy, Glad and Thankful
Wednesday	February 26	Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday	March 1	Confirmation Class begins

### FAITHWORKS THRIFT SHOP

Happy New Year to our customers, and to those who so generously donate to our worthy cause. Valentine and St. Patrick's items are now on display.



Kitchen items are big sellers, so if you are rearranging your cupboards and come across something you do not frequently use, consider donating it to FaithWorks.

Our hours are Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 pm and the first and third Saturdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.  
(Except major holidays.)

Donations are received the hours we are open.

## GAMES and GRUB WESLEY HALL

**Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
4 PM - 8 PM  
\* SUPPER at 6PM

**ALL WELCOME! - ALL AGES!**

COME when you can, LEAVE when you like.... If the afternoon suits you best, come then. If the evening suits you best, come then... Some of us will be there the entire time, ready for challengers in table games, card games, puzzles, active games, Ping Pong and Shuffleboard. But PLEASE bring your sense of FUN and any game you prefer! CRAFTS will also be WELCOME and AVAILABLE...



\* SUPPER - POT LUCK AND TAKE OUT....

(To be decided)



Westwood United Methodist Church  
and



Westwood Community Jazz Band  
present

### Post-Valentines Dinner-Dance

to benefit the

Sgt. Christopher Hrbek Scholarship Fund

**Saturday, February 15, 2020 7-10pm**

at Westwood United Methodist Church

105 Fairview Avenue, Westwood

Tickets \$40

advance reservations needed

Contact 201.664.0755

westwoodumcoffice@gmail.com

Featuring:

18 piece band  
dinner, dancing





## Sunrise of Old Tappan Afternoon Service

Pastor: Wayne M. Jones

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month

2:00 pm

195 Old Tappan Road

Old Tappan, NJ 07675

## Taizé Service

Sometimes we need to unwind, to slow down, disconnect from our technology, and spend time in a sacred space, apart from the worries and pressures of Life. The Taizé service offers this time apart to the participants, in a candle lit environment of music, prayer, meditation, and silence. This midweek informal service is held every **FOURTH WEDNESDAY**, from 7:30 – 8 PM in the Lounge, near the Bergen Street entrance. Come early and join us for an optional light meal from 7 until 7:30 in the room across from the Rhinesmith Chapel.



**Please consider sending a card or note to one of our homebound:**

Lucille Seeley  
The Promenade at Tuxedo, 40 Hospital Road,  
Tuxedo, NY 10987

Ray Mercado  
40 Sycamore Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ 07642



# YES, WE CAN!

**Pack a half million meals in one day? Nothing is impossible with Jesus.** There are more than 7 billion people in this world and more than 800 million of them are hungry. Everyone deserves an education and the opportunity to flourish - but in order to do this they need enough to eat. GNJ has been working hard with Rise Against Hunger to stem this tide, but more needs to be done...

**JOIN US SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

For GNJ's "Rise Against Hunger, Yes, We Can!" event. We will host a meal packing event in several different locations across GNJ with the goal of packing 500,000 meals in one day!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:**

[www.gnjumc.org/congregationvitality/mission](http://www.gnjumc.org/congregationvitality/mission)

Register yourself, your Sunday school class and anyone who is willing to make a difference to transform the world!



Cards of Sympathy for *Douglas A. Wilson* can be sent in care of his daughter:

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75 Glade Circle E  
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