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Northwest Wesley Wraps Successful Fall Semester

The Fall 2018 semester has come to a close at Northwest Missouri State University. During this time, the Northwest Wesley Foundation continued to provide a platform for college students to find God and grow in relationship with one another.

As has been the case for at least four decades, Northwest Wesley offered Midweek Worship on Wednesday nights at 9 PM. This worship time offered a chance for students to unplug from college life for a time and focus their energies on figuring out how they fit into building God's kingdom here on Earth. The Fall semester saw the largest influx of freshmen and first-year students in attendance at Midweek in at least four years. This group promises to be the backbone of ministry offered through Northwest Wesley for many years to come.

Northwest Wesley also continued to offer a free supper for college students and college-age people on Thursdays at 6 PM at the Wesley Center. We at Wesley offer special thanks to the peo-

ple of Wilcox, Burlington Junction, Elmo, and Clearmont United Methodist churches. We also offer special thanks to Maryville First United Methodist Church, the Martin family, and Elizabeth Dimmitt. All of these people had a hand in cooking and food for suppers throughout the Fall. Their efforts allowed Wesley to feed hundreds of students.

Northwest Wesley students also participated in many other small group and fun events. The most successful of these was called Friday Fun. Wesley students gathered at 7 PM on Fridays at the Wesley Center and enjoyed each other's company in many different ways. Sometimes Friday Fun was hide-and-seek at the Wesley Center. Sometimes, students went to the Board Game Café, in downtown Maryville, Mo. On occasion, students would simply go out to eat. The last Friday Fun of the semester saw students travel to St. Joseph, Mo., to look at the Christmas lights in Krug Park.

Thanks to all who helped make the Fall 2018 semester one to remember at Northwest Wesley.

Website Offers Additional Way to Donate to Northwest Wesley

As always, an envelope marked "Friends of Wesley" is enclosed with this newsletter should you desire to donate and help fund the ministries offered through Northwest Wesley. As an added service to those who wish to give, a new part of our website is also up and running that will allow you to donate online any time you'd like. Simply visit us at www.northwestwesley.com/donate and, after a few quick clicks, we will receive your donation immediately. We at Northwest Wesley thank you for your support in whichever way it comes. Through your generosity, we are able to continue to show others God's love.



A group of Northwest Wesley students gathers for a photo after Midweek Worship at the Wesley Center.



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Students Ready for Puerto Rico Trip in Spring

A group of Northwest Wesley students will participate in a mission trip to Puerto Rico during the Spring 2019 semester in order to help clean up and rebuild after hurricane damage.

This year the Missouri Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church teamed up with the people on Vieques, an island just off the coast of Puerto Rico, to help with the hurricane rebuilding efforts. So far, Methodists from Missouri have helped rebuild the community center in Esperanza, Vieques, so people have a place to stay when they come down to help. The community center was destroyed in the wake of Hurricane Maria, which hit Puerto Rico in September of 2017. Groups are currently working on rebuilding the Methodist church building in Esperanza, which was also destroyed

as Maria swept through.

When Northwest Wesley students go to Puerto Rico during spring break they will be helping the community rebuild their houses and anything else that is asked of them.

Northwest Wesley students will be leaving for a week at the end of March. They will be landing in San Juan and then heading to Vieques where they will be spending the week. In order to go on the trip, each student must raise \$1,000. During the Spring semester, students will be holding a few fundraisers to try and raise some of the money. If you would like to donate to send students on the trip, please enclose a check marked "mission trip" in the envelope included with this newsletter, or visit our website: www.northwestwesley.com/donate. Thanks for your consideration.

A Word From Travis . . .

Greetings, everyone! As I am writing these few lines, winter has taken hold in northwest Missouri. As temperatures outside cool, the responsibilities our students face often heat up. I ask that you keep our Wesley students in your thoughts and prayers as they continue on their journeys to become whole persons on their faith journeys while here at Northwest Missouri State University. I ask that you keep Northwest Wesley Foundation in your prayers as well, that we might continue to be a place that offers the caring spirit of Jesus Christ to all, regardless of race, faith, creed, sexual orientation or status. God's love knows no bounds. May we continue to be reminded of this fact.

Finally, with the new year coming, as with everywhere, changes will abound. I ask prayers as we at Northwest Wesley try to discern our future endeavors. May the decisions we make be for the ultimate good of this place that we love so much and, more importantly, for the people it strives to serve. Thanks and God bless.

Northwest Wesley Needs

Flooring throughout the entire Wesley Center.

Curtains throughout the entire Wesley Center.

Replacement of all florescent lights on the main floor.

Your donations help us fill these pressing needs.