

## Welcome to Hayward Wesleyan Church

We are a community of people who are being changed by the love of God. We're down to earth and upbeat. We believe that it's the gospel of Jesus that truly changes people and those people are the ones who bring about change in the world.

***There's a place for you!***

**So that we know you are here today**, we ask EVERYONE to please either check-in using the Church Center phone app or fill out the Connect Card located in the chair seat back (one per family) and hand it to a Host Team Member on your way out.

**If this is your first time here, thank you for coming!** We are grateful to have you! We would love to know who you are and help you get connected to the church body. Please fill out a card found in your seat back pocket and hand it to one of the host team members on your way out today.

### FAITH & FINANCES

#### November 2024:

November General Fund Income: \$40,213

November General Fund Expenses: \$52,651

Monthly income behind expenses by \$12,473

Budgeted Monthly Income Need: \$52,699

#### YTD—11/01/24—11/30/2024:

YTD Income: \$290,820

YTD Expenses: \$321,180

YTD offerings behind expenses by \$30,396

*If you would like additional information on weekly financial data please contact the church office.*

**Giving cheerfully is part of our worship.** Your generosity allows us to help more people experience the life-changing impact of belief. You may hand your tithes and offerings to a host team member as you leave today or use the wooden offering receptacles in the foyer.

**We encourage electronic giving!** Visit [www.hwc.church](http://www.hwc.church) and click on "GIVE" or find "GIVE" within our Church Center phone app.

**WIFI available: "HWC Guest network"**

**Password: wesleyan4613**

#### HWC Church Center Phone App

Stay up to date with events, ongoing small groups, e-giving, registration, directory and more!

- Download the [Church Center](#) app on your phone.
- Select Hayward Wesleyan as your church
- Enter in your phone number or email
- Select your profile (if no profile appears, continue to follow the prompts in the app to get you added)



#### PASTORAL STAFF

**Ben Kidder**, Lead Pastor ([ben@hwc.church](mailto:ben@hwc.church))

**Ryan Wilson**, Pastor of Worship and Disciple Making ([ryan@hwc.church](mailto:ryan@hwc.church))

**Lisa Oetken**, Pastor of Families ([lisa@hwc.church](mailto:lisa@hwc.church))

**Jonah Beckermann**, Interim Director of Youth Ministry ([youth@hwc.church](mailto:youth@hwc.church))

#### SUPPORT STAFF

**Jillian Stone**, Administrative Assistant ([office@hwc.church](mailto:office@hwc.church))

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**Jessica Boss**, Youth Administrative Assistant ([youth@hwc.church](mailto:youth@hwc.church))

#### SERMON NOTES

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#### Today's Songs

Noel

Manger Throne

Same God

Hayward Wesleyan Church Office  
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Office Hours: Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



HAYWARD wesleyan CHURCH

*Connecting every life to Jesus*



**December 22, 2024**

Worship Services

9:00 & 10:30AM

"The Gift of Faith"

Luke 1:38

Pastor Ben Kidder

**LIVESTREAM** of services in our

**Fireside Room & Family Cry Room #101**

Worship service streams online at 9:00 & 10:30AM at  
[facebook.com/haywardwesleyan](https://facebook.com/haywardwesleyan) OR [hwc.church/live](https://hwc.church/live)

Previous recordings are available @ [www.hwc.church/messages](http://www.hwc.church/messages)

**Connecting Every Life To Jesus**

## HAPPENINGS AT HWC

### March to the Manger

Today, Sunday, December 22 at the 9:00AM and 10:30AM services we will have a living nativity and sing traditional Christmas carols together. Then the entire congregation, young and old, will be invited to join the nativity scene by bringing a gift to the manger.

What will you bring? A deeper spiritual commitment? A letter expressing your heart? A financial gift? Giving up a habit? No gift is too big or too small.



### Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24  
3:00, 5:00 and 7:00PM



Join us for a family-style, candlelit Christmas Eve.

After service stay for hot chocolate, cookies & a photo booth! Nursery care is available during the 3:00 and 5:00PM services for ages birth to three.

### Alpha, Mondays starting January 27th

Starting on January 27 on Mondays, join us for Alpha, a series about meeting new people and exploring the Christian faith together. Each session we will unpack and discuss a question of faith, life and purpose. Join us for a meal at 5:30PM and the session beginning at 6PM. You may register on the Church Center App or by calling the Church Office.



**At Hayward Wesleyan Church**, the safety and well-being of our children and congregation are of utmost importance. To further support our Children's Ministry, we are implementing proactive measures to enhance security across our campus. While there is no known or immediate threat, we are taking these steps to ensure our church remains a safe and welcoming place for everyone. Trusting in God's care, we also recognize our responsibility to create a secure environment where families can worship and grow together confidently.

You may notice ministry teams using radios during services and events. This increased communication will strengthen collaboration across all ministries, enabling us to respond effectively to any needs that arise. These steps reflect our commitment to being vigilant and prepared while maintaining a loving and nurturing environment. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to church leadership. Thank you for partnering with us in this effort to protect and care for our church family.

## CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY

Available at the 9:00 & 10:30 Sunday Worship Services

### NURSERY CARE (ages 0-3)

Available during the 10:30 Sunday Worship Service

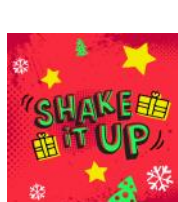
**PRESCHOOL (AGES 3-5, potty-trained)** Room 103  
**KIDS' CHURCH (K-Grade 5)** Theatre Room



### Youth Group (Grades 6-12)

HWC Youth Group meets Wednesdays from 7pm to 9pm at the church building (doors open at 6:30pm). Youth Group is a great place to hang out with friends, grow in faith, and be a part of fun activities! All students grades 6 to 12 are welcome to attend. Can't wait to see you on *January 8th!*

**High School Collective**, is a gathering specifically for high school students to grow deeper in their faith and be challenged to find meaningful ways to 'give away' their faith at school, in youth group, your local church, and community. If you are looking to be challenged to go further in your faith, this group may be for you!  
*Next Collective: Today, December 22nd in Room 110*



### Kids' Church is in the series "Shake it Up"

**Bible Story:** The Light of the World: Jesus is Born  
**Big Idea:** Jesus is the Light of the World and I can share the light with others like the shepherds did.  
**Memory Verse:** "I have come into the world to be its light. So no one who believes in me will stay in darkness." John 12:46 (NIV)



**Followers** is an after school ministry for children who are in grades K-5. Followers meets every other Monday after school from 3:30-5:00 P.M. Please register in the Church Center App or by calling the office. Please call the school if your child plans to ride the bus this school year. **Next Followers: January 6**

## NOTE FROM PASTOR BEN

**Dear Church Family**, last week my brother unexpectedly passed away. I am so thankful to you for your words of compassion and your prayers for my family. Many times I have cared for families who have walked through unexpected loss. You have blessed my family and me with the comfort that comes from the Lord.  
Sincerely, Ben

## MISSIONS & COMMUNITY

Your giving specifically to our "Missions Budget" enables Hayward Wesleyan to support these and 19 other missions here, near and far. Give online, or write a check to HWC with "Missions" in the memo line. We are also accepting Faith Promise pledges for 2025.



**New Reflections Pathway to Hope** is a Christian shelter in Hayward where women can live with their children while rebounding from addiction, abuse or other issues. Residents receive counseling while pursuing employment or an education. The home is part of the City Lights Ministry network and is financed in part by the New Reflections thrift shop.



**The Gideons International** distributes the Word of God and helps lay people share the Gospel effectively. With chapters in 200 countries, Gideon members personally witness and give Bibles and New Testaments not just to hotels, but to police, fire and medical personnel, military members, and students. Since 1904, the Gideons have distributed 2 billion Bibles in 95 languages worldwide.

## CONNECT WITH A GROUP

**The below groups are ongoing and open to the public:**

**Encore**—(luncheon for those 65+) 4th Thursday of each month @ 11:30am; Join us for a time of fellowship, music, games and fun! Please bring a dish to pass. **Next Encore: January 23**

**Gals in Grace** meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 9AM. Currently studying Max Lucado's "Unshakable Hope".

**Young Adult Bible Study** - for 20-something's (or those soon to hit their 20's) on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Fireside Room

**Northwoods MOMCo**— *Morning Meetups* are 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 9-11AM; *Next meetup: Thursday, December 19th @ 9AM*; *Evening Meetups* are the 2nd Friday of each month @ 6:30PM

**Prayer Group**—Mondays at 10:00AM (Fireside Room)

**Celebrate Recovery**— Tuesdays 5:30-8:00PM (Theatre Room); Open to anyone with a hurt, hang-up or habit that is hindering your walk with God. Refreshments will be served.

**AA Group**—Mondays at 7:00PM (Library)

**HWC has several other small groups.** If you are interested in joining one of these groups or starting a group, please reach out to Pastor Ryan Wilson, via email at [ryan@hwc.church](mailto:ryan@hwc.church) and/or fill out a survey at [hwc.church/groups](http://hwc.church/groups).