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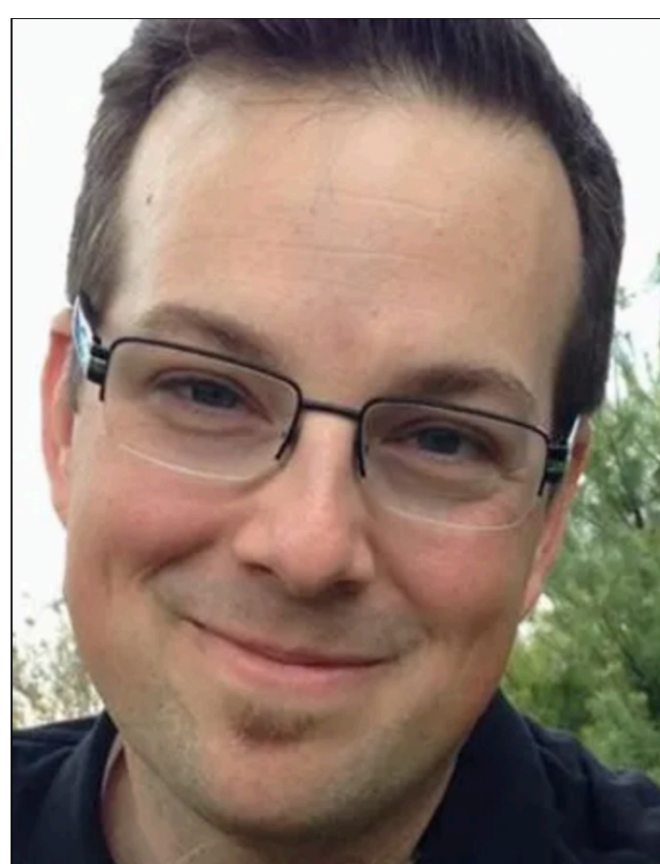
A goodbye from director Brandon McGinnis

I'm not sure why "all good things must come to an end," but I know that they do. On June 1, 2024, I will be stepping down as the Director of the ECU Wesley Foundation. I have served at the ECU Wesley for seven years and it has been an honor to lead and serve the students of ECU.

When I accepted the position in the summer of 2017, it was a dream come true. For many years I felt a call and a strong desire to work with college-age students, specifically on a college campus. I stepped into a ministry that had been cared for and led by only three previous directors over the last 47 years. I was stepping into a legacy.

Seven years ago, I couldn't anticipate how much I was going to grow to love my time with the students. I have learned so much about life and faith from them. I have learned perseverance and play. I have learned that most things are temporary and are always changing.

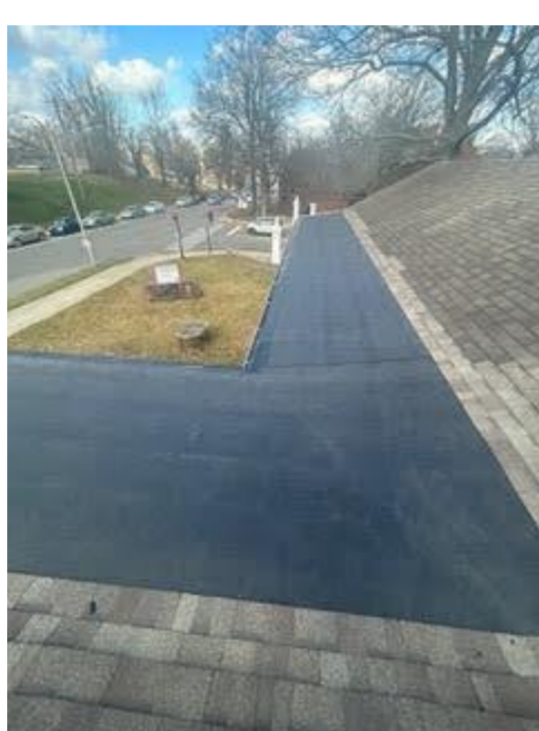
My time at the ECU Wesley Foundation has been such a blessing to my life. I will always hold dear to my heart all that I have learned and all the incredible people that I now have in my life because of my work here. A special thank you to the Wesley board and the wonderful churches in the area that have been a constant support and encouragement for me and the ministry. I am looking forward to seeing the next steps for the Wesley. I know God will continue to lead and bless this ministry.



Grateful,
Brandon McGinnis

The Wesley board is grateful for Brandon's dedicated years of service. A celebration event is planned for **Saturday, May 4, at 12 p.m.** at the Wesley at ECU in Richmond. More details to come. Mark your calendars!

Leaky roof repaired thanks to conference



Since Winter 2019 we have had some roof damage resulting in leaks and water damage to the exterior soffit on the front side of our building. Our KYUMC Trustees met, approved, and paid for the cost of repairs. All that is left is to paint the soffit to match. We deeply appreciate the Conference Trustees for their willingness to pay for the repairs.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Tina Scent Weitkamp

- From Fort Thomas, Kentucky
- Graduated in 1975, with a BSN
- Retired from the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing 2015 (but now working at Target part-time and loving it!)
- Married to Harry Weitkamp since May 31, 1975
- Mother of three (one a 2004 ECU graduate), grandmother of six
- Proud owner (with Harry) of 1 share of Green Bay Packer stock (Go Pack Go!)



When I was at ECU, most of my free time was spent studying or at the Wesley Foundation. I remember retreats, Thursday night dinners, and Sunday evenings at the center.

One of my most memorable events was the night the tornado went through town. The next day I had clinical in Lexington. When we arrived back on campus at 3:30 or so, we were told the university was closing at 4 and we needed to be out of dorms. I didn't have a car and didn't know where I was going, but I knew if I went to the center, it would work out. Sure enough, a couple of friends were there waiting for me and took me to Lexington.

I thought of the center as my family. I felt close to everyone there, because we shared a common faith, and we were all growing in our faith.

After graduation I got married, and many of my Wesley friends attended our wedding. One was in it, one took photos, and several helped with other things.

After many years talking with a small group of our Wesley friends and a few small fun "reunions," Judy, Jocelyn and I planned a "big" reunion at the center about six years ago, with a large number attending. It was good to see people that I had not seen since I graduated. We even took pictures by graduation year. It was just like no time had passed. We were still close.

Several of us started to meet regularly for lunch before COVID, and we've been able to have a few other reunions since COVID, the last being in August 2023. Our next reunion will be in 2025, and it will be the last one I plan. (Who will do the next one?)

When my husband was diagnosed with cancer late last year, I knew that this was the group that I could ask for prayer support, and I got it. They are better than family.



Thanks to our Meal Train providers!

Students enjoy a meal each Tuesday night before the weekly gathering. These meals are made possible through the generous support of alumni, students, churches and others. This year, meals have been provided by: **Colette McGinnis, Jamie Jordan, Maggie Schroeder, Brandon and Sarah McGinnis, Shannon Grise, Connor Hadley, Elizabeth Bendure, Richmond FUMC, Winchester FUMC, Marsha Maupin, D Merricks, Whitley Henson and Robert Amundsen.** Elizabeth Bendure has also coordinated this entire effort as one of our ministry assistants.

Thank you so much to those who use their gifts and time to love on our students with food!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Paul Combs
Hometown: Maysville, KY
Major: Aerospace management with a minor in business
Hobbies: Gaming, live-streaming, chess, reading
Favorite thing about the Wesley: The community/people (food is also a good option)

