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From the Pastor's Study... Rev. Susan Kronbach

Dear Friends,

In the last few weeks, our District Superintendent, Rev. Barry Burns, and the Executive Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Linda Middelberg, have shared their reflections on "Why I am a Wesleyan Christian." The term "Wesleyan Christian" is a broader descriptor than United Methodist, as there are other denominations that are attentive to the teachings of John Wesley. So, while this is a wider conversation than why we are United Methodist, it can be helpful as we begin to think about the values and teachings that guide our work together as this church in this time and place.

Rev. Burns offered these three reflections: 1) "I love the fact that we have an open table whenever we celebrate the Eucharist ... at our core is the belief that no matter who a person is, no matter what they have done, no matter where they have come from, they are welcome and invited to the table and God's grace is open to them. 2) I love that we strive for perfection. And even if we qualify this by saying we will never attain it in this life, we still strive for Christian perfection. That means we strive to be more loving, we strive to use our spiritual gifts more effectively, we strive to follow Christ more closely, and we



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