



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AUGUST 2017

Pastor's reflections

I have to get shots every couple of weeks. I've gotten allergy shots for almost half my life, and given my current health, they may be part of my life until it is over. Since I've gotten so many shots in my life, they don't seem like a big deal to me. It's a very quick moment of pain and it's over. Thankfully these shots keep me from getting sinus infections and pneumonia every year. However, for other people, a shot is a horrifying experience. I remember in junior high when immunizations were given at school; I walked in, got my shot, and thought nothing of it. Many of my fellow students were crying and very tensed up, all but paralyzed by fear.

Fear is powerful, and fear is dangerous. Fear can keep us from doing healthy things. Fear can lead us to hurt others. Fear is toxic to our bodies, compromising our physical

health. Fear can also be toxic to our souls, causing our relationships to fail, getting between us and God, and often getting twisted into hate towards others or depression within ourselves.

We live in fearful times. As I visit with many people, they seem to fear that the world is more unstable now than ever before. Living in fearful times is not new; the Bible, depending on the translation you are reading, says, "Fear not!", or words to that effect more than 100 times. Not living in fear or letting fear be the driving factor in our lives is one of the top five major themes of the Bible. I trust that since the Bible was inspired by God that means that God knew that fighting fear was something humans would need to do. God,

Church Events

- **August 9 - Women's breakfast (Benny's)- 8:30 a.m.**
- **August 10 - Greeting card ministry - 9:30 a.m.**
- **August 13 - Men's Club breakfast 9 a.m.**
- **August 18 - Ladies luncheon (Bogey's) 11:00 a.m.**
- **August 22 - Prayer shawl ministry 1 p.m.**
- **Thursdays - Coffee with Pastor 7:30 - 10 a.m. (Airplay Sports)**
- **Saturdays - Men's bible study 8 a.m.**

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particularly God known through Jesus Christ, offers us hope, strength and peace in the face of fear and the hard questions of life.

In the month of August we are going to talk about fear, and how God helps us live through times of fear and guides us to overcome our fears. God wants blessing and hope for us all, and that can only come when we are not ruled by fear, but instead we firmly ground our being in God's love, shown to us through Jesus. So I invite you to join us as we are reminded to "Fear Not!" I encourage you to invite anyone you know who might

need to learn that God helps us overcome our fears to worship with us. Fear is not from God; love is from God and "perfect love casts out all fear" (I John 4:18). Let's remember this truth and be transformed by that this August.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jeremiah



But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
Ephesians 2:4-5

Thank you!

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and thoughts during my hospital stay. I am getting better. I expect to go to school later than planned (hopefully November) but need to be healthy and stable first.

Michael Quick and family

Upcoming worship

We live in times that feel fearful for many, yet one of the great themes of the bible is "fear not!" Fear is real, but Jesus Christ offers an answer to fear, and hope in the face of the ups and downs and life. Let's spend a month pondering the realities of life, and how the Good News of Jesus can help us face and overcome the fears and other struggles of our lives.

- August 6: Fear Not: Fear is Real
 - Mark 9:14-27
- August 13: Guest preacher our own Bruce Kramer
- August 20: Fear Not: Why do Bad things Happen?
 - Psalm 137: 1-8
 - Back to school blessing
- August 27: Fear Not: Where is the Good?
 - Romans 8:28

Wesley is seeking an individual to be the lead person to operate the church **Audio/Video System** during regular Sunday Worship Services. If you are interested please ask for a copy of the job description in the office, and for more information, **contact Andy Pitsch at (815) 499-4940.**

Servers for August - 8 a.m.

| | Greeters | Ushers | Liturgist |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| August 6 | Jean Moe and Gloria Grant | Jan Glover, Lynn Majewski | Seth Faber |
| August 13 | Debbie Kramer, Mark & Cindy Melton | MR & MRS Frank & Janne Rausa | Renee Duncan |
| August 20 | Jan Glover, Lynn Majewski | ↓ | Jan Glover |
| August 27 | Fitzanko Family | | Wendy Fitzanko |

Coffee Hosts

- August 6** Jim & Jackie Turffs
- August 13** Jon Freas Family
- August 20** Katie Spangler and Michael Henrekin
- August 27** Rick & Karen Palmer



Servers for August - 10 a.m.

| | Greeters | Ushers | Liturgist |
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| August 6 | Warren & Carolyn Heuck | Jan Glover, Jeff Cedro Jim & Jackie Turffs | Carolyn Heuck |
| August 13 | ↓ | Jim & Jackie Turffs, Holly & Jeremy Taylor-Vrhel | ↓ |
| August 20 | Dave & Roberta Fredericks | ↓ | Dave Fredericks |
| August 27 | ↓ | | Roberta Fredericks |

Acolytes

- August 6** Amber & Josh Greenfield
- August 13** Olivia Schwingle
- August 20** Haleigh Freas
- August 27** TBD

Birthdays

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| August 1 - Janet Perry | August 16 - Kris Quick | August 22 - Bill Burke, Dillon Larson, Don Lewis |
| August 2 - Jean Moe | August 17 - Conner Knowles, Debbie Kramer | August 25 - Russ Spitzer, Tori Stutzke |
| August 3 - Nell Adams, Nancy Pitsch, Marion Quick | August 18 - Shay Papoccia | August 31 - Louis Quick, Taylor Schofield |
| August 6 - Fred Duncan, Rita Smith | August 19 - Lowell Jacobs, Jan Stutzke, Karen Wellman | |
| August 7 - Johanna Cravatta | August 20 - Darla Ewing, Matt Wendelken, Ava White | |
| August 9 - Bill Inks | August 21 - Curt Greenfield, Rory Smith | |
| August 13 - Arianna Cravatta, Jakob Vetter | | |
| August 14 - Matt Greenfield | | |
| August 15 - Betty Andreas | | |



Anniversaries

August 1 - Bill and Nell Adams Rodger and Julie VanAusdal
August 2 - James and Tammy Jones August 18 - Shay Papoccia
August 9 - Tim and Sandi Cox August 20 - James and Linh Melton
August 10 - Dave and Karen Abele, Mike and Tootie Ceruzzi August 21 - Steve and Mary Michel
August 14 - Roger and Rose Jacobs, Bill and Sue Inks August 25 - Randy and Pam Clodfelter
August 17 - Cal and Pat Jacobs, Larke and Janet Perry, August 27- Mark and Sharon Taylor

We served an average of 101 kids each of the nine days we had **Let's Feed Our Children**. A big Thank You to all of you who volunteered, especially Beth Matthew for organizing our group.

PADS will be starting up in October, see Elisa Gatz for information or look for sign up sheets in early fall.

PLEASE NOTE that we are having trouble with Pastor's email for the church. Please use castiger1@gmail.com until further notice.

Save the date!

Attention All Volunteers for Let's Feed Our Children:

The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be Friday, August 11th at 11:30 at the Christian Church, also know as the Church on the Hill. Please call the United Way Office at 815-625-7973 if you plan to attend. We had a great group helping this year and we would love to see you at the luncheon.

Visit our Church library

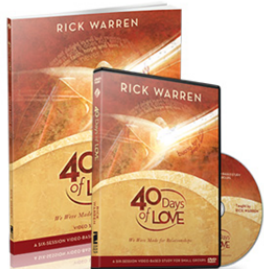
and check out two new books recently donated.

"Captivating" (for women) by John & Stasi Eldredge
"Wild at Heart" (for men) by John Eldredge

Looking for A FEW GOOD MEN

Are you man enough to get up Saturday morning and have a great time digging into God's word in such a way that it could transform your life?

If you like to laugh and hang out with a great group of guys while also learning about how the Bible and how all that God stuff fits into your everyday life, than the Wesley Saturday morning Bible Study is the place you need to be.



- Make loving God and others your highest priority
- Find true rest in forgiveness
- Build healthier relationships
- Love more authentically, even when it's difficult

FREE TRIAL OFFER – Come Join Us!

We are starting a new 6-week session on September 9th and we invite you to come join us in the church library at 8:00 am

- Come check us out
- No subscription necessary
- No long-term commitment

Money Back Guarantee: If you don't have a good time or don't feel this was a good use of your Saturday morning we will triple refund your money (and since it's free we know we can keep this promise.)



IN ONLY A FEW MEMORABLE HOURS, UNDERSTAND, LIKE NEVER BEFORE, 4,000 YEARS OF LIFE CHANGING, GODLY WISDOM.

SAVE THE DATE

Church-wide event for ages 4th grade - Adult
Saturday November 4th

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wesley United Methodist Church

Watch for details coming soon – You won't want to miss this event!



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Open Heart, Open Minds, Open Doors

You are invited to join us for worship Sundays at 8 and 10 a.m. with Sunday School and fellowship at 9 a.m.

Mission Corner

Wesley has always been a mission-minded church. The purpose of this space is to keep the congregation informed of our various mission efforts.

We currently are receiving:

- Donations of bedding, small appliances, and other **household items** to support Trinity UMC and the VA Clinic/Valor Program, as they work to find homes for local veterans. A list of needed items is on the table in the fellowship hall.
- **Toothpaste and toothbrushes** for Bear Necessities, Everyday Essentials and the FISH Food Pantry.
- **Travel-sized toiletries** for the Trinity and FISH pantries.
- **Loose coins** to benefit Rosecrance Kinley Charity Care fund, a leading provider of behavioral health services with nationally recognized addiction treatment programs. Rosecrance serves clients at locations across Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa.