



The Chimes

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Words: Use with Caution

One of my favorite (among many) verses of the New Testament is Ephesians 4:29: *“Don’t let any foul words come out of your mouth. Only say what is helpful when it is needed for building up the community so that it benefits those who hear what you say.”* (CEB)

While I always attempt to live these words, I also realize that there are times when I fall painfully short and speak quickly or harshly, and I can see the pain that it causes. So when I saw this devotion from Rick Warren, I saved it as a reminder to carefully consider how I actually use my words. And in such a divisive season of politics, perhaps you also will treasure this key teaching of the New Testament.

Warren writes: “Sometimes our words are like a sledgehammer. We swing away without thinking, and all of a sudden, we look around, and all we’ve got is a pile of relational rubble. When you thoughtlessly sling your words around and tear people down, your relationships are going to suffer.

“One of the reasons we’re not constructive with our words is we don’t realize how powerful this tool is—our mouth and the words that God has given

to us. We say things without thinking. And people remember them. Certain things people said to you in a careless way—even as far back as grade school or college or when you first started working—you still remember today. That’s how powerful words are. So when it comes to your mouth, you’ve got to think of it as a power tool and be very careful with it.

“One time I went into my garage and grabbed a manual for a power saw. As I was reading through the directions, I was struck by how it related to the use of another power tool that God has given us: our mouths.

“The directions said:

- Know your power tool.
- Keep guards in place.
- Be careful around children.
- Store idle tools when not in use.
- Don’t over reach.
- Never use in an explosive atmosphere.

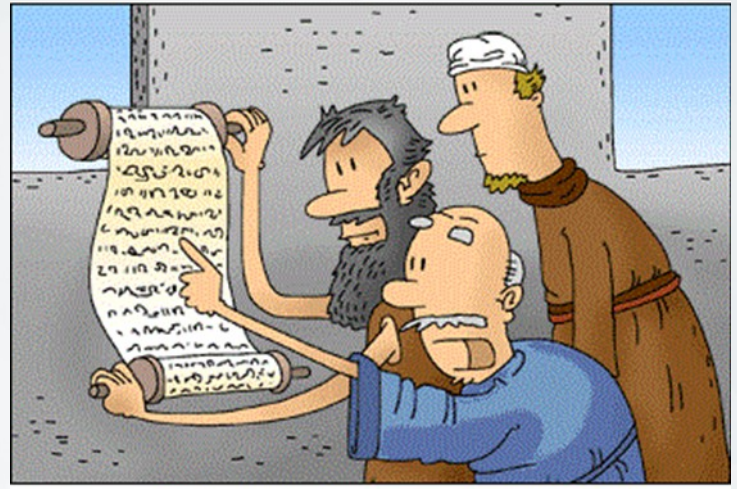
How can you use your mouth more carefully, so you are using it to build relationships and not to tear people down?

Calendar

- **June 3** - OFFICE CLOSED
- **June 9** - Greeting card ministry - 9:30 a.m.
- **June 10** - OFFICE CLOSED
- **June 13-17** - Vacation Bible school
- **June 13** - Worship Team meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- **June 15** - Missions Team meeting - 7 p.m.
- **June 29** - Prayer shawl ministry - 1:30 p.m.
- **Wednesdays** - Choir rehearsal - 6 p.m.
- **Saturdays** - Men’s Bible study - 8 a.m.

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- Stop excusing. Stop saying, “I didn’t really mean to say that” or “It’s just that blood sugar dip before lunch.” Realize that what you say impacts everybody around you.
- Talk less. We often get in trouble because we just don’t know when to shut up. If it’s a power tool, you shouldn’t have to use it as much, right?
- Listen more. If you listen more, you can better understand people’s needs.
- Start building. Let your first thoughts be, “What does that person need? How can I use a word of encouragement to build him up? What can I say to make a difference in his life?”



Pastor Wesley

CAN YOU SCROLL BACK UP?

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone.

Congratulations confirmands!

Eight confirmands were received into membership on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, following a truth-enriched, Holy Spirit-inspired message by Pastor Wesley.

Our church family has very lovingly supported these young people through weekly dinners, daily prayers and encouraging notes. Journeys with their mentors will more fully develop in the months and year ahead, extending the love of Christ through others to these, our newest members.

We’re thankful for the loving hands that stitched name and scripture messages to Haley Ceruzzi, Ethan Cravatta, Colton Duncan, Haleigh Freas, Amber Greenfield, Matthew Greenfield, Olivia Schwingle and Victoria Stutzke.

Please continue your prayerful support for them all!





Cooking with Kids

Another successful Cooking with Kids event is in the books!

Erin Graves along with eight adults and three of our older youth guided 16 children as they made hot pads, then baked and frosted cupcakes.

Our organizers opened the event to preschoolers, to give our parents with children the opportunity to have some time to themselves, while their children were lovingly fed and cared for over a few hours.

Another event is in the works. Stay tuned for details!

Top right: Lily Wetzell carefully measures Key lime juice, as Molly Papoccia waits her turn for the next step. **Bottom right:** Derek Fitzanko consults the recipe, as Rita Smith mixes the batter for the cupcakes. **Bottom left:** Derek Fitzanko and Molly Papoccia lick the beaters--the best part of any baking endeavor. **Top left:** Janet Glover helps Grace Wetzell measure milk with Ellie Wendelken (left) and Logan Ayala (right) on standby.

Right: Nick Papoccia, left, and Rory Smith, right, among several others spread mulch in the flower beds at the front of the church during the annual spring cleanup day April 30. The group got plenty done, before it rained much of the rest of the day.



Vacation Bible School is June 13-17

Mark your calendar and register now for Vacation Bible School, set for June 13-17. The Surf Shack is open from 9 a.m. to noon daily. A special celebration worship and picnic lunch is set for June 19.



Vacation Bible School is open to children turning 4 before Sept. 1, through children entering sixth

grade this fall. Each day at the Surf Shack, children will participate in the excitement of games, crafts, singalongs, stories, and snacks. They will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them the opportunity to ride the waves with God; your children will become surfers and explore how to serve God and experience God's amazing presence in their lives.

Register online at sterlingmethodistvbs.org or by calling the office at 815-625-1968.

Wesley UMC Softball

Come out and cheer on our Wesley UMC softball team. We play Tuesday and Thursday at Centennial Park in Rock Falls. There are plenty of bleacher seats for games, which last about an hour. Come join the fun at the following games:

- Tuesday, May 31 - 6 p.m. - Diamond C
- Thursday, June 2 - 7 p.m. - Diamond C
- Thursday, June 9 - 6 p.m. - Diamond B
- Tuesday, June 14 - 7 p.m. - Diamond C
- Thursday, June 16 - 6 p.m. - Diamond C
- Tuesday, June 21 - 7 p.m. - Diamond B
- Thursday, June 23 - 8 p.m. - Diamond C
- Tuesday, June 28 - 8 p.m. - Diamond B
- Thursday, June 30 - 7 p.m. - Diamond B
- Tuesday, July 5 - 8 p.m. - Diamond C
- Thursday, July 7 - 6 p.m. - Diamond C
- Tuesday, July 12 - 8 p.m. - Diamond B
- Thursday, July 14 - 6 p.m. - Diamond B
- Tuesday, July 19 - 7 p.m. - Diamond C

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 grape jelly** to support the local Let's Feed Our Children program. Donations may be any brand, any size jar but only grape jelly--no other flavors, no other types.
- **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 available on the table in the fellowship hall.

- **Shampoo** for the Trinity Pantry, Rock Falls UMC Personal Care Pantry, and the FISH Food Pantry.
- **Travel-sized toiletries** for the Trinity and FISH pantries. Items may be placed in the baskets and boxes on the missions table outside the sanctuary. Also, **loose coins** this month will support the CRICKET after-school program at Camp Reynoldswood. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You

Thank you for the care package! It made my day!

Jakob Vetter

Thank you so much for the finals care package. It's amazing to know I have so many people thinking of me while I finish up my classes. God is good!

Kaitlyn Williams

Note: The Membership Care Team sent care packages to 12 of our college students ahead of their final exams.

Servers for June - 8 a.m.

	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
June 5	Andy & Nancy Pitsch	Renee Duncan, Lynn Majewski Amy Poci	Seth Faber
June 12	The Fitzanko family	Renee Duncan, Lynn Majewski, Amy Poci	Wendy Fitzanko
June 19	Jan Glover, Juanita Nerstheimer	Jan Glover, Lynn Majewski, Amy Poci	Renee Duncan
June 26	Andy & Nancy Pitsch	Lynn Majewski, Rory & Rita Smith	Nancy Pitsch
July 3	Bill & Peg Burke	Jan Glover, Toby & Deb Hodges	Steve or Mary Downes

Coffee Hosts

June 5 Andy & Nancy Pitsch, Wes & Liz White and family
June 12 Susie Cedro, Andrea Mallhi
June 19 Andy & Nancy Pitsch
June 26 Jean Moe, Mary Spitzer
July 3 Rosemary Davis, Judy Randall

Servers for June - 10 a.m.

	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
June 5	Bill & Nell Adams	Jeff Cedro, Warren Heuck Andy & Nancy Pitsch	Amber or Jaime Greenfield
June 12	Rick & Karen Palmer	Jeff Cedro, Warren Heuck, Jeremy Taylor	Janay Dalton
June 19	The Gabrielse family	Jeff Cedro, Steve & Mary Downes Warren Heuck	<i>VBS celebration</i>
June 26	Bruce & Debbie Kramer	Jeff Cedro, Warren Heuck, Jim & Jackie Turffs	Alyssa Cedro
July 3	Darlene Davis, Janet Palmer	Nick Abele, Doug Brandau, Alyssa Cedro, Johanna Cravatta	Gloria Grant

Acolytes 10 a.m.

June Colton and Corey Duncan
June 12 James Morris, Tori Stutzke

Birthdays

- June 2 - Matthew Gabrielse
- June 5 - Judy Dennis
- June 6 - Dave Abele, Brad Graves
- June 7 - Doug Brandau
- June 8 - Michele Drew
- June 10 - Rene Morris
- June 12 - Dave Fredericks
- June 13 - Phyllis Stutzman
- June 14 - Carolyn Heuck
- June 18 - Barbara Frazer
- June 19 - Sharon Taylor
- June 22 - Myla Wendelken
- June 23 - Andy Pitsch, Mark Taylor
- June 26 - Mike Drew
- June 28 - Cheryl Allen
- June 29 - Christine Bushman, Darlene Davis, Linda Perry
- June 30 - Marianne Rosser

Anniversaries

- June 6 - Ed and Susie Cedro Heuck
- June 11 - Don and Tracy DuRall
- June 14 - Rory and Rita Smith
- June 17 - Warren and Carolyn Heuck
- June 26 - Tom and Gretchen Brown
- June 28 - Bruce and Debbie Kramer

Card shower

Barbara Frazer will celebrate her 101st birthday June 18.

Cards may be sent to:
 5829 E. 116th St., Apt. 118
 Carmel, IN 46033



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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.

Office closed

The office will be closed Friday, June 3, and Friday, June 10, as both Pastor Wes and Kayla will be gone.

Please plan accordingly. A reminder that the office is open 7:30-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

Coming this fall!

- Another Introduction to United Methodism study
- A new disciple Bible study

Father's Day

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19.

Save the dates

Save the dates for:

- Hymn sing and ice cream social, Sunday, July 17, at 6 p.m.
- All-church picnic, Sunday, July 31, after worship (about 11:30 a.m.) at Sinnissippi Park