

June 2018



The Chimes

Monthly Newsletter/Wesley United Methodist Church

Pastor's Reflections

End of an Old Year, Start of a New

In these recent days of high 90's, I'm thinking about New Years, and no, I've not been in the sun too long :) Another school year ends; for students, teachers, parents, grandparents, school volunteers & staff. Our daughter Abiella is now officially a 2nd grader! As a UMC Pastor, this month also marks the end of my 1st appointment year at Wesley UMC. July 1st will begin my second year as your pastor, a gift and blessing for which I am profoundly thankful!

Years ending & giving way to new beginnings, brings thought to new year's resolutions. You know those things we promise to do, to grow & improve ourselves & possibly our community, each January? What if we made a few resolutions here in June? To extend or "dust off & renew" those January resolutions we made in below 0 temps this past winter!

A resolution taken from a program by Peggy Hisey, author & church leader, I've known from former appointments. Offers spiritual growth; program for individuals & congregations called *The Journey of 10x10*. Highlighting the goal of reading the Bible at least 10 minutes per day & praying at least 10 minutes per day. These two disciplines stand out particularly for me as our Disciple Bible study ended for the summer. That study required reading the Bible and praying much more than 10 minutes a day! With that structure gone for many of us, I wonder if summer tends to be a time of less structure in our lives in general?

Regardless of the season, we ALL need to spend time with God. It is truly only in times of spiritual discipline, daily Bible reading & prayer, with weekly worship, fellowship, and study with other followers of Jesus, that I have grown in my own faith. Discipline kept not from a sense of duty or burden, but out of love & desire for growth, results in a deeper, more meaningful, life-changing relationship with God through Christ.

Church Events

- **June 3** - Men's club meeting 8-9am in activity room
- **June 3** - Sanctuary and fellowship hall reserved 2-6pm
- **June 7** - Greeting card ministry 9:30 am
- **June 13** - Women's breakfast 8:30am, Benny's
- **June 17** - Celebration Sunday
- **June 22** - Ladies luncheon , That Place on Palmyra 11:30am
- **June 23** - Gazebo concert, 6:30pm
- In June, there will be NO coffee with pastor on Thursdays
- **Wednesdays** in June 9-10:30am, weeding the flower beds
- **Saturdays** - Men's bible study 8:00am, library
- No choir, Sunday school, or buddy bags in the summer months
- Wesley Co-Ed softball games will be posted on the calendar

God offers this transformation to all! However, our effort is needed. Consider June's early morning birdsong, sunrise, the flowers & plants flourishing, & late sunsets with sounds of summer evenings, God's personal invitation to YOU, to make time for "10x10". Spend time in scriptures and in prayer! God will greatly bless you through this time of devotion. If you'd like further direction how to start, as always, please contact me, castiger1@gmail.com or 815-592-3764. I would love to talk to you about it. Blessings to you all and Happy New Year!

*In Christ,
Pastor Jeremiah*

Worship Service in June

During June worship services we will reflect on how we are people of many ages, jobs, backgrounds, and cultures. Sometimes humans view differences in culture with uncertainty, even fear. While humans sometimes view differences in culture with uncertainty or even fear, God views our differences as opportunity. Through our varied skills, families and generations we can learn from one another! Despite differences, Christ reminds us we are ALL invited to be part of the Reign of God. We, as followers of Christ, must reach beyond our personal culture to extend & nurture loving relationships with all people. Join us for June worship, to hear scripture & messages that lead us in God's call for our lives to truly love our neighbors as Christ calls us to love.

Our worship represents 5, sometimes 6 generations! We'll look at Biblical examples of how we can learn, grow in faith, and bless each other in this beautiful intergenerational fellowship!

- June 3: Many Cultures, One Christ: Prophets and Dreamers of All Ages
 - Acts 2:17, Luke 2:22-38, I Samuel 3:1-17
 - We have 5 and sometimes 6 generations represented each week in worship, how can the bible give us examples of how we can all learn from each other, grow in faith, and bless each other in Jesus Name?
- June 10: Many Cultures, One Christ: All Walks of Life
 - Acts 2:18, Amos 7:10-15, Matthew 9:9-13
 - The Scriptures show over and over that God calls people of all jobs and backgrounds, how can we best open ourselves up to being called and hearing others when God calls them
- June 17: Our music director Dylan Hinrichs will be leading us in worship, along with our Vacation Bible School Children as we celebrate all they learned. (Pastor will be away along with his family heading to a week of being a chaplain at Little Grassy UMC Camp near Carbondale.)
- June 24: Come to an exciting special worship service. The Christian Music duo, My Anchor Holds, Katie and Jacob Eckerberger will be leading us in worship telling part of their story of faith through music. You won't want to miss it! (The mission trip team will be on their way to Kentucky along with pastor on June 24 so please keep them in prayer.)
- July 1: Many Cultures, One Christ: An American Quilt
 - Acts 10:9-16

Sermon: On this time of year when we celebrate the US, can we like Peter in the scripture for this week see all the amazing blessings around us in all the people we meet.

Thank you!

Dear Wesley,

Thank you for being so kind to me while I've been sick and also for my birthday. I enjoyed the cards, food deliveries along with sharing a meal with me, gifts, flowers, and most of all, the visits. Thank you for being such a caring church.

June Teachout

Greeting Card Ministry

One of the goals of the Greeting Card Ministry is to send each of you a birthday greeting. In order to do that, we must know your birth date. Just day and month. If you have not received a birthday card in the past 10 months or have moved, please call the church office, 815-625-1968 with your name and birthday & those of any family members as well as your current address. We would like your wedding anniversary too.

We hope you enjoy the cards as much as we enjoy the fellowship of writing and sending them.



Youth Activities

Calling all rising 6th - 12th graders!

First up - STARVED ROCK - JUNE 9TH. PLEASE contact Pastor Jeremiah ASAP (815-592-3764, or castiger1@gmail.com) if you'd like to go! If you are an adult (over 21) and would like to volunteer to help, please let Pastor Jeremiah know. The more dedicated adults to support our youth and learn from them too, the stronger our congregation will be!

June

Saturday June 9: Starved Rock Day, join us as we see what the canyons of Starved rock look like with waterfalls rather than icefalls. Leave 9:30 AM return around 6:00 PM

Saturday June 23: Music Night, 6:30 PM come to church for an outdoor concert with the band My Anchor Holds, there will be great music, lots of fun, free!

July

Friday July 6: Game Night! Board games and other table top games! Join us! 7-11:00 PM

Friday July 13: Game Night, of a different sort! Join us as we go to a minor league game in Clinton! We will leave the church at 5:30, returning around 10:00PM.

August

Friday August 17, 6:00 PM: End of the Summer bash! Join us for a GIANT game of capture the flag, food, and fun!

Starting in September: Youth! We'll meet twice a month, Sunday evenings, starting on September 9th. A time for fun, fellowship, and faith building again. All 6-12th graders invited!

5:30-7:00 PM 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month

Dinner each time we meet!

Talk Time!

Prayer and Communion!

Fun!

Bring your Friends!

Gazebo Concert



Attention all of you who enjoy live concerts, Wesley is planning on having one on June 23rd. The concert location is going to be in the outdoor Gazebo starting at 6:30pm. (a backup plan in case of rain will be to go in the church) The music will be provided by My Anchor Holds and other local talent in the church with skills to wow the crowd. Please bring your lawn chairs and your own refreshments and be prepared to be entertained.

Support Our Future through the Wesley UMC Endowment

Would you like to do something that will help people in our church take part in life changing ministries now and for decades to come? Would you like to give a gift that will continue to bless people and our wider world for years? Would you like to in particular help our current generation of young people and also support something that will bless their children as well?

Our church endowment was established more than a decade ago, to provide long term support for ministry. Thanks to generous donations and prudent investment, the Endowment has grown and now the interest and other returns from it provide thousands of dollars each year that go to support a variety of ministries. For instance, this year the Endowment is helping 20 people from our congregation (including 13 youth) go on our mission trip to Red Bird, Kentucky. Our endowment is also helping to send more youth and children to summer camp than we have in years. Supporting the endowment will give our church resources to continue to support young people engaging in ministries like they can that help them meet Christ, or open them up to God leading them towards their future. The endowment can help Wesley continue to support young people for decades to come. Its not just money sitting in a bank, its money that is providing us resources for ministry.

Supporting the endowment is easy. Any check or cash gift you wish to make can go to the endowment if you indicate that is your wish. Any memorial money donated after the death of a member of the congregation can also go in part or fully to the endowment as the family wishes. Finally, you can remember the endowment in your will and estate plans, a gift now will continue to bless others for years to come. In addition to monetary gifts, stock and some other securities can also be donated if you wish. If you'd like to learn more please talk to Pastor Jeremiah, Rick Palmer, or Ed Andersen. Thank you for your generosity, the money you give can change lives!



Celebrating Baptisms, Confirmations, New Members, and Scholarship Recipients!

Brady Alexander (left) son of Nick & Shay Papoccia was welcomed into our Sterling Wesley UMC family through baptism May 20th. He is the brother of Cora, Molly, and JP Papoccia. Confirmands Corey Duncan, Cameron Taylor, Jason Zinke, were also baptized on May 20th, then confirmed in membership of our church. L-R Elliot Noble, Sydney Graves, Jack Graves, James Morris. 2nd row, Ashlei Behrens, Issac Halverson, Cameron Taylor, Jason Zinke, and Corey Duncan. (Missing is Elizabeth Hoke, who was confirmed May 27th)

Adults received into membership in May were Diantha Wentling, Amy Malm, and Mary Ann Batten. Adults received into membership in June were Brian and Chris Babel.

JoAnn Lyon Scholarships were given to graduating High School seniors Bryn Gatz, Mitch Clodfelter, Nick Ceruzzi, Brooklynn Freas, Zephany Drew, and Sierra Sotelo, in recognition for their active participation through the life of Sterling Wesley UMC during their high school years. The Lyon family recognized & awarded these students during worship on May 13th.



Dear family,

I wanted to take the time to invite all kids turning 4 before Sept. 1 through children entering sixth grade in the fall to Vacation Bible School at Wesley United Methodist Church this summer. Our theme this year is Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God! At VBS, your children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they discover their strength in God. They will become rafters and explore how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

After a high-energy opening by the Paddle Captain and Romper the River Otter Puppet, the rafters will make their way to the Bible Story Headquarters. Interactive Bible lessons will reveal Rapid Reminders to equip your rafters for an active life with God. Your rafters will discover a Rafting ready verse (Bible memory verse) that will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

The students will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at Craft Headquarters, singing new songs at Music Headquarters, playing games at Recreation Headquarters, and enjoying tasty treats at Snack Headquarters. Along the way, they will hear about our mission project and be encouraged to help out. This year our mission project is the Sterling Buddy Bags. We will collect donations daily and keep track of what we have accumulated throughout the week. Then on Celebration Sunday, June 17th, we will ask the congregation to match what our VBS rafters have donated. On Celebration Sunday, the VBS rafters will be performing their songs at the 10:00 am service. We will have lunch afterwards.

Please join us at WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH from Monday, June 11 through Friday, June 15 from 9 a.m. to noon. To register or to find out more about VBS Rolling River Rampage, please visit the church website at <http://www.sterlingwesley.org> and click on the VBS registration link at the top or bottom right of the page. Parents/guardians must be present on the first day of VBS attendance to verify registration. VBS is free, and we encourage you to bring your friends.

We look forward to seeing your rafters June 11!

Sincerely,

Tracy DuRall and Jean Moe
VBS Co-Coordiators



P.S. Every day during VBS week, we encourage the children to wear the color of the day:
Monday-blue, Tuesday-red/pink, Wednesday-yellow, Thursday-green, and Friday- purple.

See back of page for registration form.



Wesley United Methodist Church 2018 VBS Registration Form (6/11-6/15)

9am-noon

Student's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____

Phone numbers (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

Emergency contacts _____ Phone _____

_____ Phone _____

Child's Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade Entering _____

Home Church _____

Friends of your child at this church _____

Special needs/Allergies/Medical or Other information _____

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up your child from VBS _____

May we have permission to photograph your child Yes _____ No _____

May we use your child's photograph in a slide presentation, Wesley newsletter, Wesley Facebook?

Yes _____ No _____

Does this child have siblings that are also attending VBS? If yes, please provide name(s) _____

_____ (Please fill out a registration form for EACH child.)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

****Please return this form to office@sterlingwesley.org, the Fellowship Hall VBS folder, or mail to Wesley United Methodist Church VBS, 2200 16th Avenue, Sterling, IL 61081, Attn: Tammy**

Birthdays

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| June 1 | Evan Melton, Rachel Kramer | June 18 | Barbara Frazer |
| June 2 | Matthew Gabrielse | June 19 | Emma Carlson, Sharon Taylor |
| June 3 | Emily Morgan | June 21 | Leah Carlson, Amy Vierung |
| June 4 | Sharon Wasson | June 22 | Myla Wendelken |
| June 5 | Austin Allen, Judy Dennis | June 23 | Andy Pitsch, Mark Taylor |
| June 6 | Dave Abele, Brad Graves | June 24 | Jaime Fisher |
| June 7 | Doug Brandau | June 26 | Mike Drew |
| June 8 | Michele Drew | June 23 | Cheryl Allen, Cory Canas |
| June 9 | Debby Smith | June 29 | Chris Bushman, Darlene Davis, Eric Fredericks, Linda Perry |
| June 10 | Rene Morris | June 30 | Jackson Lyon, Marianne Rosser |
| June 12 | Dave Fredericks | | |
| June 13 | Phyllis Stutzman | | |
| June 14 | Carolyn Heuck, Jeremy Taylor-Vrhel | | |

Anniversaries

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| June 4 | Matt & Stacey Wendelken |
| June 6 | Ed & Susie Cedro |
| June 11 | Don & Tracy DuRall |
| June 17 | Warren & Carolyn Heuck |
| June 24 | Randy & Debby Smith |
| June 28 | Bruce & Debbie Kramer |



Servers for June - 8 a.m.

| | Greeters/Ushers/Acolytes | Liturgist |
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| June 3 | Lynn Majewski, Renee Duncan | Amy Poci |
| June 10 | | Jeff Davey |
| June 17 | Father's Day & VBS | Nancy Pitsch |
| June 24 | | Dylan Hinrichs |

Coffee Hosts

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| June 3 | Beth Jacobs, Darla Ewing |
| June 10 | Rich & Sue Morris, Janet Palmer |
| June 17 | Bob & Cheryl Allen |
| June 24 | Carol Shaw & Sally Unterzuber |

Servers for June - 10 a.m.

| | Greeters | Ushers/Acolytes | Liturgist |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| June 3 | Dave & Roberta Fredericks | Jim & Jackie Turffs | Jan Glover |
| June 10 | Elaine Hilger & Rosie Davis | Beth & Ronyn Jacobs | Rene Morris |
| June 17 | Carol Shaw | Jim & Jackie Turffs | Nancy Pitsch |
| June 24 | Sally Unterzuber | Beth & Ronyn Jacobs, Jeff Cedro | |
| | Elaine Hilger | James & Linh Melton | Stacey Wendelken |
| | Mary Ann Batten | Evan & Jackson | |

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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.
- **Bar soap** for Bear Necessities, Everyday Essentials and the FISH Food Pantry.
- **Travel-sized toiletries** for the Trinity and FISH pantries.
- **Loose coins** to benefit Tree of Life Ministry, Pierre, South Dakota in June.

