



The **Chimes**

Monthly Newsletter of Wesley United Methodist Church/August 2019

Church Events

Tuesdays: Exercise class, activity room, 5pm

Wednesdays: Weeding Wed. 8:30am -noon

Thursdays: Exercise class, activity room, 5pm

Saturdays: Men's Bible study, 8am

August 1: Greeting card ministry, 9:30am

August 8: Christian Education meeting, 6pm

August 11: Back to school blessings, both services

August 12: Ad Council meeting, 7:00pm

August 13: Worship Team meeting, 6:30pm

August 14: Women's breakfast, 8:30am at Benny's

August 15: Inclusive Wesleyan meeting, 7pm

August 16: Ladies luncheon, Crumpets in Fulton, meet at 11am at Wesley

August 21: Prayer Shawl ministry, 1-2:30pm

August 24: Fellowship hall reserved 11-2pm

From Our Pastor...

"Do You Have A Dream?"

I want to share with you a story of a missionary in Cambodia.

I met a girl in town and began to talk with her.

When I just asked, "What is your dream?" she couldn't help but cry.

While I was embarrassed, I was waiting for her until she became calm.

Then, she barely spoke to me.

"Thank you. Thank you so much. Nobody has asked me before what my dream was. You are the first one."

Lowe Sarai, a 14-year-old girl, who has had to support to six younger brothers and sisters, couldn't have any chance to have a dream, but concerned about daily bread only.

Whenever one of her little brothers and sisters is sick, she is the only one who cares for them. So, she couldn't even dream of going to school and chatting and hanging out with friends. She could not even have imagined what she wanted to be.

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We are living in a world of abundance, much different from the little girl. While she couldn't dream of her future, we couldn't imagine the lack of the necessities of life in her level. Our financial difficulty and economic depression means are quite different from her situation. In our context, it seems to be natural for us to plan and make small or large accomplishments, but she didn't taste it. Dreaming is still tight for her, but, I believe, it is now so meaningful and precious for the 14-year-old girl, Lowe Sarai.

Then, I want to ask you and myself, "What is our dream?" "What are we, Sterling Wesley UMC, dreaming as the body of Christ?" "Are we dreaming of what our church will look like in five years, ten years, and twenty years?" "Are we dreaming of what our church ministries will be like in our future?" "Are we dreaming of who our children in our Sunday school will become in the future?"

We have a beautiful mission statement of our denomination: "Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." And we SWUMC have beautiful and compelling core values; "Serve God," "Nurture Faith," "Experience Friendship." With the mission statement and core values, we need to be dreaming of creating the Kingdom of God in our church, local community, and other places of the world.

I want our church to be a dreaming body of Christ in making disciples of Jesus Christ. I believe, God is vividly working in our community, and the Word and promise of God are still valid in our lives. And God is inviting us to step in God's dream in our church. Then, are we standing with God who is working among us? Are we dreaming with God who has vision and dream in us? I believe we need to stand with God. Would you be willing to dream the dream of God in our community of faith?

"Then afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions." - Joel 2:28

Peace In Christ,
Rev. Paul Lee

Wesley Choir Members:

Starting August 21st, we will begin practice again, in the Sanctuary at 6pm. Our first Sunday to sing will be on September 1st, at the 10:00am service.



peace—perfect peace

August Worship Services

Aug. 4

Luke 12:35-40

“God’s Pleasure”

- On the last day of the world, what do you want to do?
- What is your thought and attitude toward that day?
- Dwell in God’s promise

Aug. 11

Mission Trip Presentation & Testimony

<Series Sermons on the Lord’s Prayer will begin on Aug. 18>

The Lord’s Prayer is the only prayer which Jesus teaches us, saying “This is how you should pray.” It is the prayer that we Christians pray the most. In August, let’s think about this Lord’s Prayer together and find what God is speaking to us with this prayer.

Aug. 18

Matthew 6:9-13

“Our God in Heaven”

Aug. 25

Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 17:20-21

“Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done”

New Directory Details Coming Soon!

The Lifetouch logo, featuring the word "Lifetouch" in a blue, sans-serif font.

Soon, we will be starting the process of putting together a new church directory! Beginning around mid-August, those of you on our email list will receive what is called "BUZZ" emails from Lifetouch on our behalf. There are a series of automatic emails in which you will receive keeping you up to date with reminders. If we have not had your email on file, you will be receiving phone calls from volunteers within our church giving you details. If you think we need your contact information, please email or call Tammy at the office **SOON!** office@sterlingwesley.org, 815-625-1968

The dates that are scheduled for photography are:

Wednesday, **September 11th**, Thursday, **September 12th**, Friday, **September 13th**, - 9am -2pm these dates, and on Saturday, **September 14th** from 10am -5pm.

You will be able to view an actual schedule online, **and** be able to schedule your own appointment for you and your family! You will also be able to schedule by contacting Tammy in the office.

So, watch your emails, answer your phones, and keep an eye out for promotional materials that will be posted! We don't want you to miss out!

We want to thank the Wesley family for all the support we've gotten for our Bolivian Mission! From the \$459 raised at the Pique Macho lunch, to the gift from the Men's group, and the money raised over the years through special offerings, and for the supplies taken with us, together we continue to make a difference in the lives of the people of Bolivia.

Our task changed a few times through the planning process, but we have plans now to help start on a new church building!

Ground-breaking on a new church is a very special day and the people of Copacabana are very excited to share this experience. Our mission is, as with all missions, is to build relationships as people of God.

The time we will be in Copacabana is also a very special week. August 6 is Bolivian Independence Day, and that week is the Festival of the Virgin de Lourdes. Roughly 50,000 pilgrims come to Copacabana (a town of 6,000) for the veneration of the patron saint of Bolivia. We look forward to the adventures and learning experiences and will be eager to share when we return!

Thank you again!

Elisa, Bryn, and Mark Gatz

The Volunteer Lunch for Let's Feed Our Children volunteers is on Friday, August 9th, 11:30 at The Christian Church, the Church on the Hill. Please call United Way, 815-625-7973 with reservations before August 7th. Thanks to everyone who helped. Hope to see you there!

Missions report:

We collected 100 sets of washcloths and hand towels, plus 10 extra washcloths and 6 extra hand towels for Annual Conference. Our June Loose Coins totaled \$433.89 for Tree of Life Ministry. 5th Sunday raised \$196 for Native American Ministries. A group from Wesley went on a mission trip to Tree of Life Ministry in July and a mission trip to Bolivia will happen in August.

Back To School Blessings!

If you would like to be a part of the back to school blessings, mark your calendar for **Sunday, August 11th!** Pastor Paul will bless all children, teachers, bus drivers, etc. that are interested.

This will take place at both 8am and 10am services.

Addresses Requested!

Parents, if you have a son or daughter entering the military, trade school, or college this fall, your church family would like to remember her/him with cards monthly and two care packages. Since addresses frequently change, please send your student's address to Tammy at office@sterlingwesley.org as soon as you have the address. Thank you!

Sunday School will be starting soon! Are you interested in being a teacher or sub?

Contact Lynn Majewski at 815-499-1067 or Renee Duncan at 815-535-3058. There will be a Christian Education meeting on August 8th, at 6pm if you would like to attend.



Thank you to the men from the Men's group who came to Benny Fenn's house and helped clear the back yard. We over filled the dumpster by 1,600 pounds. We greatly appreciate the help.

Barb Quick and Gary Fenn

Thank you to Linda Kavran for her help while my family was out of town. You are a terrific person.

Marion Quick

Marion Quick will celebrate her 90th Birthday August 3rd!

If you would like to help her celebrate this special occasion, you may send card to:
613 1/2 East 19th Street Sterling, IL.

Wesley UMC Softball Players & Fans!



What A Joy It Is, Getting to Know Pastor Paul!



Birthdays

August 1	Janet Perry	August 16	Kris Quick
August 2	Jean Moe	August 17	Debbie Kramer
August 3	Nell Adams, Nancy Pitsch, Marion Quick	August 18	Shay Papoccia
August 6	Fred Duncan, Rita Smith, Carole Finnicum, Dave Carrion	August 19	Lowell Jacobs, Jan Stutzke, Karen Wellman, Katie Herath
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 22	Bill Burke, Dillon Larson, Don Lewis
August 14	Matt Greenfield	August 25	Russ Spitzer, Tori Stutzke
August 15	Betty Andreas	August 31	Louis Quick

Anniversaries

Aug. 2 James & Tammy Jones	Aug. 17 Lark & Janet Perry
Aug. 10 Tim & Sandi Cox, Dave & Karen Abele, Mike & Tootie Ceruzzi	Aug. 20 James & Linh Melton
Aug. 14 Roger & Rose Jacobs	Aug. 21 Steve & Mary Michel
Aug. 15 Bill & Sue Inks	Aug. 25 Randy & Pam Clodfelter
Aug. 17 Cal & Pat Jacobs	Aug. 27 Mark & Sharon Taylor

Bread Hosts

Thanks to Darla Stigall for hosting month of July.
Hostess for August is Jamie Schwingle.



Servers for August- 8 a.m.

	Greeters/Ushers/Acolytes	Liturgist
Aug. 4	Steve & Amy Lopez	Nancy Pitsch
Aug. 11	Lynn Majewski	Dylan Hinrichs
Aug. 18	Renee Duncan, Lynn Majewski	Rebecca Tieman
Aug. 25	↓	Wendy Fitzanko

Coffee Hosts

Aug. 4	Beth Jacobs, Doug Brandau
Aug. 11	Don & Stacey Stutzke, Tori, Megan
Aug. 18	Toby & Debbie Hodges
Aug. 25	Jeff & Jan Davey

Servers for August- 10 a.m.

	Greeters/Ushers/Acolytes	Liturgist
Aug. 4	Aaron Marken, Lexi Hinrichs, Logan Ayala, Jeff Cedro	Nancy Pitsch
Aug. 11	Antonio & Amber Castaneda, Jason, Jaz Mya, Jionni	Mary Spitzer
Aug. 18	Aaron Marken, Lexi Hinrichs Elliot & Kris Noble	Mary Spitzer
Aug. 25	Craig & Jessica Truedson Nora & Carlie	Dave Fredericks

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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 & Toothbrushes** for Bear Necessities, Everyday Essentials and the FISH Food Pantry.
- **Travel-sized toiletries** for the Trinity and FISH pantries.
- **Loose coins** to benefit Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors in August.