

# The Chimes

October 2019

Monthly Newsletter of Wesley United Methodist Church



## Weekly Events

**Tuesdays:** Exercise class, activity room, 5pm  
Bible Study, 6pm

**Wednesdays:** Buddy bags packing, 11:30  
Disciples Study, 9:30am  
Handbells, 5pm  
Choir, 6pm

**Thursdays:** Exercise class, activity room, 5pm  
"Parables" Study lead by Nancy  
Pitsch 6:25pm-7:35pm

**Saturdays:** Men's Bible study, 8am

## A Note From Our Pastor...



During the week, one of our church members said, "You've been here with us for three months. How do you feel, Pastor? Are you happy with us?" I replied, "Of course, I'm happy." Then, I said, "Wait! It's been already three months? I feel like it's been a month." Then, another person said, "I feel like you've been here for a couple of years." While I felt time went so fast, I also agreed that it's been a while. We've already had many memories. During the Summer, we had fun with our softball games. I've met and made conversations with many of our church members. And I could learn more about our church and our SWUMC families. And my wife and I have been so grateful for all you have done for us, and we feel home.

Then, I began to think about our church. And a few words came to my mind; Gratefulness, Happiness, Fun,



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Relationship, Meaning of Life, and (the best of all was) People – each one of us. Then, I began to be more grateful. Some of us think this church is a family in which you find a sense of belonging, and being loved, connected, cared, and heard. For some of us, it is a safe place where you find yourself calm, relaxed, refreshed, and reoriented in God and God's people. For some of us, it is a place where you find the meaning, hope, and peace of life as well as God's call. Sometimes you may find disagreement with someone in our body. Sometimes we may be hurt and at the same time unintentionally in reverse, but I think that is so natural, because we are not perfect and diversity is indeed God's blessings.

I think each one of your feelings toward the church and reasons to be part of the church is so precious. I believe that is the sign and evidence that God is working among us. And I feel so blessed to be with you in this beautiful church. And this month, I encourage you to think about why this church is important to you, and what God has done in your life through the people of God in our church. Then, I will ask you next month, what it means to be the church, and

Christ. And I want to invite you to our Church Conference on Oct. 28th, because it is a place we share our beautiful stories and celebrate our precious ministries as well as our loving and caring relationship with one another.

AND, please mark Church Workday on your calendar as well. We are going to work together on Oct. 12th between 8 am until 12 pm. As we love our church, we will clean and take care of our church together. And there will be breakfast burritos, prepared by Chef Cory.

Peace In Christ,  
*Rev. Paul Lee*

### Greeting Card ministry

will be Thursday,  
October 3 at 9:30 AM.  
Everyone is welcome to  
help and enjoy the fellowship.

### Prayer Shawl ministry

will be Wednesday,  
October 30 from 1:00 to  
2:30 PM. This will be the  
last gathering until spring.  
We'll work on prayer shawls  
from our own homes.





# October Worship Services

## Oct. 6

World Communion Sunday &  
Bolivia Mission Trip Presentation by Elisa Gatz

## Oct. 13

Ecclesiastes 2:1-6, 9-10

“How Do You Define the Good Life?”

Where do you see happiness in your life?

Two obstacles that we struggle to have a good life

How does gratitude work in our lives?

## Oct. 20

Laity Sunday (Pastor on Vacation)  
Message by Bruce Kramer

## Oct. 27

Epistle to Philippians 2:1-11

“Want to Smell Like Jesus?”

What does it mean we become like Jesus?

Do we have something in common with people in Philippi?

Our Mission is two-fold love?

# Church Events

**October 3:** Greeting card ministry, 9:30am

**October 4:** PADS shift, 7pm-7am

**October 6:** Suicide TALK training after 10am service

**October 8:** Worship team meeting, 6:30pm

Wesleyan Inclusive meeting, 6:30pm

**October 9:** Women's breakfast, 8:30am at Benny's

Mission team meeting, 7pm

**October 12:** Church work day, 8am-noon

**October 13:** Men's club meeting, 9am

**October 14-25:** Pastor will be gone

**October 18:** Ladies luncheon, 11:30am

**October 19:** Fellowship hall reserved, 10am-5pm

**October 28:** SPR meeting, 6pm

Church conference, 6:30pm



*Sunday Service  
Blessings...*

## October 6 is World Communion Sunday

and will have a special offering. Please use pew envelopes and mark them for World Communion Sunday or write it in the note section of your check.

Also, we will start collecting for Thanksgiving Baskets on October 13th, look for Ceramic turkey on the Missions Table to donate. Each basket costs around \$30 to put together and we are setting a goal of raising enough money for 25 baskets. The last day to donate will be on November 17th.





# Take Note...



Our sympathy to Jeannette Erickson and her children on the death of her husband, Darroll. The Ericksons were long time members of Wesley until they moved to Scottsdale, AZ. A well known local pediatrician, Darroll was a fixture in Wesley's choir. With a great smile and sense of humor, the choir appreciated that Darroll would pass around Life Savers after each anthem.

## Fall Sunday School has begun! Sunday mornings 9:30 - 10:15

Classes: Pre-K -Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

**Bring your children by 9:25, classes begin @ 9:30**

**8am families** - stay for coffee/doughnuts after worship, let your children stay for Sunday School! Pick them up at 10:15.

**10am families** - come as a FAMILY at 9:30; drop children off at their classes. Enjoy coffee fellowship with other adults! Parents begin 10am worship without your child(ren) Teachers will bring your children to Sanctuary for Children's Message, following which, all children will join their families for worship.

(Save room for your child(ren) to join you in the pew after the Children's Message) They will hear scripture, the sermon, still able to serve with their family if they are ushers/acolytes, pray the Lord's Prayer, partake Communion, and sing our last Hymn & Benediction.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Missions Chili Cook Off and Dessert Auction Fundraiser will be held immediately following second service.



**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

Please sign up to provide Chili or a Dessert

Sign up sheets are on the Mission's Table along with an information sheet. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> around 12:30.



Encourage friends and family to come join us for a fun time!

October 6th; immediately following 10am worship - Suicide TALK Training with Cheryl Robinson, Jeff Hippen, Pastor Ken Zuitoff. Lunch and training materials provided for all participants. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Contact Church Office (815-625-1968) or Nancy Pitsch (815-499-3802) for more info or to sign up!





# Birthdays

**October 2** Bruce Hubbard  
**October 6** Lynette Ceruzzi  
**October 7** Rodger VanAusdal  
**October 9** Kay Bierman  
**October 10** Roger Wait  
**October 12** Alice Wiersema  
**October 13** Seiler Noble, Cameron Taylor  
**October 14** Steve Majewski, Kaylee Smith  
**October 16** Jeff Cedro

**October 18** Tim Cox  
**October 22** Arnie Burch, Janay Dalton  
**October 24** Lavona Wiff  
**October 27** David Siex  
**October 28** Sara Ackerson, Ellie Wendelken  
**October 29** Denver Wasson  
**October 30** Cory Duncan

## Anniversaries

**October 4** Russ & Mary Spitzer  
**October 8** Kevin & Sarah Gabrielse,  
 Don & Mary Lewis  
**October 9** Andy & Nancy Pitsch  
**October 28** Bob & Cheryl Allen

## Bread Hosts

Thanks to Barb and Kris Quick for hosting September.

Hostess for October is Sharon Siex

**Bread loaves for visitors are needed.**

Please contact Sharon at 815-590-1614 if you would be willing to do some baking!



## Servers for October- 8 a.m.

	<b>Greeters/Ushers/Acolytes</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
<b>Oct. 6</b>	Fitzanko Family	Wendy Fitzanko
<b>Oct. 13</b>	Mary Downes, Randy Smith	Steve Downes
<b>Oct. 20</b>	Fitzanko Family	Wendy Fitzanko
<b>Oct. 27</b>	↓	Nancy Pitsch

## Coffee Hosts

**Oct. 6** Joan Partridge and girls  
**Oct. 13** ↓  
**Oct. 20** Bob & Cheryl Adams &  
 Darlene Davis  
**Oct. 27** Rita & Rory Smith

## Servers for October 10 a.m.

	<b>Greeters/Ushers/Acolytes</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
<b>Oct. 6</b>	Wendelken Family	Dave Fredericks
<b>Oct. 13</b>	Greenfield Family	Roberta Fredericks
<b>Oct. 20</b>	Kris & Elliot Noble	Stacey Wendelken
	Elaine Hilger, Paxton Sandrock	
<b>Oct. 27</b>	↓	Nancy Pitsch



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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 PADS Homeless Shelter in October.

