

The Chimes

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 2020

From Our Pastor...



Greetings,

"Therefore I will praise you, LORD, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name." 2 Samuel 22:50

How is it with your soul?

I can't thank you enough for your faithful leadership.

Times indeed flies, and October is right around the corner.

Here are October scriptures and prayers.

There will be Laity Sunday in October.

I'm looking for a speaker for it.

If you have some ideas and suggestions to recognize our faithful leaders, please feel free to let me know and share.

And we need to think of November: All Saints Sunday & Veterans Day
Dylan, can we have a worship team meeting?

I hope to have meaningful All Saints Sunday and Veterans Day.

And let's find ways to invite our worship team to get involved and lead the worship.

Church Events

Below are the weekly and monthly events held at Wesley UMC. Please watch for future updates on when these events will resume along with any new events or activities!

Tuesdays: Exercise class, activity room, 5pm

Wednesdays: Beginning September 9th at 9am or 6pm - Disciples Bible Study

Thursdays: Exercise class, activity room, 5pm

Bible study, 6-8pm with Nancy Pitsch

Saturdays: Men's Bible study, 8am

Second Thursday of each month is the Women's breakfast, 8:30am at Benny's.

Third Friday of each month is the Ladies Luncheon, 11:30am, new location each month.

Here is a link you may go to and view a video clip for planning Advent.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKpJ4wgRiQY&feature=youtu.be>

I can't imagine Advent in this Pandemic era.

We may need creativity in our worship.

Hopefully, we may find some resources for worship prep.

And I think we need Blue Christmas worship in 2020.

Let's think about this.

If our Drive-in service goes well on Oct. 4, we may plan it more for Thanksgiving, Blue Christmas, and Christmas Eve.

Thank you for your leadership.

Love you all,
Rev. Paul Lee

October Worship Schedule

October 4, 2020

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 11:1-4, Philippians 2:1-5

"See the People as Christ Sees Us."

October 11, 2020

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:5-8

<Jesus Talks about Prayer>

October 18, 2020

SCRIPTURE READING

Laity Sunday

October 25, 2020

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-4

<How Do We Read, "In the Beginning?">

Greeting Card Ministry

Some of the Greeting Card group were able to gather in the fellowship hall masked up, socially distancing, excited to greet one another with virtual hugs! It was good to work and visit. Others continued to prepare cards from home. We are grateful to those who make our cards and those who prepare and mail the cards to our Wesley family. If you are not receiving a card for your birthday/anniversary, please call the church office with your information. If you move, please let the office know your new address. We always welcome others to join us on the first Thursday of the month (**November 5**) in the fellowship hall at 9:30. **Wear your mask. Everything else you need is there.**



THANK YOU!

Thank you to our church family for supporting us with your thoughts and prayers at the time of Dad's passing. We especially appreciated Pastor Paul's visit and the words of encouragement and prayer he shared with our family during Dad's illness. We feel blessed to be part of the Wesley congregation. We miss seeing all of you!

Stay well - Marc and Cindy Melton

Jean and I wish to thank everyone for their telephone calls, prayers and for the thoughtful notes and cards. A special thank you to Pastor Paul and Tammy for all they do for us. Jean is now home from the hospital and is doing well, and I am doing fine. Miss coming to church and seeing all of you. Continue to cover us in your good prayers. Thank you and love and hugs to everyone at Wesley Church.

Jean and Joan Partridge

Important Information!

We have a mission meeting at 7 on October 7th which will be a Zoom meeting. The Chili Cook Off scheduled for November 17 is cancelled. \$500 was sent to the missionaries in Bolivia to help sustain them while they are still trying to get back to the states, they have been trying to get back for two years now. World Communion Sunday is October 4 and it is designated as a special offering for Missions. Please mark any envelopes or checks for Communion collection. The money raised goes toward scholarships for U.S. racial and ethnic minority students.

Sidewalk Etiquette

The Trustees are proud to announce the concrete work has been completed in the parking lot, and it looks very nice. The sidewalk alongside the planter has been replaced also. Orange cones are marking this area to remind drivers to keep their vehicles off the sidewalk. The sidewalk is there to provide a place for people to walk in front of the vehicles rather than behind them. Since the driver may not see a walker behind the vehicle, walking in front of the vehicles is less dangerous. During the winter months, keeping vehicles off the sidewalk helps to keep the concrete in good condition. The salt from the vehicles' undercarriage and tires will eventually destroy the concrete.

Thank you Wesley family for practicing excellent sidewalk etiquette to keep all of us safe and to keep our facility in good condition!

Addresses Needed!

Parents, if you have a daughter or son in the military, trade school, or college/university either virtually or in person, your Wesley family would like to send them cards. Please email or call Tammy at 815-625-1968 with their address for the 2020-21 school year.

Prayers Shawls

The prayer shawl group continues to crochet and knit from their homes. If you would like a prayer shawl, please call the church office, and you can pick the shawl up at the office.



World Communion

*Drive-In
Church*

Wesley Family will have Drive-In Church
in **Church Parking lot**

on the World Communion Sunday (Oct. 4)

Mission Project

We will collect canned food for Fish Food Pantry.
(Soup, Peanut Butter, and Jelly)

Missions: Loose Coins

The total loose coins collected in the month of September for UMCOR is **\$240.43**.

IN October, we will be collecting for
PADS Homeless Shelter.



But in HUMILITY
consider others



as more important
than yourselves."

Philippians 2:3

 College Park Baptist Church, Greensboro NC

Birthdays

Oct. 2 Rick Palmer

Oct. 6 Lynette Ceruzzi

Oct. 7 Rodger VanAusdal

Oct. 8 Kay Bierman

Oct. 9 Roger Wait

Oct. 13 Seiler Noble, Cameron Taylor,
Gyneth Partridge

Oct. 14 Steve Majewski, Kaylee Smith

Oct. 16 Jeff Cedro

Oct. 18 Tim Cox, Nicole Peterson

Oct. 22 Arnie Burch, Janay Dalton

Oct. 24 Lavona Wiff

Oct. 27 Dave Siex

Oct. 28 Sara Ackerson, Ellie Wendelken,
Heather Johnson

Oct. 29 Denver Wasson

Oct. 30 Cory Duncan

October Liturgists

Liturgist

October 4 Dylan Hinrichs

October 11 Bruce Kramer

October 18 Mary Spitzer

October 25 Mary Spitzer

Anniversaries

Oct. 4 Russ & Mary Spitzer

Oct. 9 Andy & Nancy Pitsch

Oct. 15 Dan & Nicole Peterson

Oct. 28 Bob & Cheryl Allen

October Ushers

Oct. 4 Darla Ewing, Andy & Nancy Pitsch,
Jeff Cedro, Schwingle Family

Oct. 11 Rich Lobdell, Jeff Cedro, Rory & Rita Smith

Oct. 18 Andy Pitsch, Jeff Cedro, Jean Moe

Oct. 25 Rich Lobdell, Jeff Cedro, Andy & Nancy Pitsch

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Open Heart, Open Minds, Open Doors

You are invited to join us for Livestream worship on Facebook at 10 a.m.

Find us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/SterlingWesleyUMC>

Upcoming Events

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, Trinity, and the FISH Food Pantry.
- Travel-sized toiletries for Bear Necessities and FISH pantries.

Loose coins to benefit :PADS Homeless Shelter in October.