

The flowers on the altar today are in Honor of Rory Smith's birthday.

### *Upcoming Events and Information*

**Tue./Thur.:** Exercise Group (Activity Room) 4:00pm  
**Saturdays:** Wesley Men's Group (Fireside Room) 8:00am

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- **Everyday Essentials** for the Trinity Food Pantry, Rock Falls UMC Personal Care Pantry, and FISH Food Pantry are being accepted in the fellowship hall. Throughout **August** we are collecting **toothpaste**. We also need **travel-sized toiletries** for local pantries. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our neighbors in need!
- **Loose coins** for **August** go to Northern IL Justice for our Neighbors.
- August has a **5th Sunday offering** which will go to Good Neighbor Emergency Center through the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Falls
- There is a sign-up sheet for **special music** on the bulletin board. Please consider sharing in this ministry if you are able. Thank you!

### *Worship Leaders today*

**Music ministry:** Dylan Hinrichs (director) Judy Bushman (organist)

**Children's sermon** (online@9:45am)

**Head usher:** Jeff Cedro

**8:00am**

**10:00 am**

**Liturgists:** Bruce Kramer

Nancy Pitsch

**Greeters:** Debbie Kramer

Beth Mathew/Darlene Davis

**Ushers:** Jan Glover

Tim Schwingle family



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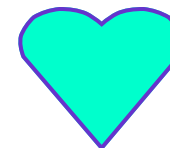
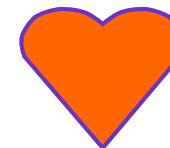
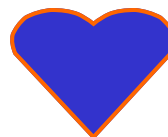
# Wesley United Methodist Church

August 15th, 2021

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



**Teachers, students, parents,  
administrators, support staff**



*Welcome to  
Wesley United Methodist Church  
August 15th, 2021*

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE "Arioso" by Ray Landis  
"Every Step of the Way" by Gregg Sewell  
"With Every Rising of the Sun" by Gilbert M. Martin

INTROIT "Change My Heart, O God" by Eddie Espinosa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† OPENING PRAYER (2 Cor. 4)

Mold us today, O God, we pray. Sculpt us as your jars of clay,  
brimming with Spirit, alive and new: Visible bearers of life, of you.  
Amen.

† OPENING HYMN "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" UMH #382 vs1,4

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

*The Lord's Prayer:* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this  
day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

† RESPONSE "Glory Be to the Father" #70

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

HYMN "Seek Ye First" UMH #405 vs1,2

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (New Living Translation)  
This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Spiritual Life and Exercise"

Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayer

At the beginning of a new school year, O God of wisdom, we offer  
thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings and for the opportunity  
to learn and to wonder. We pray for teachers, students, and staff that this  
year might be rewarding for all. Be with us as we face the challenge of new  
tasks, the fear of failure, the expectations of parents, friends, and self. In  
our learning and teaching, may we grow in service to others and in love for  
your world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.  
(U.S.A., 20TH CENT., ALT.)

THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Isa. 6, John 3)

Holy God, you are our King; we are your people. Forsaking the ways  
of the arrogant, we reach for our brothers and sisters in faith, our mothers  
and fathers in Spirit, that we may care for the meek and the lowly. Use  
these offerings to fulfill your will in our world, that all may be drawn into  
your family of faith. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† CLOSING HYMN "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH #399 vs 1-3

† BENEDICTION

† RECESSIONAL "Freely, Freely" UMH #389 (refrain)

POSTLUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" by John B. Dykes

† Please stand if you are able in your body or spirit.  
***Bold print indicates in unison***