

The Chimes

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2021



From Our Pastor...

Indoor Skydiving and Our Faith Journey



We are so blessed to have the Confirmation Class of 2021 with nine brilliant confirmands. They have been faithful to the lessons and outings. We have completed about 65% of the sessions. We have done

May Basket and Food Bank for outreach. We also had fun times with Lazy River and Six Flags. I love to see their shining eyes and am so proud of each of them. I have their names on my desk and pray for them every day. And I want you to have them, their families, and mentors in your prayers.

For one of our outings, we will do sky diving in September. It will be so much fun, and we are so excited. But it is not just for fun only. I believe it is a great lesson to learn about the Holy Spirit and our faith journey. We open our eyes in the morning, and sometimes we take “life,” “today,” “another day,” “another opportunity,” and “people we meet and talk to” for granted. But it is all gifts of God the Holy Spirit who brings the breath of life into us and who come alongside us and encourage us. And it is so clear that you cannot fly or skydive for even one second without the air. And while skydiving, you feel the air that sustains you flying.

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Church Events

*Join us Sundays in-person:
8:00am and 10:00am*

Ongoing:

Tuesdays and Thursdays @4:00pm
Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)

Saturdays @8:00am:
Wesley Men's Group (Fireside Rm)

Remember the date:

Wed., Sept. 1st @10:00am
(Fellowship Hall)

Membership Care meeting

Thur., Sept. 2nd @ 9:30am
(Fellowship Hall)

Greeting Card Ministry Group

Sun., Sept. 12th @ 9:00 & 11:00
(rain date 9/19)

Carwash here at church for youth fundraiser.

Sat., Sept. 18th @ 5:00pm

Blessing of the Pets (outdoors)

Sun., Sept. 19th @ 11:30am
(Fellowship Hall)

Missions Meeting

Wed. Sept. 22nd @ 7:00pm
(Fellowship Hall)

Worship Committee

Sun., Sept. 26th @ 9:00am

1–Men's Club (Activity Room)

2–Community Praise Night (p2)

And there is something more. At the lobby, our kids will write their permission slips for the registration. While waiting for our turn, we will watch other people flying and indirectly learn what it would be like. Before flying, we will be invited to watch a training video and learn directly from an instructor. After the instruction, we will wear a spacesuit and sit on the bench waiting for our turn. Just a few minutes before our flight, our hearts will beat so fast with so much excitement. Finally, the instructor will hold us and help us fly in the air. Wow! It will be so amazing. It is just a one or two-minute flight but seems like a 10 minute one. We will do it twice. I bet our confirmands will make a wonderful flight.

There is an information sheet on a wall about the level of flight. And I will talk to our confirmands about the levels. After their first flight, the kids will receive a flight certificate with their names on it. That is the first level. On the second flight, you still need an instructor to fly, but you can fly to the top of the ceiling. That's the second level. After a couple of times of skydiving, you can finally fly by yourself at the third level. At the final level, you can teach your friends how to fly and help them fly. Isn't it just like our faith journey?

Peace In Christ,
Rev. Paul Lee

Worship Schedule for September

5th Mark 4:1-9
"The Parable of the Sower"

12th Gospel of Luke 15:1-7
"The Parable of the Sheep"

19th Gospel of Luke 10:25-37
"The Parable of the Good Samaritan"

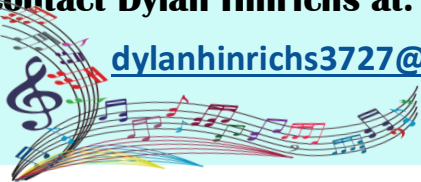
26th Gospel of Luke 7:39-44a, 47
"The Parable of Two Debtors"
Message by Steve Downes

Liturgists

	8:00am	10:00am
5th	Amy Lopez	Amy Lopez
12th	Steve Downes	Amy Lopez
19th	Steve Downes	Ellie/Stacy Wendelken
26th	Dylan Hinrichs	Sue Klock

We are looking for musicians to perform special music during the 10:00 service. If you play an instrument or sing and would like to perform, please sign-up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, and contact Dylan Hinrichs at:

dylanhinrichs3727@gmail.com



FOR GOD
SO LOVED
THE WORLD

*An As ONE Community
Presentation*

A NIGHT OF WORSHIP
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Sunday | 5:30PM | Dixon High School Band Shelter
315 Lincoln Statue Drive | Dixon, Illinois
Sauk Valley Community Praise Night

Missions and Events

2021 Upcoming Pantry Collections

September: Toilet paper

October: Bar soap



**Sterling Wesley
Confirmation Class
Car Wash
Fundraiser**

Free will donation appreciated!

Sept. 12 (Sun)
9am ~ 10am
11am ~ 12pm
(Rain date on Sept. 19)



Everyone Knows a Clean Car Drives Better and Looks Better!

Here's a chance to have a clean car AND support Confirmation Class's trip to experience worship in different settings and learn about the Holy Spirit's power through simulated skydiving.

WHAT: Confirmation class's car wash fundraiser. You may donate what you wish for the Confirmands' trip.

WHERE: Wesley UMC parking lot.

WHEN: Sunday, September 12, between services from 9:00 - 10:00 AM and after 10:00 service from 11:00 AM until all cars are washed.

*** In case of rain, the car wash will be rescheduled for Sunday, September 19th.

AUGUST *Loose Coins* went to *Northern Illinois Justice for our Neighbors*

The total given: \$137.89 (-- Aug. 29th)

August's 5th Sunday giving = \$310.00 goes to Good Neighbor Emergency Center (Aug. 29th not included yet)

Loose coins collected for SEPTEMBER will go to *UMCOR* (disaster relief)

**Collected in August for Haiti Earthquake relief: \$250.00 (UMCOR)*

Our Pets are a blessing to us.
Join us in blessing them!

Sept. 18 (Sat) 5 PM
Sterling Wesley UMC
Church Parking Lot



Bring you pet or a photo of your pet.
(Please leash your pet for safety.)




Haiti Earthquake Support
We are collecting monetary donations to meet the immediate needs of survivors. **100% of our donations** will go directly to help them through UMCOR.

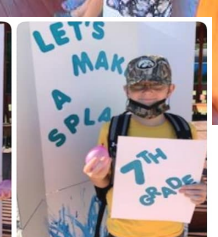
 

We worship and play

All Music Sunday (Aug. 1st)



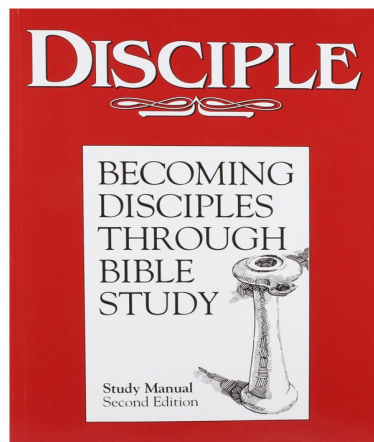
Blessing of the Backpacks (Aug 15)



Awesome Confirmands



Coming soon!



Disciple Bible Study

Wednesday

6:00 PM ~ 8:30 PM

If you are interested,
please call or email to the office



CHURCH CONFERENCE

Oct. 25 (Mon), 2021

6:30 PM SPRC

7:00 PM Church Conference

2022 Church Team & Committee

We love our church and work together as a team.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall
for joining a team/committee.

Let's build a healthy community together. :D

Trustees

Endowment

Worship

Staff-Parish Relations

Membership Care

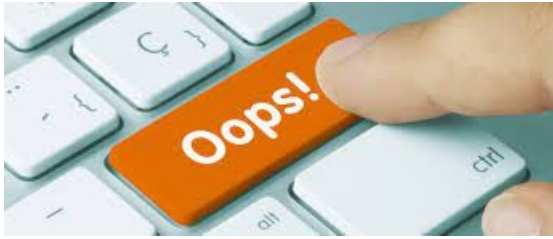
Christian Education

Finance

Nomination

Mission





**If you have updates or corrections,
please let the office know---
thank you!**

**(Marla: 815-625-1968 or
office@sterlingwesley.org)**



Anniversaries

Sept. 10 Bill & Peg Burke
Sept. 14 Dave & Sharon Siex
Sept. 16 Louis & Barb Quick
Sept. 17 Al & Diane Rude
Sept. 28 Steve and Lynn Majewski



Birthdays

Sept. 5 Haleigh Freas	Sept. 24 Ashlei Behrens
Sept. 9 Karen Abele	Sept. 25 Judy Bushman, Jaz'Mya Castaneda
Sept. 11 Nancy Wait	Sept. 26 Jan Andersen, Alan Beggerow
Sept. 12 Judy Randall	Sept. 27 Pat Jacobs
Sept. 14 Leigh Michel	Sept. 30 Dylan Hinrichs, Jamet Palmer
Sept. 16 JP Papoccia, Diantha Wentling	
Sept. 21 Brooklynn Freas, Elisa Gatz,	
Sept. 22 Barb Quick	
Sept. 23 Eric Canas	

LET'S BE A BLESSING!

**We pray God's peace for the Carole Finnicum families. Let's remember how
much a note or card can bless others:**

Carole Finnicum



**August 6, 1937 -
July 30, 2021**

Marion Quick

**Regency Care #401
612 St Mary's Road
Sterling, IL 61081
(*birthday this month!)**

June Teachout

**Regency Care #412
612 St Mary's Road
Sterling, IL 61081**

Altar Flowers (\$20)

The following dates are available for altar flowers:
(Sept. is full)

October 24, 31

November 21, 28

December 12, 19

(please contact the office to reserve a date or just sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall)

Thank you!



(Online recording of) Children's Messages for September:

Sept 5 **God Chooses Abraham**

Sept 12 **God Provides a Sacrifice: Isaac**

Sept 19 **Jacob and Esau**

Sept 26 **Joseph and His Brothers**

*Opening messages provided by
Rene Morris, Renee Duncan, and Carol Cravatta*

The Men's club will be meeting on **September 26th at 9 am in the Activity room**. We will **not have breakfast** this time due to current restrictions. We will continue with our "Wesley Get To Know You Better" program along with planning a workday at Reynoldswood Campground in October. It will be great to get together once again and get caught up. See you there!

World Communion Sunday Picture Slideshow

Sunday October 3rd is World Communion Sunday. As a way to connect with our fellow Christians around the world on this Special Sunday, the Worship Team is collecting pictures of Christians in different parts of the world partaking in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you have Christian family members living in a country outside of the United States who would be willing to send a photograph of their congregation partaking in Holy Communion, you can email the photograph to office@sterlingwesley.org and we'll add it to our slideshow.

Please submit photos by **Friday, Sept 24**



Come join us as we prepare **September greeting cards** for our congregation. We meet at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall, Thursday, Sept. 2nd. It's fun to work, visit, and catch up. No experience necessary. If you haven't participated, give it a try. Hope to see you there!

Blessing of the Pets September 18th

Pets have always been treasured members of our families. Since the beginning of the pandemic, pets have become even more important in our lives than ever before. Bring your pet, and join us Saturday September 18th at 5:00 PM outside of Wesley UMC for a short service celebrating our furry friends. The service will include individual blessings for your pet, a brief message, and treats to show our pets how much we value them in our lives. Please bring your pet leashed, in a carrier, or use your best judgement for safe handling of your pet to ensure the safety of everyone in attendance. Hope to see you there!



If you have a daughter or son in the military, trade school, college, or university, your Wesley UMC Family would like to remember her or him with monthly cards from October through April. Please email name and complete address to Marla, our administrative assistant, office@sterlingwesley.org. Thank you.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Wesley United Methodist Church

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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Join us for in-person Sunday services

8:00 am and 10:00 am

We will continue to Livestream
worship on Facebook at 10 a.m.

Find us on Facebook

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

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 is being collected for Bear Necessities, Trinity, and the FISH Food Pantry (Sept.).
- Travel-sized toiletries for Bear Necessities and FISH pantries.
- SEPTEMBER Loose coins to benefit: UMCOR (disaster relief)