

The Chimes

OCTOBER 2021

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A Note From Our Pastor...

I've delayed the due of this article thinking of what I would write for the October Chimes. I thought it would be better to wait until our

confirmation class outing because I thought the outing with our confirmands would bring some inspiration and hope for the future of our church as we are preparing for the Church Conference this month. And I sincerely appreciate our church secretary, Marla's patience and understanding. (Btw, she's been a fantastic partner in our ministry, so please give her your big smile when you stop by the office.)

It was a fun, exciting, hopeful, and educational trip with our confirmands. We did indoor skydiving for the lesson of the Holy Spirit (please read the September Chimes for this.). We went to North Central College, and Chaplain Eric Dolittle gave us a tour. We went to many college buildings and learned about college life. Of course, the confirmands were energizer bunnies, and they didn't know the word "tired." They enjoyed swimming and playing games before they went to bed. On the 2nd day, we attended two worship services at two churches: Willow Creek Church and Barrington United Methodist Church. Rev. Chris Winkler, the senior pastor of Barrington UMC, welcomed us and spent time with our confirmands. Please see the photos of this trip in the Chimes.

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Opportunities this month:

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

Ongoing:

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

***Saturdays @8:00am:
Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room)***

Remember the date:

Sun. Oct. 3rd: World Communion Sunday

Fri. Oct. 8th: Conference info. is due

***Thur. Oct. 7th @ 9:30am
Greeting Card Ministry (Fellowship Hall)***

***Sun. Oct. 10th @ 9:00am
Wesley Men's Club (Activity Room)
and Pastor Appreciation Sunday***

***Mon. Oct. 18th @ 7:00pm
Admin. Council (Fellowship Hall)***

Mon. Oct 25th: All church conference

***Sun. Oct 31st: All Saints Sunday and
Trunk or Treat!***

(message cont.)

I'd like to mention one thing from the testimony we had at Willow Creek Church. They had special guest speakers, Sam and Emmanuel Acho. Emmanuel gave us a powerful, hopeful, and energetic testimony with David's story, saying, "You have the THING" and "You need to develop the THING." The thing he mentioned was value, gift, and talent we've received from God, and he urged us to develop our "THING." Sam followed his little brother Emmanuel and gave us inspirational and compelling testimony of how God has led him and used his neighbor to empower him to overcome his painful wound. He concluded his message, saying, "You are worth GETTING TO KNOW." It was like: "Let your light shine around you," "do love your neighbors," "be the hands and voices of God in your community and beyond," and "let people know the love of God through you."

Emmanuel was so fun in his message. I liked his joke and enjoyed his sense of humor. Sam was calm and prudent. Yet, his message was so powerful and compelling to me, and hovering in my mind, "You are worth getting to know." I felt like God spoke to our Wesley family and me through Sam and Emmanuel: "You have the THING." "You should develop your THING." "You, the Wesley family, are worth GETTING TO KNOW."

Yes, we are still living in this pandemic. Yes, we have so many kinds of restrictions and limitations in life. Yes, we are tired and exhausted with all challenges. BUT, that doesn't stop us from God's love. That doesn't limit God's vision and divine works in our personal lives and our Wesley family. That doesn't mean the value of our lives and God's gift and calling in our lives are diminished at all. It's already October. And we will have our Church Conference and celebrate the life of our Wesley family and the ministries we have done EVEN in this pandemic. And we will look forward to walking together toward our future with God's inspiration and guidance because we have "the THING," we will develop "the THING," and we are worth "GETTING TO KNOW." Amen.

Peace In Christ,

Rev. Paul Lee

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

- 3 *Moses: The Early Years***
- 10 *Moses: The Burning Bush***
- 17 *Moses: The Plagues***
- 24 *Moses: Passover***
- 31 *Moses: Crossing the Red Sea***

With introductions by
Carol Cravatta, Renee Duncan
Rene Morris

Worship schedule

- 3rd "A Mustard Tree"**
- 10th "Born Again"**
- 17th "What We Speak"**
- 24th "What We Eat"**
- 31st "Who Do You Want to Be Remember?"**

Missions / Announcements / Opportunities:

MISSIONS Corner:

September

Loose Coins

total= \$107.63

(supporting UMCOR)

Thank you for your faithful support of our local and world missions!

October Loose Coins will go to PADS Homeless Shelter

World Communion Sunday is a *first Sunday*

October's *fifth Sunday* giving goes to Peace with Justice.

Altar Flowers (\$20)

The following dates are available for altar flowers:

November 28

December 12



Please contact the office to reserve a date or just sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall. Payments can be mailed to/dropped off at the office. Thank you!

We will be doing college care packages on *Monday, October 11th at 1:00 pm.* If you have a child in college who would like to receive a package, please call the church office with his/her address by **October 6th so we can purchase enough supplies. If you would like to help shop or pack boxes please call **Sue Abate at 815-625-0539.****

Thank you.



Since Missions is unable to have our Annual Chili Cook Off/Dessert Auction we are asking for donations that can be sent or dropped off in the church office or in person at the display that is set up in the Fellowship Hall. The money raised will go to the **Sauk Valley Food Bank**. Checks should be made out to *Wesley* with *Chili Cook Off* in the memo. Cash should come with a note so the office knows what it is for. Thank you so much from the Missions Committee!



Come join us as we prepare **October greeting cards** for our congregation. We meet at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall, Thursday, Oct. 7th. It's fun to work, visit, and catch up. No experience necessary. Hope to see you there!

The Men's club will be meeting

October 10th 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. We will have a work day at Reynoldswood Camp in Dixon on **October 16th from 8 till noon.** All are welcome to help!



Birthdays

October 2 Rick Palmer
October 6 Lynette Ceruzzi
October 9 Kay Bierman
October 10 Roger Wait
October 13 Seiler Noble, Cameron Taylor,
Gyneth Partridge
October 14 Steve Majewski, Mary Newlon
October 16 Jeff Cedro



October 18 Tim Cox, Nicole Peterson
October 22 Janay Dalton
October 27 David Siex
October 28 Sara Ackerson, Ellie Wendelken,
Heather Johnson
October 29 Denver Wasson
October 30 Cory Duncan



THANK YOU

To my Wesley family,

I would like to thank you all
 for the prayer shawl that was given
 to me. It was such a nice surprise. I
 use it through out the day. It brings
 me comfort, and I pray it helps bring
 me healing. I also love the wooden
 cross and the story behind it.
 Thank you again,
 Julie Bushman



I would like to thank all of you
 for the prayers (and shawl), cards
 and goodies for my recent sur-
 gery. I felt very loved by my
 Wesley Family.
 Thank you,
 Roberta Fredericks

Anniversaries

October 4 Russ & Mary Spitzer
October 8 Kevin & Sarah Gabrielse,

October 9 Andy & Nancy Pitsch
October 15 Dan and Nicole Peterson
October 28 Bob & Cheryl Allen

LET'S BE A BLESSING!

**Let's remember how much a note or card can
bless others:**

Marion Quick

June Teachout

Regency Care #401

Regency Care #412

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**AS ALWAYS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE
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Dear Wesley Methodist Cong.
Thank you for your
prayer, for the prayer
shawl and the flowers.
Thank you Paul for the
visit to JG.
Hope to see you all in
a month or so.
God Bless you.
Pastor Al Campbell

Special Giving Opportunities



October 3rd is *World Communion Sunday* and the NIC asks that we have a special collection. This offering makes a global impact for Christ by supporting a diverse mix of national and international ethnic young adults. Half of the offering benefits World Communion Scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries; the remainder assists Ethnic Scholarships for U.S. and international undergraduates studying in the U.S. and Ethnic In-Service Training. These funds are administered by the General Boards of Higher Education and Ministry and Global Ministries.

We also have a *5th Sunday Appeal* for October 31st, *Peace with Justice Sunday*: These gifts support Peace with Justice work in the NIC, the United States and around the world. Half of this offering is administered by the conference Peace with Justice coordinator and half by the General Board of Church and Society.

Service helpers for October

8:00am

| Greeter | Ushers | Liturgist |
|--------------------|--|----------------|
| 10/3 Jan Glover | Lynn Majewski Jeff Cedro | Renee Duncan |
| 10/10 | Lynn Majewski Jeff Cedro | Bruce Kramer |
| 10/17 | Jeff Cedro Nancy Pitsch | Erin Graves |
| 10/24 | McCombs/ Wetzell Family Jeff Cedro | Grace Wetzell |
| 10/31 | Renee Duncan Jeff Cedro | Dylan Hinrichs |

10:00am

| Greeter | Ushers | Liturgist |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| 10/3 Gloria Grant Darlene Davis | Jeff Cedro Frank & Janne Rausa | Carolyn Heuck |
| 10/10 Frank & Janne Rausa | Jeff Cedro Andy Pitsch Bowen Mallhi Susie Cedro | Bob Allen |
| 10/17 Dave & Roberta Fredericks | Jeff Cedro, Andy Pitsch Bill Parker | Jean Moe |
| 10/24 Bill and Peg Burke | Bowen Mallhi & Susie Cedro Jeff Cedro | Jean Moe |
| 10/31 Truedson Family | Truedson Family Jeff Cedro | Nora Truedson |

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 use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall – and contact Dylan Hinrichs at :

dylanhinrichs3727@gmail.com

Oct. 17, 2021

Laity Sunday
Call. One Word.
Many Ways.

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CHURCH CONFERENCE

Oct. 25 (Mon), 2021
6:30 PM SPRC
7:00 PM Church Conference

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All Saints Sunday
Oct. 31, 2021



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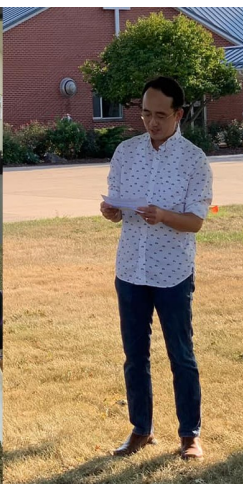


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CARWASH (SUN., SEPT. 12)



BLESSING OUR PETS (SAT., SEPT. 18)



BAPTISM OF JAZ'MYA (SUN., SEPT. 12)



CONFIRMATION WEEKEND OUTING (SEPT. 2021)



I felt very loved at Willow Creek Church and belonged.
I had so much fun indoor skydiving
I had so much fun indoor skydiving and spending time together in the hotel and at willow creek church
I enjoyed getting to know the youth better on a personal level.
I loved indoor skydiving and experiencing the different ways of worship.
It was really fun when we played Keep away at the hotel pool.
I loved the college and learning how things were done and what it was like
Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We felt Wesley family
The college visit was great wish I could go back to school during this trip.
Our experience was truly blessed by our church's support + God's love

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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 (October).
- Travel-sized toiletries for Bear Necessities and FISH pantries.
- OCTOBER Loose coins to benefit: Pads Homeless Shelter