


## Upcoming Events and Information

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

<b>TODAY 9/12:</b>	Car Wash fundraiser (from 9:00-10:00 and 11:00- ?)	
<b>Thur. 9/16:</b>	Nomination Committee (Fellowship Hall)	7:00pm
<b>Sat. 9/18:</b>	Blessing of the Pets (outdoors)	5:00pm

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- **Everyday Essentials** for local pantries are being accepted in the fellowship hall. Throughout **September** we are collecting **toilet paper**. We also need **travel-sized toiletries**. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our neighbors in need!
- **Loose coins** for **Sept.** goes to: **UMCOR** (100% of your donation will go directly to help the people in need).
- There is a sign-up sheet for **special music** on the bulletin board. Please consider sharing in this ministry. Music can be sacred or secular, just appropriate for all. **Contact Dylan:** [dylanhinrichs3727@gmail.com](mailto:dylanhinrichs3727@gmail.com)

### Worship Leaders today

**Music ministry:** Dylan Hinrichs (director) Judy Bushman (organist)  
**Head usher:** Jeff Cedro  
**Children's sermon** (online@9:45am)

**8:00am**

**10:00 am**

<b>Liturgists:</b>	Steve Downes	Amy Lopez
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jan Glover	Diantha Wentling/Kay Clark
<b>Ushers:</b>	Mary Downes	Steve Lopez/Andy Pitsch



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LUKE 15:1-7

# The Lost Sheep

## Wesley United Methodist Church

September 12th, 2021  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*Welcome to  
Wesley United Methodist Church  
September 12th, 2021*

**ENTRANCE**

**PRELUDE**                      "A Light Unto My Path"                      by Bertha R. Frick  
   "God Is Our Salvation"                      by Chester Nordman  
   "Fantasy in D Minor"                      by Lani Smith

**INTROIT**                      "There Is a Balm in Gilead"      Afro-American spiritual

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** (1 John 4)  
Beloved, God calls us to come together in love.  
**Love is from God.**  
We all are called to live in God's love.  
**Love is from God.**  
When we live in God's love, our love overflows.  
**Love is from God.**  
Let us worship together in Love.

† **OPENING HYMN**                      "Wonderful Words of Life"                      UMH #600 vs.1-3

**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**                      "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"                      UMH #474 v1

**SCRIPTURE READING** Gospel of Luke 15:1-7

This is the Word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**                      "The Parable of the Sheep"

**THANKSGIVING**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**RESPONSE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES**

**OFFERTORY**

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

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God, when we accept the gift of your amazing love in our  
lives, we become instruments of your abundant love. Accept these  
offerings for what they are: an outpouring of love for you and for all  
your creation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

† **CLOSING HYMN**                      "Here I Am, Lord"                      UMH #593 vs 1,3

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RECESSIONAL**                      "Here I Am, Lord"                      UMH #593 refrain

**POSTLUDE**                      "The Lily of the Valley" by William S. Hays Smith

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

The flowers on the altar are in **Memory of Rev. Thomas Moe,**  
from Jean Moe.