

Upcoming Events and Information

Tue./Thur.:	Exercise Group (Activity Room)	4:00pm
Saturdays:	Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room)	8:00am
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TODAY:	Sauk Community Praise Night (Dixon Bandshell)	5:30pm
Mon., 9/27:	Nominations Committee (Fireside Room)	7:00pm

- **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. **Contact Dylan: dylanhinrichs3727@gmail.com**
- Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday. A special offering will be taken for scholarships from an appeal of the Northern Illinois Conference.

*The flowers on the altar are in **Honor of Nancy Pitsch.***



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

Liturgists: Dylan Hinrichs

Sue Klock

Greeters: Jan Glover

Frank/Janne Rausa

Ushers: Jeff Cedro

Toby Johnson family



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Wesley
United Methodist Church

WELCOME

September 26th, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

***Welcome to
Wesley United Methodist Church
September 26th, 2021***

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE "He Giveth Peace" by Robert J. Hughes
"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" by George C. Stebbins
arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

INTROIT "Cares Chorus" by Kelly Willard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **OPENING PRAYER** (Acts 10, 1 John 5, John 15)
Author of every spiritual benediction, bless us this day. May your Spirit fall upon us during our time of worship. May your bountiful justice remake us as a righteous people. May your commandment to love one another transform our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. May your praise be heard throughout the world, that all people might come together as one and bear the fruit of eternal life. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

† **OPENING HYMN** "Rock of Ages" UMH #361 vs. 1,3,4

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 "As the Deer" TFWS #2025

SCRIPTURE READING Gospel of Luke 7:36-39

This is the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Parable of Two Debtors"

Steve Downes

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**

God of love, Spirit of everlasting life, as we return these gifts to you this day, may our hearts sing with a new song, a song of justice, joy and love. As we live your commandment to love one another, may our lives bear fruit that lasts—the fruit of kindness and mercy, the fruit of friendship and welcome. Make our prayer manifest throughout the world in the giving of these gifts—gifts we share in your name. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† **CLOSING HYMN** "Freely, Freely" UMH #389 vs 1,2

† **BENEDICTION**

Walk in God's grace.
We will bring the gospel to the world.
Love with Christ's mercy.
We will share the good news with our neighbors.
Bask in the Spirit's blessings.
We will walk the sacred path each and every day.

† **RECESSIONAL** "Freely, Freely" UMH #389 refrain

POSTLUDE "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"
19th c. USA camp meeting melody

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