

# The Chimes



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 2022

## From Our Pastor...



A few days ago, CGH hospital posted a note on their Facebook page, saying, “When you enter CGH Medical Center, you are entering a Healing Environment. I thought, “Of course, it is. Everybody knows it and appreciates it.” Then, it follows, “Please take responsibility for your behavior.” Interesting!

In short, Our stress level goes up after a long period of this tiring and exhausting pandemic, and hospitals, including CGH, encounter many patients and their families’ emotional responses and sometimes violence. It is common sense that we need to be kind, patient, understanding, and respecting one another, as we maintain and build up public trust in our community.

We know there are things to do and not to do by the law and rules. Then, how do we know we are on the right track in our faithful journey? What are the marks of the Christian life? Jesus commands us to “love the Lord your God and love your neighbors as yourself.” As faithful disciples, that is the goal of our Christian lives, and we want to live our lives by his commend. Then, the question is, “How can we manifest our love for God and neighbors in our words and actions?” This question has been with Christians of all ages.

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## Church Events

**Tue./Thur. *Exercise Class***  
**3:30pm (Fireside Room)**

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

### SAVE THE DATE:

**Feb. 3 (Thur.) @9:30am**  
***Greeting Card Ministry* Fellowship Hall**

**Feb. 5 (Sat.) 8:00am —1:15pm**  
***No Regrets Men’s Conference***  
**Sanctuary**

**Feb. 6 (Sun.) @10:00am**  
***Welcoming new members to our Wesley family!***

**Feb. 19 (Sat.) @9:30am**  
***Wesley Leadership Training***  
**Fellowship Hall**

Thankfully, John Wesley felt urged to speak about living our lives by God's will. He said that it is faith in Jesus Christ, hope in the salvation, and love of God and neighbors as ourselves. The marks can appear in our changes on our faith journey through love in action, kindness, patience, endurance, compassion, and justice. He also mentioned the means of grace, such as keeping God's commandments, partaking in the Sacraments, worship, praying, fasting, and reading the Bible. These are specific practices of faith that help us grow more in faith, become more like Jesus, and come close to God.

And he also addressed three rules called "Wesleyan General Rules" or "Three Simple Rules." These are "Do No Harm," "Do Good," and "Stay in Love with God." He also narrated some specific guidelines to keep the Wesleyan General Rules. Isn't it interesting that he mentioned "Do Not" before "Do?" We will have a series of sermons on Wesleyan General Rules this month. Let's ponder those three rules and utilize them on our faith journey. Amen.

Peace in Christ,

*Rev. Paul Lee*

## Worship Schedule

Feb. 6 Dream: See!

Feb. 13 Do No Harm!

Feb. 20 Do Good!

Feb. 27 Stay in Love with God

**\*Matthew Meetings for kids ages pre-K through 5th grade during 10am worship!**

**Begin in the sanctuary with your families!**

**After children's message follow adult leaders out to your own worship, lessons, and activities!**

**We are SO EXCITED TO BE BACK in-person with you!**

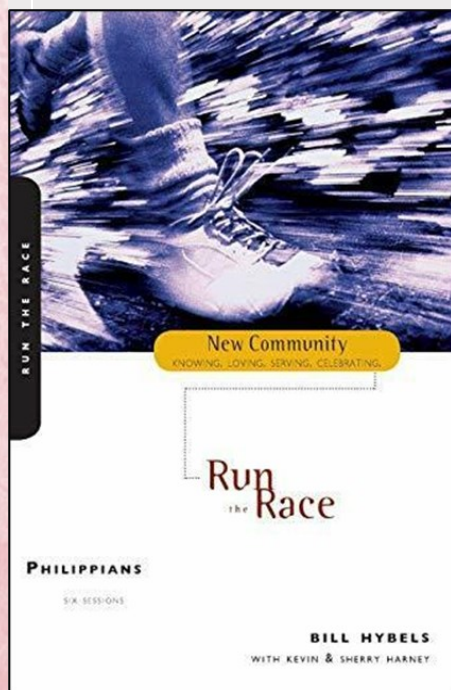
### *FEBRUARY Children's Leaders*

**6th** Carol Cravatta,  
Carrie Halverson, Nancy  
Pitsch

**13th** Carol Cravatta  
Stacey Wendelken,  
Nancy Pitsch

**20th** Carol Cravatta,  
Nancy Pitsch  
( Stacey Stutzke?)

**27th** Carol Cravatta,  
Stacey W.



**Men, Come Run The Race With Us! New 6-Week Men's Group Study Beginning February 12<sup>th</sup> - March 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday Mornings From 8:00 Am To 9:30am In The Church Fireside Room**

No previous Bible knowledge needed. Just come join a great group of guys who meet to share life, laughs, and learnings about how God fits into our everyday lives. You may be surprised how fun this group is!... Just give us a try for a week or two and see for yourself.

Here is what this session is all about: Find Strength For the Race of Life

Life as a follower of Christ is not a fifty-yard dash. It's a marathon. God offers strength for the race, cold water to quench our thirst, and fresh legs when we grow weary. We never run alone. He is always right beside us cheering us on or ahead of us leading the way.

Do you need energy and refreshment for the race of life? In Philippians, you will find all you need to run with strength and confidence. If you desire joy beyond measure, perseverance, a servant's heart, hope for the future, a peace beyond understanding, and lasting contentment, look no further than Philippians.

Come try us out for 1 week or join us for all six! (and Ladies, if you want a better husband or significant other, send him our way and we know you will be glad you did!)



## MISSIONS

### 2022 Upcoming Pantries Collections

**February:** toothpaste

**March:** toilet paper

### 2022 Loose Coins

**February:** Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic in Haiti

**March:** Midwest Mission Distribution Center

# 2022

# LEADERSHIP TRAINING

SAVE the DATE  
**Feb. 19 (Sat)**  
**@9:30am**



**Wesley**  
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FEBRUARY 5, 2022



## **[NO REGRETS] MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Wesley will be a site host of the event

Wesley UMC Sanctuary

8:00 am to 1:15 pm

Feb. 5th, 2022 (Sat)

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Valentine's Day Greetings from the Greeting Card Ministry.

**We'll be meeting Thursday, February 3, at 9:30 AM**

in fellowship hall to prepare Valentines. Please consider joining us. It's fun, no experience needed. Everything is provided. **Hope to see you then!**

## **Calling all Men at Wesley!**

**Wesley will be hosting and streaming the Annual**

### ***No Regrets Men's Conference***

**in our sanctuary on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up prior to the event so we know how many to expect.**

Cost this year will be **\$5.00** which will save your spot and include a breakfast at 8:00am of an individual wrapped World Famous Cinnamon roll and a McDonald's Egg McMuffin and priceless fellowship with other men in our church.

**See you there!**

Join us in welcoming...

**Pastor Al and JJ Campbell**

**Mallorie Grennan**

**Susan Reese**

**into the Wesley family as new members!**

**Hearts and candy to our loyal helpers  
each and every time we send out the  
Chimes or do other paper-handling jobs:**

**Elaine H. and Mary Anne B.**

**They are a JOY to work with!**



**thank you**

Thank you so much for your recent very generous donation to the Leaver and Fisher breakfast program! We are most grateful for your continued support.

We are still serving take-out meals only; three days a week. We're averaging about 200 meals a week. Our costs have increased and we had to buy a new freezer, so we greatly appreciate your donation.

Thank you again,  
Sue Stahl,  
corresponding secretary  
Leaver and Fisher

Thank you Wesley for the loose coins in November and Thanksgiving offering for the Fish Food Pantry. The number of families coming has begun to increase. We are busy buying food at the Sauk Valley Food Bank and Aldi. Wesley has supported Fish for many years. It takes a community to support a food pantry and you are a part of that community.

Thank you again,  
Beth Mathew

## Thank you!

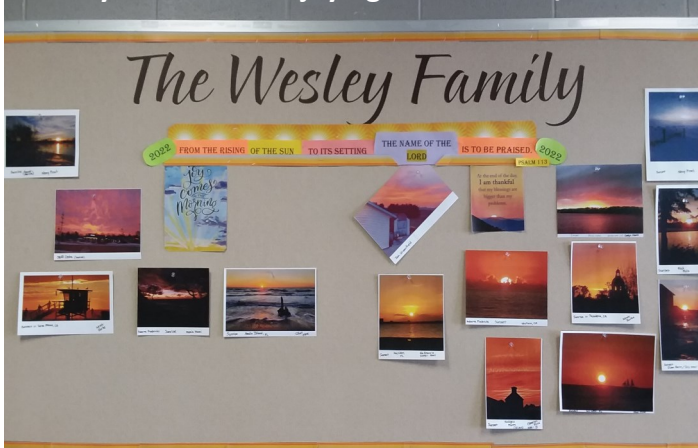
This note is long overdue, and I apologize for that. But, it is no less sincere. I was blessed with a beautiful flower arrangement and a visit that meant so much to me, thank you Pastor Paul. I have received so many get well cards and thinking of you cards that made my day. This move has been hard, but each day gets a little better. One thing for sure, I really miss my church family.

**Darlene (Davis)** (Want to send her a note?  
**Apt B 300 1800 Kensington Dr,  
Waukesha, WI 53188)**

Dear Wesley United Methodist Church,  
Thank you so much for your generous donation towards our Thanksgiving project. Your financial support made a huge impact on our community and we are so grateful!

Sincerely,  
Angie Schneider  
Sterling Township

**Thank you! We are enjoying the sunrises / sunsets!**



To Our Wesley Family  
Just want to say thank  
you for all the cards  
and well wishes this  
fall and Christmas.  
It was a blessing  
hearing from you and we miss  
seeing you all on Sunday.  
Take care and have a  
Happy New Year!  
Lowell Conales  
Jacobs

**Janet Palmer** would  
like to thank her  
Wesley Church family  
for all the prayers and  
cards being sent her  
way. It means a lot.  
She is doing well.

**Let's send greetings to:**



**Marion Quick**  
**Regency Care #401**  
**612 St Mary's Road**  
**Sterling, IL 61081**



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



"We want to say a big thank you to Wesley friends for the prayers, cards, food and treats we received these past weeks. David has shown great improvement and with help from Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy, he has graduated from being in bed for a week, the walker for several weeks and now sometimes a walker and sometimes a cane. We are looking forward to returning to church in the near future.

Wesley Church you "Rock!"

Thank you,

Sharon & David Siex



## Missions:

The total loose coins collected in January  
for

David Makobo / Senegal is **\$87.16\***

**For the January 5th Sunday**  
(Human Relations Day) **\$40.00\*** was received.

(\*not including January 30th yet.)



## The 2022 Altar Flower Sign-Up

is in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to reserve a date for a loved one, you may email or call the office to do so. The cost is \$20. You may mail in your payment with it marked as "altar flowers", or drop it off in the office Tue.—Fri. between 8-12.

**Marla B.**

**office@sterlingwesley.org**

**815-625-1968**

**\*available dates coming up are:**

**Feb. 13, 27 and March 6, 20, 27**

## Birthdays

**Feb. 1** Debbie Hodges

**Feb. 2** Carol Cravatta, Al Rude, Fabien Plummer

**Feb. 3** Diane Rude

**Feb. 7** Stacey Stutzke

**Feb. 8** Brandon Fredericks

**Feb. 12** Warren Heuck

**Feb. 16** Rachael Turffs

**Feb. 17** Tracy Durall

**Feb. 18** Erma Robinson

**Feb. 19** Mary Nelmes

**Feb. 20** Jack Graves

**Feb. 21** Jessica Truedson

**Feb. 24** Lynn Majewski

**Feb. 25** Mary Michel

**Feb. 28** Holly Taylor-Vrhel



## Anniversaries

**Feb. 13** Nick & Shay Papoccia

**Feb. 15** Luke & Phyllis Stutzman

**Feb. 14** Dave & Roberta Federicks

**Feb. 23** Doug & Ann Wiersema



## February worship helpers

**8:00am**

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers/Acolytes with Jeff Cedro</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Nancy Pitsch & Jan Glover	Steve Lopez	Amy Lopez
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b> Renee Duncan & Jan Glover	Rita Smith	Rory Smith
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b> Renee Duncan & Jan Glover	Rita Smith	Rory Smith
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b> Mary Downes & Jan Glover	Jeff Cedro	Steve Downes

**10:00am**

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers/Acolytes with Jeff Cedro</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Marc & Cindy Melton	Andy Pitsch, Beth/Ronyn Jacobs	Jean Moe
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b> Marc & Cindy Melton	Jan Davey	Jeff Davey
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b> Frank & Janne Rausa	Steve Lopez	Amy Lopez
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b> Frank & Janne Rausa	Steve Lopez	Amy Lopez

## Wesley United Methodist Church

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Sterling, IL 61081

### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Wesley United Methodist Church

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Email: [office@sterlingwesley.org](mailto:office@sterlingwesley.org)

### Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

You are invited to join us for 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.
- **Toothpaste** for local pantries.
- Travel-sized toiletries for Bear Necessities and FISH pantries.
- **Loose coins** to benefit: *Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic (Haiti)* for February.