



The Chimes



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JUNE 2022



From Our Pastor...

Church Events

The 183rd Northern Illinois Annual Conference will take place from June 8 and 10 in Schaumburg, IL. 6~700 clergy and laity delegates from 342 local churches in our conference will gather and make many decisions through a prayerful discernment process. We will celebrate many precious ministries conference-wide. And we will appreciate the ministries of those who will be retired and celebrate with those who are commissioned and ordained. Four of us from Sterling Wesley UMC will attend the annual conference: Jean Moe, Roberta Fredericks, Elisa Gatz, and me. Please have us in your prayers and support.

One of the denominational characteristics is connectionalism, which means that we are technically not a denomination, but one church located in many locations. To be honest, we don't feel it that much. We might not think we have a solid connection to the other churches, especially those on different continents. Yet, in a big picture of the whole body, we are all strongly connected for the same purpose: Making Disciples of Jesus Christ and Transformation of the World. And we are deeply linked and involved in many collective ministries around the country and the world. Our apportionment runs the whole body and a few dozens of denominational organizations, such as UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and GBHEM (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry). We support hundreds of missionaries and hundreds of schools and hospitals on every continent.

Wednesdays: 9:30am

Bible study (Fireside Room)

Saturdays: 8-9:30am

Men's Bible study (Fireside Room)

Thursday, June 2 @9:30am

**Greeting Card Ministry
(Fellowship Hall)**

June 5 Pentecost Sunday

(Wear red, pink, yellow, or blue!)

**June 8-10 NIC Annual Conference
(Schaumburg, IL)**

**June 13—16 Kids Summer Drop-In
at Wesley UMC 9-11am each day**

**June 19—25 Joy Camp at Camp
Reynoldswood (Dixon)**

**June 25 Men's Group works with
Habitat for Humanity in Dixon, IL
8am-12pm**

(Pastor Paul's message cont.)

Many of us know that our denomination has been dealing with a hot potato: whether we would be inclusive to the LGBTQ siblings, especially the ordination. This topic has been on the table since 1972 at the General Conference. (For those who might need some explanation, the General Conference is the top legislative body of our whole church. It takes place every four years with about 2,500 people from over 100 countries worldwide.) The Traditional Plan was accepted at the Special General Conference in 2019. The General Conference 2020 was postponed to 2021 and again to 2022. Then, due to the variant and worldwide vaccination, it was announced in early March that the General Conference was postponed again to 2024. A week later, a group of people, the Wesleyan Covenant Association, who proposed the Traditional Plan, declared that they would disaffiliate from the United Methodist and launch a new denomination. It might be complex and confusing. Yet, I hope you have proper information because there are some rumors about it. Please find Bishop Hopkins' letters, "Whatever It Takes to Love Someone" and "Are United Methodists going to divide?"

<https://www.umcnlc.org/news/bishops-column-whatever-it-takes-to-love-someone>

<https://www.umcnlc.org/news/are-united-methodists-going-to-divide>

All the theological debate and disagreement might cause some confusion and division. Yet, I commend you to listen to one another. If you find someone in our Wesley family who have different thoughts, please listen to them with an open mind. We've been together in Christ's love for years and gone through the Pandemic with ceaseless prayers. One topic cannot easily define others and divide us into two or three divisions. Please listen! If you have any questions, please stop by the office. I love to talk with anyone interested or concerned. And please know that, whether you feel it or not, you have power in your words. Your words can hurt and tear down somebody or build others up. Let us choose to build up one another. I hope you continue to think of the power of your words, and we will have a sermon series on the power of the words in June. Let us hold one another in our love and build up one another. Amen

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Paul Lee

June Worship Schedule

June 5 Pentecost John 15:9-17

"Called to Be Sent"

June 19 James 3:7b-10

"Building Up or Tearing Down"

June 12 Bruce Kramer

"Choose Joy"

June 26 1 Corinthians 1:10-12, 13:4-8a

"Words in Politics and Religion"



**Pentecost Sunday
June 5**

Could we have fun with
our dress code?
Red, Pink, Yellow, or Blue

The logo for Wesley United Methodist, featuring a red cross icon to the left of the word "Wesley" in a red serif font, with "UNITED METHODIST" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font below it.



Rock Falls

Coloma Homes (Near Main Office)
Merrill School (Front Door)
Rock Falls Public Library (Lobby)
Wallingford Park (Shelter)

Sterling

Broadway Methodist
Latin American Social Club
Salvation Army
Scheid Park (Shelter)
St. Paul Lutheran
Sterling Public Library (Back Lot)
Ster-Lynn Apartments

Let's Feed
the Children

Please contact **Roberta Fredericks** to help with packing
(Tuesdays at St. Paul's Church) and/or distributing
(Wednesdays at various locations):

roberta.fredericks@gmail.com 815-441-0825

THE 2022 NIC
BISHOP'S APPEAL OFFERING
WILL GO TOWARD
UKRAINE ASSISTANCE

UNITED WITH UKRAINE
IN PRAYERS FOR PEACE



YOU CAN WRITE A CHECK
AND LEAVE IT WITH OFFERINGS
BY JUNE 5 (SUN)

*Checks made out to Wesley UMC

Indicate Bishop's appeal in memo



May Loose Coins went to

Let's Feed Our Children and
Saturday Kids' Club of Centennial

The total received (prior to 5/29)= \$474.95

5th Sunday (May) collection: \$340.00 so far

June's Loose Coins will go to

Reynoldswood Christian Camp

Thank you, everyone, for continuing to
support these important ministries.

Announcements / reminders

Anyone interested in helping
to keep the church grounds
looking nice by picking up
tree branches, trimming
bushes and roses or weeding
flower beds this summer
please contact either Roberta
or Dave Fredericks to be added to our
contact list. Thanks!



2022 Upcoming Pantry Collections

June: shampoo

July: laundry detergent

August: toothpaste



"Thank you"

We will meet on the 3rd
Thursday of the month
which is **June 16th at 11:30.**

Please contact me with your
reservation by June 10th.

Beth Mathew 815-625-4381



Annual Conference Mission Challenge



MIDWEST MISSION
DISTRIBUTION CENTER
midwestmission.org

Liquid Laundry Detergent	32~64 oz
Liquid Household Cleaner	16~40 oz
Liquid Dish Soap	14~32 oz
Blankets	New or Gently Used
Toothpaste	2.5 oz or larger
Rulers	(12" long with metric)
Colored Pencils	(12 packs)
Scissors	(Student size)

You can bring them to the Office
by June 7 (Tues)



The Greeting Card Group
Meets **Thursday, June 2nd**
At 9:30am in Fellowship Hall—
All who would like to help with this
much appreciated ministry are
encouraged to attend! We look
forward to seeing everyone!



Congratulations 2022 Graduates!



Middle School / Jr. High:

Emily Schwingle from 8th grade

Ellie Wendelken from 8th grade

Grace Wetzell from 8th grade



High School:

Ashlei Behrens — SHS (going to St Ambrose)

Cory Duncan — SHS (going to Sauk)

Isaac Halverson — SHS (National Guard-Ft Jackson)

Elliot Noble — Newman (going to Iowa State)

College:

Johanna Cravatta from U. of Northern Iowa

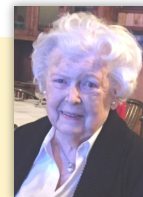
Mitch Clodfelter from U. of Illinois

Brooklynn Freas from U. of Iowa

Bryn Gatz from Augustana College

Sierra Sotelo from Aurora University

Congratulations to the 2022 Lyon Scholarship award recipient: Elliot Noble



Anniversaries

June 4 Matt & Stacey Wendelken

June 7 Craig & Jessica Truedson

June 11 Don & Tracy DuRall

June 14 Rory & Rita Smith

June 17 Warren & Carolyn Heuck

June 20 Dave & Linda Kavran

June 21 Pastor Al and JJ Campbell

June 28 Bruce & Debbie Kramer

Birthdays

June 1 Evan Melton, Rachel Kramer

June 2 Matthew Gabrielse

June 3 Emily Morgan

June 4 Sharon Wasson

June 5 Austin Allen, Judy Dennis

June 6 Dave Abele, Brad Graves

June 7 Doug Brandau

June 8 Michele Drew

June 10 Rene Morris

June 11 Pastor Rosa Lee

June 12 Dave Fredericks

June 13 Phyllis Stutzman

June 14 Carolyn Heuck, Jeremy Taylor-Vrhel

June 19 Sharon Taylor

June 21 Amy Viering-Bontz

June 22 Myla Wendelken

June 23 Andy Pitsch, Mark Taylor

June 26 Mike Drew

June 28 Cheryl Allen, Cory Canas

June 29 Chris Bushman, Darlene Davis, Eric Fredericks
Linda Perry

June 30 Jackson Lyon, Marianne Rosser



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

Gyneth Partridge

Windsor Manor

403 Scenic St Apt 516

Morrison, IL 61270

Helping hands at Camp Reynoldswood
Men's Group outreach
May 21st



June 8am Worship

Door Greeter	Ushers/Acolytes	Liturgist
6/5 Jan Glover	Katie, Grace, Lily Wetzell Tony McCombs	Katie/Grace Wetzell
6/12 Jan Glover	Lynn Majewski	Nancy Pitsch
6/19 Jan Glover	Darla Ewing	Renee Duncan
6/26 Jan Glover	Mary Downes	Steve Downes

June 10am Worship

Door Greeter	Ushers/Acolytes	Liturgist
6/5 Bill Parker	Warren & Carolyn Heuck	Jean Moe
6/12 Frank/Janne Rausa	Warren Heuck	Carolyn Heuck
6/19 Bill Parker	Andy & Nancy Pitsch	Aaron Marken
6/26 Nick & JP Papoccia	Shay, Molly & Brrady Papoccia	Shay Papoccia

Altar Flowers (\$20)

The following Sundays are available:

July 17

August 28

Sept. 4

Oct. 2, 23, 30

Please contact the office/Marla to reserve a date for altar flowers:

815-625-1968 or
office@sterlingwesley.org



Summer **STOP-IN** Fruits of the Spirit June 13th ~ 16th, 9 am ~ 11 am

From **Pre K**
to **5th grade**



Wesley
UNITED METHODIST



Youth going into 5th grade through High School Seniors

there's **STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR JOY CAMP!**

Take my word, you don't want to miss **JOY CAMP 2022!** Register online at www.niccamp.org (Outdoor & Retreat Ministries) pay the initial \$50 deposit and our Endowment Fund from church graciously picks up the rest! Dates Sunday, June 19th 3-5pm drop off - Saturday, June 25th 10am pick up at Camp Reynoldswood in Dixon, IL!

Contact Nancy Pitsch 815-499-3802 for questions or more details!

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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 share
the sermon on Facebook

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 Fellowship Hall.
- Shampoo is being collected for local pantries.
- Travel-sized toiletries for Bear Necessities and FISH pantries.
- Loose coins for JUNE to benefit: Reynoldswood Christian Camp (Dixon, IL).

