



The **Chimes**

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AUGUST 2022



From Our Pastor...

In July Chimes, I shared with you the four aspects/characteristics of the church: **Kerygma** (the Word of God), **Didache** (Education), **Diakonia** (Service), and **Koinonia** (Fellowship). Those terminologies and concepts come from the oldest book of Christian history that describes the nature of the church; Didache. Isn't it interesting that we think that we are surrounded by so many kinds of new technologies, cultures, and lifestyles, but the core of the faith community hasn't changed that much from the beginning? And you can categorize all the ministries and gatherings into one or more of those four aspects/characteristics. If you have not read those four characteristics in the July Chimes, I encourage you to read them.

Somehow from time to time, I feel a kind of brain fog. I feel like I've lost the last two years during the Pandemic. Of course, we've been through hectic two years. I don't think I had a full day off for the first half year. And as a community, we've made a collective effort to navigate ways to get through the time with prayerful discernments, while trying our best to continue our worship, gatherings, and small groups as much as possible. Yet, I feel the need for refocusing and reshaping our ministries and rebuilding the community of faith.

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Church Events

Tuesdays and Thursdays @3:30pm
Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)

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

Remember these **August** dates:

Mon., the 1st @6:30pm:
Education Team meeting (Fellowship hall)

Tue., the 2nd @ 5:30pm:
Trustees Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Thurs., the 4th @ 9:30am:
Greeting Card Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

Sat., the 6th :
Youth activity (contact Melissa Hurley)

Sat., the 13th from 9:00am—noon:
Pre-k thru 5th Stop-In (Wesley Church)

Thur., the 18th:
Ladies' luncheon (contact Beth Mathew)

This is not a simple project that some of us just fix it. It is more like a culture all of us jump in and create as one body to move forward. Many teams/committees have tirelessly continued our precious ministries and made creative approaches to the new normal. And I believe it is proper that, as a community, we appreciate and celebrate each team/committee's previous ministries. From August, one team/committee's chair will provide a presentation, one team/committee a month, so that we may get to know more about what we are doing and encourage one another to step up and join a team/committee. Please see the schedule of the team/committee presentation below.

August	Finance Committee
September	Education Team
October	Mission Team
November	Membership Care Team
December	Worship Team
Jan. 2023	Trustees Team

Let us listen to what we are doing and why we are doing it, encourage one another, and celebrate what God is doing through our beloved Wesley family.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Paul Lee

August 8am

August Worship Schedule		Door Greeters	Ushers/ Acolytes	Liturgist
		8/7 Jan Glover	Pam Clodfelter Jeff Cedro	Randy Clodfelter
		8/14 Jan Glover	Jeff Cedro	Mel Hurley
		8/21 Jan Glover	Lynn Majewski & Jeff Cedro	Nancy Pitsch
		8/28 Jan Glover	Rita Smith & Jeff Cedro	Rory Smith
August 10am				
		Door Greeters	Ushers/ Acolytes	Liturgist
		8/7 Beth Jacobs	Ronyn Jacobs Jeff Cedro	Mary Spitzer
		8/14 Mark & Sharon Taylor	Steve Lopez Jeff Cedro	Amy Lopez
		8/21 Warren & Carolyn Heuck	Steve Lopez Jeff Cedro	Amy Lopez
		8/28 Warren & Carolyn Heuck	Jaz Mya Castaneda Jeff Cedro	Mary Spitzer

Missions / Notes

2022 Upcoming Pantry Collections

August: Toothpaste

September: Toilet paper

Give
THANKS
WITH A GRATEFUL
HEART 1 Thessalonians, 5:18

Loose Coins

(*reminder: checks may be made out to Wesley UMC and memo: Loose Coins)

July coins went to

Rockford Urban Ministries

Total received (at printing): \$97.16

July Fifth Sunday giving = \$65.00

AUGUST Loose Coins will benefit:

RefugeeOne :

Based in Chicago, RefugeeOne creates opportunity for refugees fleeing war, terror, and persecution to build new lives of safety, dignity, and self-reliance.

Dear Mission Committee - Tuesday, July 26
Thank you, thank you, thank you! Your very generous donation to the loaves and fishes breakfast program for our new and much needed refrigerator was very greatly appreciated.
We are currently serving an average of over 100 meals every day, 4 days a week. We could not continue to feed hungry people without the new refrigerator or without support from the community. Wesley is a very loyal supporter!
Thank you again - Sue Shate,
corresponding secretary
Loaves and Fishes

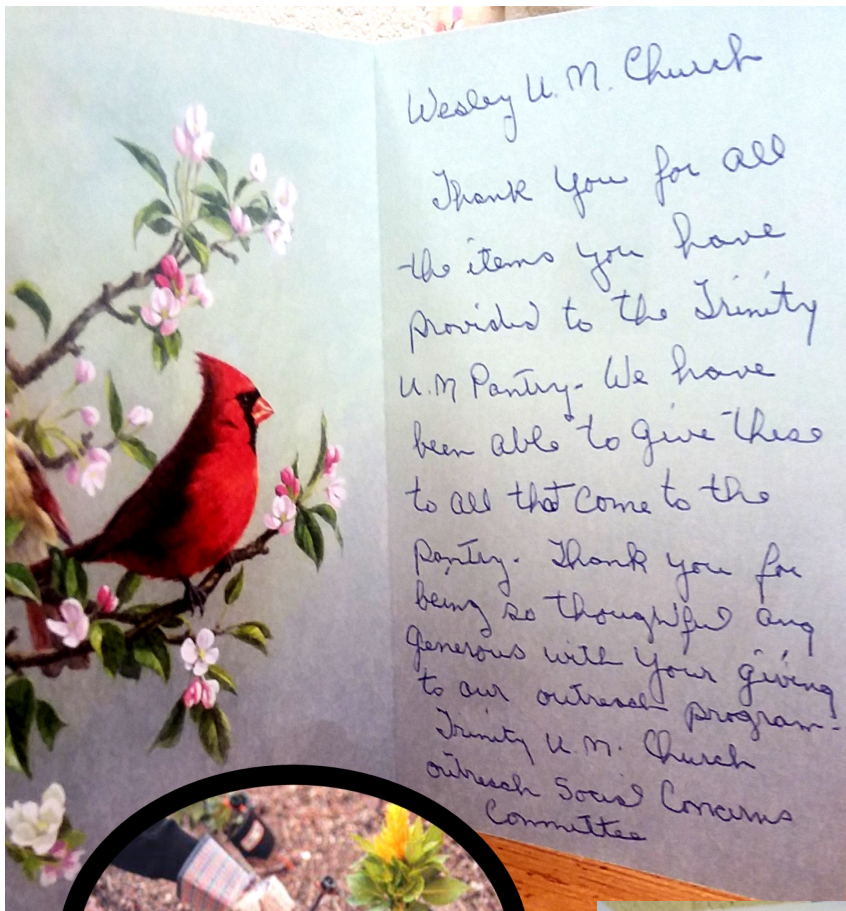
Dear Friends,
I want to apologize for taking so long to write this. Time just flies these days without me doing anything!
I cannot thank you enough for the cards you send. You will never know how appreciated they are. As I tell everyone, I love it out here BUT I miss everyone there. The Wesley →

Church family is a special one. I did not have to learn to know that!
Please use the enclosed check for your card ministry. It is a good one.
LOVE + HUGS,
Pharon
Wasson

Our condolences
to the family of
June Teachout
who passed into glory
July 15, 2022
Thank you to all who
helped with her
funeral and luncheon.

Wesley's love for June was seen and felt.

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In August we are going to Angelos in Dixon. If you like, we can carpool. We can meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 on Thursday, August 18th and carpool to Angelos in Dixon.

Please reserve in advance with Beth Mathew, 815-625-4381

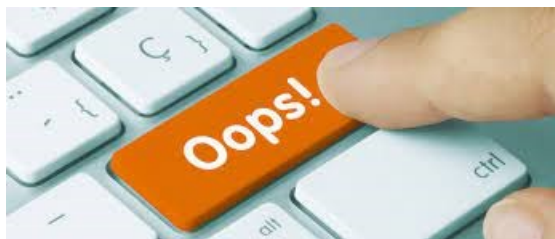
Thank you,
Dave and Roberta Fredericks,
for your tireless work to
maintain the church's
landscape! The flowers and
plants are flourishing due to
your care. The baskets and
planters add beautiful color.
God bless you for your
efforts!

DEAR CHURCH MEMBERS,
I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
ALL YOUR PRAYERS ON MY
BEHALF. I GOT THE CALL ON
JULY 4TH THAT UW MADISON
HAD AN EXACT MATCH KIDNEY
FOR ME. ON JULY 5TH I HAD A
KIDNEY TRANSPLANT. IT WAS
A MIRACLE FOR ME. DUE TO AN
EXACT MATCH, I WAS BUMPED UP
ON THE TRANSPLANT LIST. I AM
NOW HOME RECOVERING. I
APPRECIATE ALL THE THOUGHTS &
PRAYERS MORE THAN YOU COULD
KNOW. COULD YOU PLEASE
SAY A FEW PRAYERS FOR MY
ANGEL DONOR & THEIR FAMILY.
THEY GAVE ME LIFE AGAIN &
I AM BLESSED.

Yvonne Kessel

July Stop-Ins





**If you have updates or corrections,
please let the office know--- thank you!**

**(Marla: 815-625-1968 or
office@sterlingwesley.org)**

Anniversaries

Aug. 2 Tammy & James Jones

Aug. 9 Tim & Sandi Cox,

Aug. 10 Dave & Karen Abele, Mike & Tootie Ceruzzi,
Greg & Amy Bontz

Aug. 14 Roger & Rose Jacobs

Aug. 17 Cal & Pat Jacobs

Aug. 20 James & Linh Melton

Aug. 21 Steve & Mary Michel

Aug. 25 Randy & Pam Clodfelter

Aug. 27 Mark & Sharon Taylor

Birthdays

Aug. 2 Jean Moe

Aug. 3 Nancy Pitsch, Marion Quick,
Malorie Grennan

Aug. 6 Fred Duncan, Rita Smith

Aug. 7 Johanna Cravatta

Aug. 13 Arianna Cravatta, Jakob Vetter

Aug. 14 Matt Greenfield

Aug. 15 Betty Andreas

Aug. 16 Kris Quick

Aug. 17 Debbie Kramer

Aug. 18 Shay Papoccia

Aug. 19 Lowell Jacobs, Jan Stutzke, Katie Herath

Aug. 20 Darla Ewing, Matt Wendelken

Aug. 21 Curt Greenfield, Rory Smith

Aug. 22 Bill Burke

Aug. 25 Russ Spitzer, Tori Stutzke

Aug. 31 Louis Quick

LET'S SPREAD SOME CHEER!

All LOVE to receive your notes and cards!

Marion Quick

Allure #304

612 St Mary's Road

Sterling, IL 61081

(*Birthday this month!)

Gyneth Partridge

Homestead

403 Scenic St Apt 516

Morrison, IL 61270



Altar Flowers (\$20)

The following dates are available for altar flowers:

August (full)

Sept. (full)

Oct. 23, 30

Nov. 6, 27

Dec. 4, 11, 18

(please contact the office to reserve a date or just sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall)

Thank you!



Save the date!

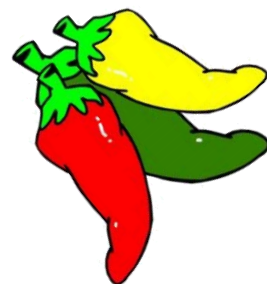
Chili Cook-off

(covid permitting)

* * Sunday, Oct 16th * *

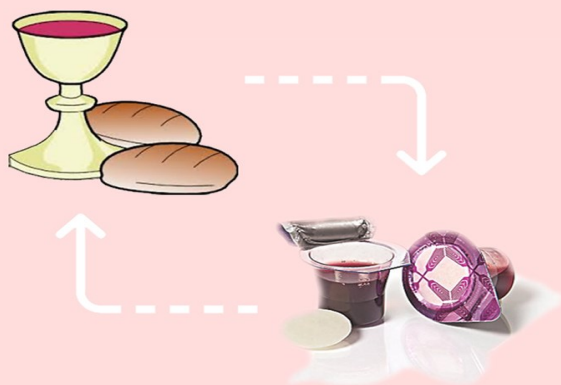
Get those recipes ready-

More information to come!



Come join us as we prepare
August greeting cards for our
congregation. We meet at 9:30 in
the Fellowship Hall, **Thursday,**
August 4th. It's fun to work, visit,
and catch up. No experience
necessary. If you haven't
participated, give it a try. Hope to
see you there!

Communion Both Ways



The communion will be shared in two ways from AUGUST:

a pre-filled cup-wafer set and a piece from one bread & pre-filled cup.

Two requests were received about the communion. A certain number of people hope to receive the bread from *one bread*, and a few people have difficulty peeling off the first layer (the bread). So, the worship team decided to have two ways of communion.

Those who prefer pre-filled cup & wafer sets continue using them as we have done. For those who prefer to share bread from one bread, Pastor will come and share the bread, and you may use the pre-filled cup with the piece of bread.

Thank you so much for sharing your thoughts. The worship team appreciates your suggestion.

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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Join us for Sunday services

8:00 am and 10:00 am

We will continue to share the message
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 is being collected for local pantries (August).**
- **Travel-sized toiletries** for Bear Necessities and FISH pantries.
- **AUGUST Loose coins to benefit: RefugeeOne** which will welcome 850+ refugees to Chicago this year. Although most recently arrived families are from Afghanistan, they anticipate an influx in refugees from other parts of the world, especially Ukraine.