Upcoming Events and Information

Tue./Thur.: Exercise Group (Fireside Room) 3:30pm **Saturdays:** Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room) 8:00am Thur., 7/7: Greeting Card Ministry (Fellowship Hall) 9:30am

Everyday Essentials for local pantries are being accepted in Fellowship Hall. In July we are collecting laundry detergent. Also needed: travel-sized toiletries. Thank you for helping those in need!

Loose coins for JULY: Rockford Urban Ministries.

July 5TH Sunday giving: Native American Ministries

Worship Leaders today

Youth Director: Melissa Hurley

Music Ministry: Judy Bushman (Organist)

Pam Clodfelter (Handbell Choir Director)

Head Usher: Jeff Cedro

8:00am

Wendy Fitzanko Liturgists: Aaron/Derek Fitzanko Greeters: **Ushers:**

James Fitzanko

10:00 am

Carolyn Heuck Frank/Janne Rausa Warren Heuck

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Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church July 3, 2022

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

Deep River Battle Hymn of the Republic

Trad. Spiritual/arr. Lani Smith by William Steffe/arr. Lani Smith

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

by Lanny Wolfe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† OPENING PRAYER (Luke 10)

Loving God, your gift of abundant life is like a basket of summer fruit – a delight to the eye and a pleasure to the tongue; your presence in our lives is like a green olive tree – a joy to the heart and a blessing to the spirit. Speak to us your words of life, that we may sit at your feet and know that we are yours. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN

"America the Beautiful"

UMH #696

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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

"Glory Be to the Father" † RESPONSE

#70

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:00AM)

"How Firm a Foundation" HYMN

UMH #529 vs 1.3

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:8-9a, 12-15b; James 1:19

This is the Word of God for the people of God Thanks be to God.

"Words in Family" **SERMON**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" † DOXOLOGY

#95

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, you fill our lives to overflowing like baskets of summer fruit. May the offering we return to you this day show our gratitude for your many blessings, and our commitment to love our neighbors as you have loved us. Through your goodness and the sharing of these gifts, may all come to know the richness of your love. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" UMH#128 v1 † CLOSING HYMN

(refrain x2)

† BENEDICTION

"More Like You" TFWS#2167 (first half) † RECESSIONAL

God of the Ages by George W. Warren **POSTLUDE**

†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 Belle Cook from Lowell and Coralee Jacobs