

JULY 2022

The Chimes

Celebrate!



From Our Pastor...

The United Methodist Church's calendar begins on July 1, and each pastor gets appointed/reappointed to a local church by the calendar. I feel honored and privileged to be reappointed to our beautiful church, the Wesley United Methodist Church, and walk with you in the 4th year.

Can you believe it's the beginning of my fourth year with the Wesley family? Time goes really fast. We've spent over two years in the pandemic and are going through the Endemic (End of the Pandemic). During the time of uncertainty, we have kept our faith and hope in the Lord and prayed and supported one another without ceasing. I praise God for your hard work and give you my BIG hands.

As we are trying to navigate the future of our faith community, I like to remind all of us of the essence of the body of Jesus Christ; the reason and purpose that God has gathered you and me in this family of God. It can be called by many names and theological terminologies; God's grace, unconditional love, solid doctrines and traditions, healthy bonding and relationships, etc. And I want to add one more thing to all the lists: Hospitality.

When you think of "Hospitality," you may think about serving, equipping, and entertaining others. That is also a suitable approach to understanding "hospitality." And there is something more, something profound that we may find in the Word of God, actions, and teaching of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior, and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Church Events

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

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

July 7th @ 9:30am:
Greeting Card Ministry
(Fellowship Hall)

Monday, July 11th@7:00pm:
Ad Council (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, July 21st@11:30am:
Ladies Luncheon (contact person:
Beth Matthew 815-625-4381)

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Henri Nouwen defines "hospitality" as "creating free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place." It is highly related to a safe place that God has created and opened wide for us and invited all of us, the people of God, so that we may get nurtured, grow, and encourage one another. Are we willing to receive God's invitation? Are we excited to get it into our hearts? Are we thrilled with the hope to create and invite others in the love of God?

Let me tell you a little bit about the four aspects/purposes of the church: Kerygma (the Word of God), Didache (Education), Diakonia (Service), and Koinonia (Fellowship). Here is a chart of how the Wesley family relates the four purposes of the church to our gatherings and ministries.

Kerygma - The Word of God	Koinonia - Fellowship
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Worship & Preaching- Testimony- Bible Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coffee Hours- 5th Sunday Potluck- Chili Cook-off & Ham Dinner- Card Ministry- Prayer Chain- Prayer Shawl- (Possibly) Painting Party- (Possibly) Wesley family festival
Didache - Education	Diakonia - Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Matthew's Meeting- Youth Group- Adult Bible Study<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Wednesday Morningo Thursday Eveningo Men's Groupo Wednesday Evening (TBA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Local Community Service- Men's Group Outreach- Depression/Suicide Prevention Training- Social Issue Events (Such as Earth Day, Racism, Gun Violence, etc.)- Mission Team & Apportionment & UMCOR- Food Bank (TBA: Youth with fun)- Mission Trip (TBA)

We will continue to navigate our ways to build one another up and continue our precious and sacred ministries of God in our community, local community, and the world. Please find detailed information about those four aspects/purposes and how we may manifest the love of God through our worships, gatherings, small groups, Matthew's club, pot-lucks, outreaches, etc.

Last month was hectic with the NIC Annual Conference, Kids' Stop-In (VBS 2.0), Joy Camp, Women's Lunch, Men's Group Habitat Humanity, etc. It's been so fruitful and hopeful. Please find the photos of those events/activities. I have seen God's hands among us and God's works through us. Let's keep up the good work. I STRONGLY encourage you NOT to WAIT, but PARTICIPATE and BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP. I strongly and heartily believe that God will do amazing things in us, among us, and through us. Amen.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Paul Lee

Thank you!

2022 Upcoming Pantry Collections

July: laundry detergent

August: toothpaste

Bruce Kramer shared
an inspiring message of
faith with Wesley on
June 12th.

Thank you, Bruce!
Choose Joy!



JUNE Loose Coins were collected for:
Reynoldswood Christian Camp (Dixon, IL).

The total received = \$564.16

July coins will go to Rockford Urban Ministries

***July is also a 5th Sunday month:** Let's share
in the support of **Native American Ministries**

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

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards,
memorial monies, and support during and following my
father's passing. He was a very private man and did not
want a big funeral or visitation. Thank you for honoring
that. You are a great church family.

Family of Marvin Turnbaugh

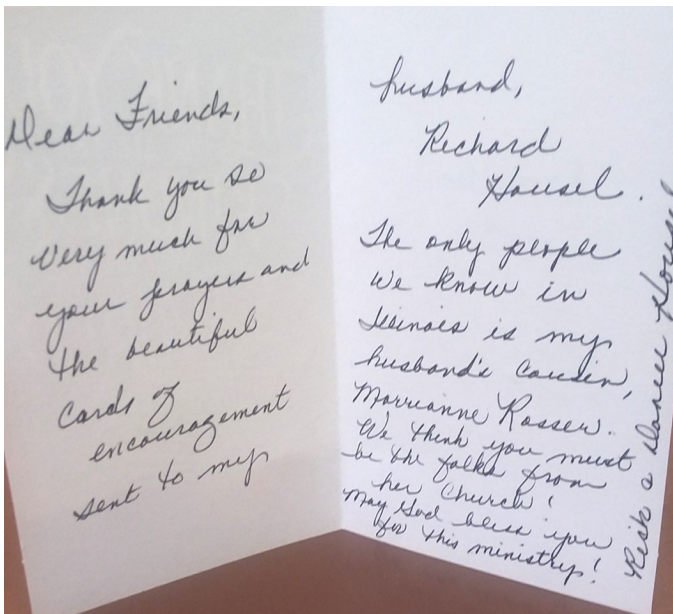
Judy Bushman, Christine Bushman,
Julie Bushman, Sierra Sotelo and families



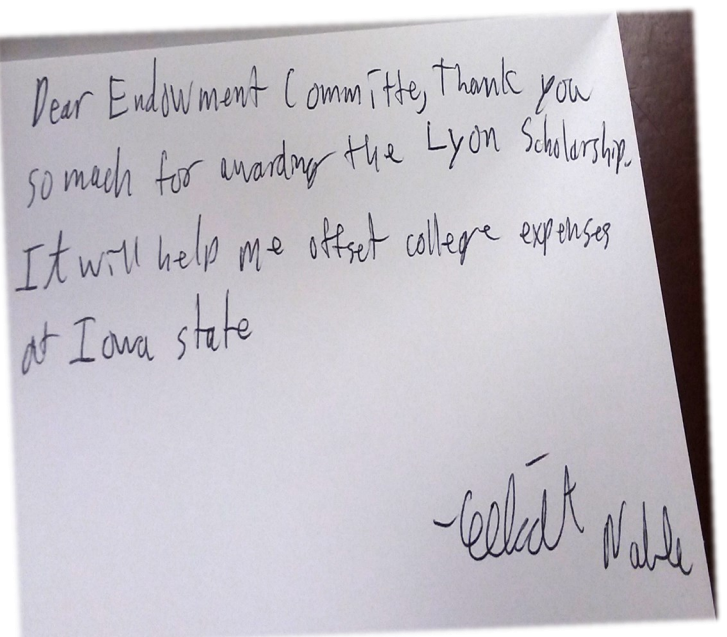
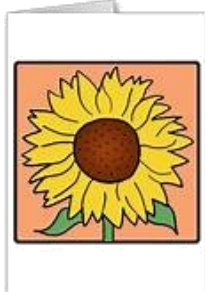
We extend our sympathy to the family of Ada Plummer
who died June 4th (2022).

Please remember in your prayers:

John & Fabienne Plummer, Jessica &
Craig Truedson, Nora, & Carlie, and
Lindsey Reynolds



The Greeting Card Ministry will meet
Thursday, July 7th,
at 9:30 AM in
Fellowship Hall to prepare
July cards for mailing.
Everyone is welcome to
come help
and join the fun!



Wesley Summer Stop-In 2022



Love, joy, peace, patience,
Kindness, goodness, faithfulness
Gentleness and self-control



If you have updates or
corrections,
please let the office know---
thank you!
(Marla: 815-625-1968 or
office@sterlingwesley.org)

Anniversaries

July 7 Denver & Sharon Wasson
Ken and Mary Newlon

July 12 James & Wendy Fitzanko

July 14 Ed & Jan Andersen

July 22 Fred & Renee Duncan

July 28 Frank & Janne Rausa

July 29 Jeremy & Holly Taylor-Vrhel



Birthdays



July 3 Haley Ceruzzi, Jeff Davey, Jaime Foss,
Sharon Siex

July 5 Sue Hondley, Stacey Wendelken

July 6 Vinny Poci

July 8 Keith Kimball

July 9 Sydney Graves

July 10 Rose Jacobs, Lindsey Reynolds

July 11 Sandi Cox

July 13 Matthew Hansen, Andrea Mallhi

July 14 Nathan Blackburn

July 15 Roger Jacobs, Jack Osborn

July 16 Sharon Prichard

July 19 Pam Clodfelter, Steve Downes

July 22 Aaron Marken

July 23 Tim Schwingle

July 24 Sadie Wendelken

July 25 Meghan Clodfelter

July 26 Beth Jacobs, Darla Stigall

July 27 Allison Valenzuela

July 28 Linda Kavran

July 31 Dayton Hayes, Harper Johnson



LET'S SPREAD SOME CHEER!
They all LOVE the cards you are sending!



Marion Quick	June Teachout	Gyneth Partridge
Allure #304	Allure #412	Windsor Manor
612 St Mary's Road	612 St Mary's Road	403 Scenic St Apt 516
Sterling, IL 61081	Sterling, IL 61081	Morrison, IL 61270

July 8am Worship

	Door Greeter	Ushers/Acolytes	Liturgist
7/3	Aaron & Derek Fitzanko	James Fitzanko	Wendy Fitzanko
7/10	Jan Glover	Lynn Majewski	Renee Duncan
7/17	Jan Glover	Katie, Grace, Lily Wetzell Tony McCombs	Katie/Grace Wetzell
7/24	Rory Smith	Rita Smith	Rory Smith
7/31	Jan Glover	Katie, Grace, Lily Wetzell Tony McCombs	Katie/Grace Wetzell

July 10am Worship

	Door Greeter	Ushers/Acolytes	Liturgist
7/3	Frank & Janne Rausa	Warren Heuck	Carolyn Heuck
7/10	Curt & Josh Greenfield	Mark & Sharon Taylor	Jaime Greenfield
7/17	Matt, Myla Wendelken	Stacey, Ellie, Sadie Wendelken	Stacey/Ellie Wendelken
7/24	Bill Parker	Greenfield Family	Elisa Gatz
7/31	Frank & Janne Rausa	Bill Parker	Elisa Gatz

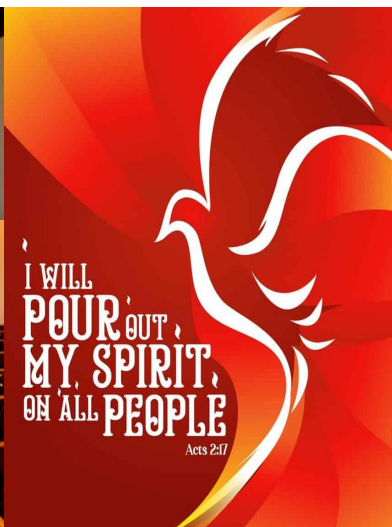
JULY Worship Schedule

- July 3** Colossians 3:8-9a, 12-15b; James 1:19
Words in Family
- July 10** Exodus 20:7, Psalm 19:14, John 1:1, 14a
In the Beginning Was the Word
- July 17** Genesis 6:5-8, 11-13
The Grief of God and Noah
- July 24** Genesis 6:14-18; 7:6, 12, 21
The Ark and the Flood
- July 31** Genesis 7:24; 8:1, 4, 18; 9:8-12
After the Flood

NIC Annual Conference 2022



June Pentecost Sunday





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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 post
sermons on Facebook and the website

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.
- **Laundry soap** is being collected for local pantries (July).
- **Travel-sized toiletries** for Bear Necessities and FISH pantries.
- **JULY Loose coins** to benefit: [Rockford Urban Ministries](#)