

The Chimes

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2022

From Our Pastor...

Church Events



(1) Kick-off Sunday is coming. We will have blessings of the backpack and hot dog Sunday on the second Sunday of September.



Students of all ages are invited to come with their backpacks and will have fun between the services starting at 9:15 am, and we will have Hot Dog Sunday after the 10 am service. It will be the time we celebrate the new school year and pray for our students, teachers, and staff.

Besides all the fun games and blessings, there will be a fun auction fundraising to support our teachers: throwing water balloons at the pastor. Rory Smith is making a standing target with a hole, and I will be standing behind it with my face in the hole. And the winners of the auction will throw water balloons. Doesn't it sound fun? Please let me know if you want to be a target with me. There will be a donation box so that you may contribute. All the proceeds from the event will be donated to purchase teachers' supplies for teachers in our school district.



For some, it is the first year of their new school. For some parents, it is the first time they send their children away. Many might be thrilled to begin a new journey of meeting new friends and participating in new sports or bands. Some of them might also be anxious to step into a new chapter

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Ongoing:

Tuesdays and Thursdays @4:00pm
Exercise Group in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Bible Study resumes
Sept. 14th @ 9:30am and 7:00pm

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

Remember the date:

Thurs., 9/1 @9:30am:
Greeting Card Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

Thurs., 9/1 @6:40pm:
Missions Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tue., 9/6 @7:00pm:
SPRC Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Sun., 9/11 morning events:
Blessing of the Backpacks (10am)
Education Team report (10am)
Hot Dog Sunday (11am)

Thurs., 9/15 @11:30am:
Ladies Lunch at Angelo's* (Dixon)
****Please reserve with Beth Mathew***
815-625-4381

Sun., 9/25 @10am service
First Bibles for 3rd graders

Tue., 9/27 @7:00pm:
Worship Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

of their lives with new friends, new teachers, and new environments. They all need our prayers and support.

It will also be a Kick-off Sunday as a couple of adult Bible study groups will resume and launch. Wednesday morning group (9:30 am) will resume and start a new study with a book, Reckless Love, facilitated by Jan Glover.



Thursday evening group (6:30 pm) will be facilitated by Nancy Pitsch with a book, Seated with Christ. Wednesday evening group (7:00 pm) will launch with 1 Corinthians. And you know our diligent and faithful Men's Group continues their Bible study Saturday at 8:00 am (breakfast at 7:00 am). There are so many things we celebrate in our beautiful community. And I encourage you to join one of them or more. Let us continue to bless, pray for, support, sometimes challenge (to grow together), and always encourage one another. Love you all.

(2) We will continue our current sermon series on some questions about Jesus. Those questions are asked by some thoughtful people: some of the faith and some of the unchurched, the non-churched, and even the anti-churched. Some are curious to know more about Jesus and grow in their faith. Some others are suspicious and skeptical about what the church talks about and teaches about Jesus. I believe all those questions might be used for us to learn and grow more in faith as we ponder together. I want to invite you to question with me, think about them, and resonate for yourself, as Martin Luther the Reformer once said, "Only mad man doesn't doubt," and John Wesley, the founder of our Methodist Movement, said, "as to all opinions which do not strike at the root of Christianity, we think and let think." I hope we continue our precious tradition of studying, praying, growing, and encouraging together.

Peace in Christ, *Rev. Paul Lee*

Worship Schedule for September

Sept. 4
Mark 1:14-15, Luke 17:20-21
Jesus' Teaching

Sept. 18
Matthew 16:13-17
Who Do You Say That I Am?

Sept. 11
Romans 5:6-8, 1 Cor. 1:18
Meaning of the Cross

Sept. 28
Pulpit Exchange
Rev. Rosa Lee

September 8am

Door Greeters	Ushers/ Acolytes	Liturgist
9/4 Lynn Majewski Jan Glover	Jan Davey Jeff Cedro	Jeff Davey
9/11 Jan Glover	Jan Davey Jeff Cedro	Jeff Davey
9/18 Derek & Aaron Fitzanko	James Fitzanko Jeff Cedro	Wendy Fitzanko
9/25 Jan Glover	Renee Duncan Jeff Cedro	Renee Duncan

September 10am

Door Greeters	Ushers/ Acolytes	Liturgist
9/4 Amy Bontz	Greg Bontz Jeff Cedro	Dave Fredericks
9/11 Amy & Greg Bontz	Steve Lopez Jeff Cedro	Amy Lopez
9/18 Matt Wendelken Ellie Wendelken	Sadie & Myla Wendelken Jeff Cedro	Stacey Wendelken
9/25 Jamie & Emily Schwingle	Devon, Jovie & Remy Flick	Aaron Flick

Missions and Events

2022 Upcoming Pantry Collections

September: Toilet paper

October: Bar soap

AUGUST *Loose Coins* went to
RefugeeOne

The total given: \$401.81 Thank you!

Loose coins collected for SEPTEMBER
will go to *UMCOR (Refugee / Migration)*

The 3rd Annual Missions Chili Cook
Off and Dessert Auction Fundraiser
will be held immediately
following second service.



October 16th

Please sign up to provide Chili or a Dessert

Sign up sheets are on
the Mission's Table
along with an
information sheet.
Trophies will be
awarded for 1st and
2nd around 12:30.



Encourage friends and family to come join us for a fun time!



CHURCH CONFERENCE

Nov. 7 (Mon), 7 PM

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We worship, work and play! (Food bank / Water park trip)



News and Thank you's

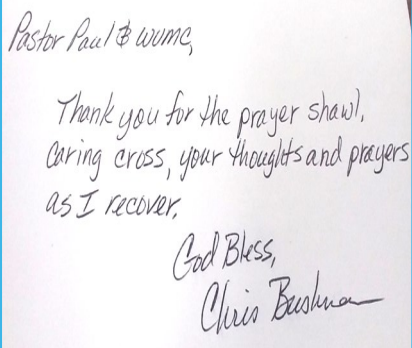
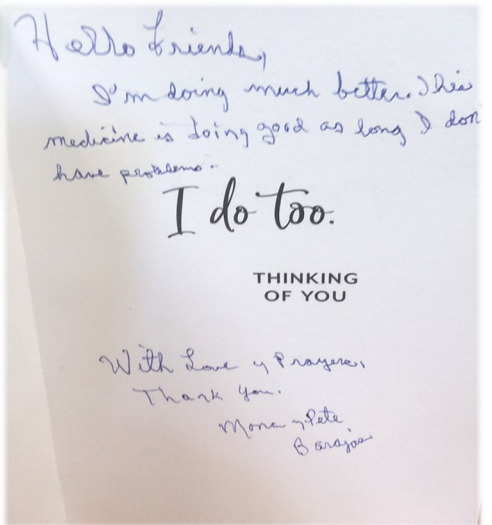
Hello Lunch Ladies,

We enjoyed our lunch at Angelos in Dixon and decided to return in September while the weather is good. Our date is 11:30 on **Thursday, September 15th**. I will send an e-mail asking for reservations closer to the time of our lunch.

See you in September,



Beth Mathew 815-625-4381



Greeting Card Ministry will meet Thursday, September 1 at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall to prepare cards. If you have time, stop in, help, and enjoy the conversation.

No experience necessary.
We hope to see you there!

Thank you to Mary Snavelly who has donated hundreds of stamps for Greeting Cards and regular church mailings.

Thank you, Mary!
We appreciate your thoughtfulness!

If you have a daughter or son in the **military, trade school, college, or university**, your Wesley UMC Family would like to remember them with monthly cards from October through April. Please email names and complete address to: office@sterlingwesley.org. Thank you!



Looking for something to do this winter? AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax-filing help to those who need it most. We are looking for compassionate and friendly people to join our volunteer team this upcoming tax season. We'll provide the training and you'll get a great feeling from helping someone else. Help is needed from greeting the tax payer to preparing the tax return. You do not need to be an AARP member. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Karen Berg at 815-625-5314.

Locations: The Whiteside Co. Senior Center and the YWCA



We thank you for helping us to target and meet the needs of the children in our communities through your support of the Let's Feed Our Children program.

Your gift has been invested in a service that is helping to create healthier, stronger children in our communities in order for them to grow up to be our future leaders.

Let's Feed Our Children

August 6, 2022

To the anonymous donor -
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Your wonderful gift to the Hooves and Fishes Breakfast Program was amazing! We have never received a gift like this one. The refrigerator is paid for, and we have money for other necessary items to keep the program functioning.

We are currently serving take-out meals four days a week; averaging 400+ meals. The need continues.

Your gift will be spent carefully and is much appreciated. Thank you again -
Sue Spate
corresponding secretary
Hooves and Fishes



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

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

Anniversaries

Sept. 10 Bill & Peg Burke

Sept. 14 Dave & Sharon Siex

Sept. 16 Louis & Barb Quick

Sept. 17 Al & Diane Rude

Sept. 28 Steve and Lynn Majewski

Birthdays

Sept 2 Steve Lopez

Sept. 5 Haleigh Freas, Brady Papoccia

Sept. 9 Karen Abele

Sept. 11 Nancy Wait

Sept. 12 Judy Randall

Sept. 14 Shannon Klausing

Sept. 16 JP Papoccia, Diantha Wentling

Sept. 21 Brooklynn Freas, Elisa Gatz

Sept. 22 Barb Quick

Sept. 23 Eric Canas

Sept. 24 Ashlei Behrens

Sept. 25 Judy Bushman, Jaz'Mya Castaneda, Nathaneal Rodriguez

Sept. 26 Jan Andersen, Alan Beggerow

Sept. 27 Pat Jacobs

Sept. 29 Susan Reese

Sept. 30 Janet Palmer

BLESSING opportunity!

Let's remember how much a note or card can bless others:

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



Gyneth Partridge
Homestead
403 Scenic St Apt 516
Morrison, IL 61270

Altar Flowers (\$20)

The following dates are available:

(September is full)

October: 23, 30

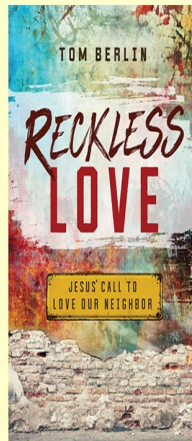
November: 27

December: 4, 11, 18

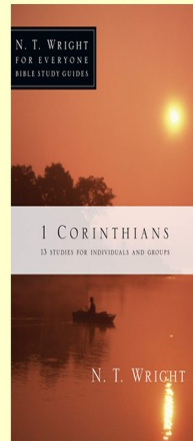
(please contact the office to reserve or just sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall)
Please feel free to take the flowers with you after services on the Sunday you provide them. Just return the vase to the church at your convenience.
Thank you!



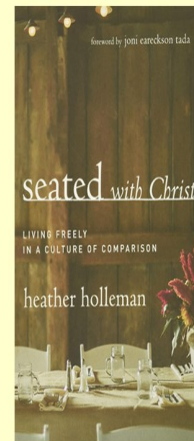
Bible Study



Wed. Morning



Wed. Evening

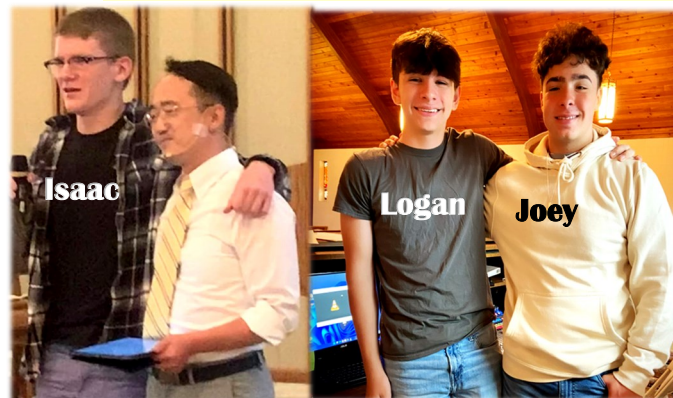


Thurs. Evening



Sat. Morning

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Do you remember when we used to stand up, hold our hymnals, find the page number, and then sing or read together? About 6 years ago, Wesley invested in an audio-visual system to streamline and enhance our worship services.

Our administrative assistant, Marla Boynton, sets up the graphics and the words we see on the screen. Many thanks!

Audio visual technicians were needed and eventually were filled by young adults in our church family.

Isaac Halverson, a recent SHS graduate, has been an A-V tech for 2 1/2 years. He LOVES playing the piano! Isaac is serving our country by enlisting in the National Guard. Isaac is training at Fort Jackson, SC. We'll miss you, Isaac! Thank you for your excellent work! We'll keep you in our prayers.

Logan Ayala must be our longest serving A-V tech, volunteering to help when he was 10. Logan is a sophomore at SHS and enjoys video games. Planning on college, Logan has an interest in computers. Logan trained our new A-V tech, Joey. Thanks for all you do!

Our new A-V team member is **Joey Cordell**, a sophomore at SHS. He enjoys gym, having fun with friends, and video. Joey is a wrestler. Majoring in stocks in college may be his future or becoming a welder or an electrician. We are happy to have you on our team, Joey! (submitted by Gloria Grant)

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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Join us for in-person Sunday services

8:00 am and 10:00 am

The service is also available 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.**
- **Toilet paper is being collected for local pantries (Sept.).**
- **Travel-sized toiletries are needed for Bear Necessities and FISH pantries.**
- **SEPTEMBER Loose coins to benefit: UMCOR (Refugee/Migration)**