

# The Chimes

OCTOBER 2022

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



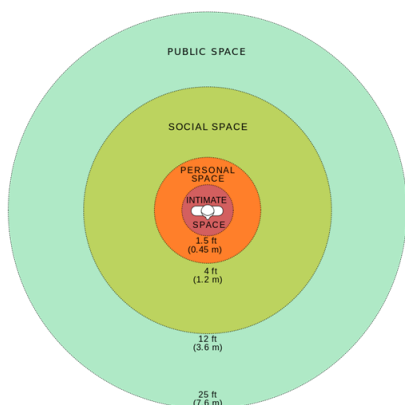
## A Note From Our Pastor...

### What Is Your Distance from God?

About a half-century ago, in his book *The Hidden Dimension*, Edward R. Hall, an

American anthropologist and cross-cultural researcher, describes the interpersonal distances that an individual creates in his/her relationship with other people in four distinct zone: (1) intimate space, (2) personal space, (3) social space, and (4) public space. Each discrete zone describes the pattern and impact of proxemic behavior in an individual's communication. And this study is also extended to "the organization of space in houses and buildings" and "cultures as well.

#### 1. "Intimate Distance" (0 to 18 inches)



Family members and beloved ones create close intimacy and relationship

#### 2. "Personal Distance" (1.5 to 4 feet)

The distance in which friends may have a daily conversation, but you may feel discomfort,

anxiety or even anger with people whom you feel less closed.

*Continued on page 2...*

## Opportunities this month:

### *Ongoing:*

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

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

Sunday Youth Groups: Middle School  
1:30—3:00 / High School 3:00—4:30

Wednesdays @9:30am and 7:00pm  
Thursdays @6:30pm  
Bible Study sessions

### Remember the date:

Sun. Oct. 2nd: World Communion Sunday  
(First Sunday special giving)

Mon. Oct 3rd: Trustees @6:00pm  
Nominations @7:00pm

Wed. Oct 4th: Staff meeting @noon

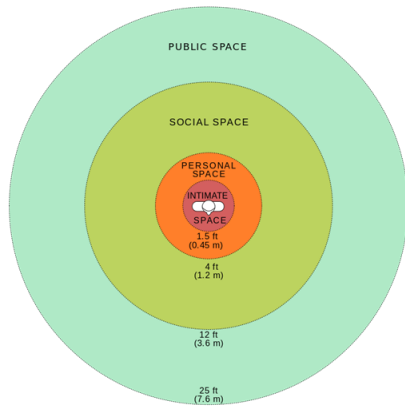
Thurs. Oct 6th: Greeting Cards group in  
Fellowship Hall @9:30am

Mon. Oct 10th: Admin Council @7:00pm

Sun. Oct 16th: CHILI COOKOFF and  
dessert auction after 10:00 service

Sun. Oct 30th: All Saints Sunday and  
poinsettia orders due

(message cont.)



### 3. “Social Distance” (4 to 12 feet)

The distance for interactions among acquaintances  
or for work

- The distance in which people express respect and attitude.

### 4. “Public Distance” (12 to 25 feet)

The distance for public speech in which the speaker may see the whole congregation and people may comfortably sit and listen.

While thinking of these four kinds of distances that Hall describes in our relations with others, I thought about our relationship with God? Are we close enough to ask and listen to God in our daily lives? Or are we making a distance from God so that we may feel comfortable from God’s plan and will in our lives? We are not perfect in the real world and our faith journey and coming close to God and being a person God wants us to be is our life-mission. Then, do we know where we are? If we are at a certain distance from God, are we willing and trying to come close and get into “Intimate Distance” with God?

I hope us to check where we are: in worshipping God, in being a person God wants us to be, in doing God’s mission in our church, lives, and work, and in loving our neighbors. My hope and prayer are that we as a community of faith walk close to God up to “Intimate Distance” and help one another to walk together in this journey. Amen.

### Worship schedule

**2nd** Matthew 17:20-21, 13:31-32  
“Mustard Seed”

**9th** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:6-7  
“Good and Evil”

**16th** Ephesians 6:10-13  
“Stand Firm”

**23rd** James 1:13-15  
“Who’s on the Throne?”

**30th** Ex. 20:7, Ephesians 4:30-32  
“Don’t Use God’s Name in Vain”

### Worship Helpers

#### October 8am

	Door Greeters	Ushers/ Acolytes	Liturgist
10/2	Jan Glover	Jeff Cedro	Mel Hurley
10/9	Jan Glover	Rita Smith Jeff Cedro	Rory Smith
10/16	Jan Glover	Rita Smith Jeff Cedro	Rory Smith
10/23	Jan Glover	Darla Ewing Jeff Cedro	Nancy Pltsch
10/30	Aaron & Derek Fitzanko	James Fitzanko Jeff Cedro	Wendy Fitzanko

#### October 10am

	Door Greeters	Ushers/ Acolytes	Liturgist
10/2	Mark Taylor	Sharon Taylor Jeff Cedro	Mel Hurley
10/9	Frank Rausa	Bill Parker Jeff Cedro	Mary Spitzer
10/16	Warren & Carolyn Heuck	Dave Fredericks Jeff Cedro	Dave Fredericks
10/23	Mark Taylor	Sharon Taylor Jeff Cedro	Nancy Pltsch
10/30	Bowen Mallhi Susie Cedro	Warren Heuck Jeff Cedro	Carolyn Heuck



# Missions / Announcements / Opportunities:

## **MISSIONS Corner:**

**September** Loose Coins total= **\$152.07**

(supporting UMCOR Refugee and Migration)

**October** Loose Coins collecting for: **PADS homeless shelter**

**October is a FIRST Sunday special giving (World Communion)**



**Sept. 11 School Supply fundraiser: \$150**



**Chili Cook-off & Dessert Auction  
October 16th, 2022**

## **Immediate donation for Immigrants**

- Small size clothing  
(especially socks and underwear/sports bras)
- First Aid kits (Band-aids, Bandages, etc)
- Medications for adults and children  
(e.g. Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, etc)
- Personal Hygiene items  
(toiletries, feminine products, etc)
- Duffle Bags/Small Suitcases



## **Altar Flowers (\$20)**

The following dates are available for altar flowers:

**October 30**

**November** (full)

**December 4**

Please contact the office to reserve a date or just sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall. Payments can be mailed to/dropped off at the office.  
Thank you!



## **Poinsettias**



We are taking orders/dedication information for poinsettias. Please have these reserved by Oct. 30th. You may choose white or red, and the cost is \$10 per plant. Thank you!

We will be doing college care packages on Tue., Oct 25th. If you have a child in college who would like to receive a package, please call the church office with his/her address by October 4th so we can purchase enough supplies. If you would like to help shop or pack boxes please call Sue Abate at 815-625-0539.

**Thank you.**



**Come join us as we prepare**

**October greeting cards**

for our congregation. We meet at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall, Thursday, Oct. 6th.

It's fun to work, visit, and catch up.

No experience necessary. Hope to see you there!





## Birthdays

October 2 Rick Palmer  
 October 6 Lynette Ceruzzi  
 October 9 Kay Bierman  
 October 10 Roger Wait  
 October 12 Mary Terrie Snavelly  
 October 13 Seiler Noble, Cameron Taylor  
 October 14 Steve Majewski, Mary Newlon

October 16 Jeff Cedro  
 October 18 Tim Cox, Nicole Peterson  
 October 22 Janay Dalton  
 October 27 David Siex  
 October 28 Ellie Wendelken, Heather Johnson  
 October 29 Denver Wasson  
 October 30 Cory Duncan



## THANK YOU

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and continued prayers for Wesley UMC. As many of you know I am training your new Administrative Assistant. My original "retirement" plans were put on hold by the pandemic, so working with all of you was such a blessing! My husband and I are now ready to travel a bit more freely and at the very least, go south for the winters. Thank you for your love and support during my time here.  
 Til we meet again! (Marla)

And now, please welcome: **Linda Dirks!!!**  
 (I'm sure she will introduce herself in the Nov. Chimes)

Hello,  
 Thank you very much for taking our mom into your church family. She really enjoyed the cards that were sent to her. Please accept this donation in her memory. Please use as you see fit.  
 Thanks again  
 Kala + Roger Maxwell + family  
 Allen + Kris Partridge + family

*Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow.*

*Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.*

*The family of  
 Lyneth Partridge*

## Sympathy

Our sympathy to the family of Paul Dvorachek, the husband of Wesley's former pastor, Nancy Dvorachek. He passed away Sept. 10 in Manitowoc, WI. Contact info:  
 Pastor Nancy Dvorachek  
 4910 Elmer Lane  
 Manitowoc, WI 59220



## Anniversaries

October 4 Russ & Mary Spitzer  
 October 8 Kevin & Sarah Gabrielse,  
 October 9 Andy & Nancy Pitsch  
 October 28 Bob & Cheryl Allen



## BE A BLESSING!

**A simple note or card can greatly bless others:**

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



**AS ALWAYS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS:**

**[office@sterlingwesley.org](mailto:office@sterlingwesley.org) / 815-625-1968**

• **There is a mirror from the women's restroom free for the taking. Approx. 2' x 3' It was last on a table out by the gazebo doorway.**

You Look Marvelous!



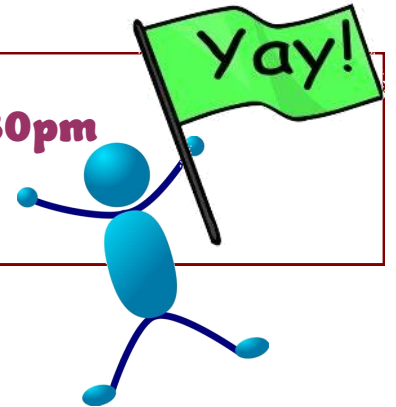
## Special Giving Opportunity



**October 2nd is *World Communion Sunday (and a FIRST Giving Sunday)* and with our support the NIC can make a global impact for Christ by supporting a diverse mix of national and international ethnic young adults. Half of the offering benefits World Communion Scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries; the remainder assists Ethnic Scholarships for U.S. and international undergraduates studying in the U.S. and Ethnic In-Service Training. These funds are administered by the General Boards of Higher Education and Ministry**

**YOUTH GROUPS HAVE BEGUN!!!**

**Middle School 1:30-3pm High School 3-4:30pm  
Every SUNDAY! See you there!**

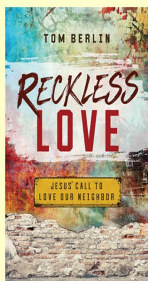


## Men's Group Outing

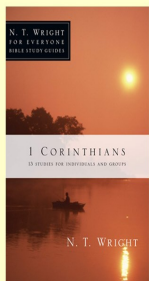




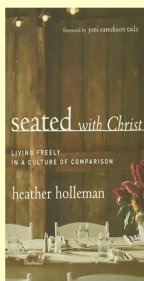
## Bible Study



Wed. Morning



Wed. Evening



Thurs. Evening



Sat. Morning

**Wesley**  
UNITED METHODIST



## CHURCH CONFERENCE

Nov. 7 (Mon), 7 PM

**Wesley**  
UNITED METHODIST



## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Please contact Pastor Paul.

**Wesley**  
UNITED METHODIST

Let us pray for farmers  
in this harvest season



**Wesley**  
UNITED METHODIST



# SEPT 11 FALL KICKOFF *celebration* AND *school blessings*





## Wesley United Methodist Church

2200 16<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Sterling, IL 61081

### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Wesley United Methodist Church

Phone: (815) 625-1968

Website: [www.sterlingwesley.org](http://www.sterlingwesley.org)

Email: [office@sterlingwesley.org](mailto:office@sterlingwesley.org)

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Join us for in-person Sunday services  
8:00 am and 10:00 am

We will continue to Livestream  
worship 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.
- **Bar soap** is being collected for local pantries in October.
- Travel-sized toiletries for Bear Necessities and FISH pantries.
- OCTOBER Loose coins to benefit: Pads Homeless Shelter

