

The Chimes

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 2023

From Our Pastor...

Community Care Team

I have been talking about the four aspects/purposes of the church since last year, during sermons, leadership training, small groups, and in the Chimes newsletter. These four aspects are: Kerygma (the Word of God), Didache (Education), Diakonia (Service), and Koinonia (Fellowship). - Please find the Chimes of July and August 2022. Please find the chart below to recognize what Wesley family does in four areas - These essential elements define a community as the body of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, in alignment with our denominational mission statement to make disciples of Jesus Christ and transform the world.

Emerging from the pandemic, we have made significant progress and growth in various areas of ministry. Teams and committees have revisited their job descriptions and reestablished a collective rhythm of effort to revitalize our church's ministry. I express my utmost gratitude to all the leaders and team members for their dedication. There is one more action we are taking to deepen our faith in action and serve our local community, aligning with the four aspects of the church.

An initiative to create the Community Care Team was approved by the Administrative Council earlier this year. In March 20, seven of us gathered to brainstorm and shape the team, sharing numerous excellent ideas to serve the local community. I would like to share the team's decisions and how we plan to expand our circle of ministry.

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Church Events

Wednesdays: 7:00pm
Bible study (Fellowship Hall)

Saturdays: 8-9:30am
Men's Bible study (Fireside Room)

Thursday, June 1 @9:30am
Greeting Card Ministry
(Fellowship Hall)

June 6-8 NIC Annual Conference
(Schaumburg, IL)

June 8 Celebration of Life for
Jeff Cedro 6:00pm (Visitation
3:00-6:00)

June 18th is Father's Day!

June 18-24 Joy Camp at Camp
Reynoldswood (Dixon)

June 26-29 VBS Wesley UMC
9-11:30am each day PreK-5th

June 30 VBS Evening celebration





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Firstly, we have decided to launch an informative team that provides opportunities to serve the local community. Instead of creating individual ministries such as food pantries, thrift shops, or specific services like afterschool programs or Buddy Bags, the team will gather information and invite people to participate in collective work. The group has identified ten opportunities: 1) Fish Food Pantry & Breakfast Program, 2) Domestic Violence, 3) CGH Hospital Volunteer, 4) CGH Foundation, 5) School Mentoring Program, 6) After-school Program, 7) Habitat for Humanity, 8) Reynoldswood Camp, 9) United Way, and 10) Houses and Small Churches. We are currently compiling brief information about these ten ministry opportunities and will soon create a flyer and a board in the Fellowship Hall. The next step will involve scheduling one or two service projects on a regular basis, perhaps once a month or every other month. The group has also discussed the possibility of a future mission trip.

You may be curious about the last opportunity mentioned, Houses and Small Churches. This initiative will build upon an existing program of some churches called NOMADS. Some of our Wesley members have already helped repair their neighbors' houses, with the homeowners providing materials while they meet maintenance needs. Similarly, some small local churches face challenges in maintaining their aging buildings due to a shortage of trustees and resources. In this case, the church will provide materials, and a group of people will assist with their maintenance needs. Even helping one church per year would provide significant support and enable the small church to continue serving its community. For this project, we may collaborate with other churches in our county or district to form a group.

During the Wesley Leadership Training earlier this year, I introduced a Latin word that encapsulates what we do as a faith community—Leiturgia. It literally means "service and work for the people," derived from the words "laos" (people) and "ergon" (work). The early church embraced this concept in their ministry, serving one another, the community of faith, and the local community.

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June Worship Schedule

- June 4** Isaiah 64:8; 65:16-20, Mark 4:35-41 "Potter and Clay"
- June 11** Guest preacher: D.S. Rev. Dr. Brian Gilbert
- June 18** Annual Conference Presentation
- June 25** Matthew 7:12, 22:35-40 "Golden Rule"

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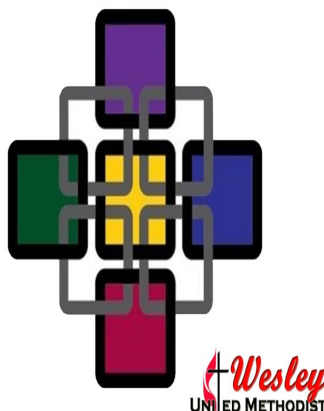
We have numerous opportunities to practice Leitura within our ministries. You can practice Leitura by leading worship as the liturgist or through special music performances. Teaching Matthew's Meeting, Bible studies, and Vacation Bible School also embodies Leitura. Preparing for Coffee Hours, 5th Sunday Potlucks, and engaging in the Card Ministry are further examples. Additionally, participating in mission/service projects enables us to practice Leitura. The Community Care Team will provide us with many opportunities to strengthen our ministries and practice Leitura in service to our local community. Please don't hesitate to contact the office or Pastor Paul, if you have ideas and suggestions. Please stop by anytime if you have interest and love to join. The office door is open to all.

Four Aspects/Purpose of the Church

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)

June 6-8, 2023 Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center
184th Northern Illinois Annual Conference

*Connected
in Christ*
Come to the Table



Annual Conference Participants

Jean Moe

Frank Rausa

Elisa Gatz

Pastor Paul Lee

If you would like to provide altar flowers in honor of someone special, please contact the office: 815-625-1968 / office@sterlingwesley.org Or sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$20 and upcoming available dates include: **August 20, Sept 10,17,24**



We welcome *Dr. Edita Danaiaata* to the music ministry of Wesley! She will help temporarily with our worship music and accompaniment needs. Thank you, Edita, for this ministry!



Rock Falls

Coloma Homes (Near Main Office)
Merrill School (Front Door)
Rock Falls Public Library (Lobby)
Wallingford Park (Shelter)

Sterling


Broadway Methodist
Latin American Social Club
Salvation Army
Scheid Park (Shelter)
St. Paul Lutheran
Sterling Public Library (Back Lot)
Ster-Lynn Apartments

Let's Feed the Children


Please contact **Roberta Fredericks** to help with packing (Tuesdays at St. Paul's Church) and/or distributing (Wednesdays at various locations):

roberta.fredericks@gmail.com 815-441-0825

JUNE 8:00 am
Worship helpers

Door Greeter(s)	Usher/Acolytes 	Liturgist
6/4 Jan Glover	Lynn Majewski	Mel Hurley
6/11 Jan Glover	Lynn Majewski	Nancy Pitsch
6/18 Jan Glover	Rita Smith, Parker Wetzell	Rory Smith
6/25 Jan Glover	Parker Wetzell	Amy Lopez

JUNE 10:00 am
Worship helpers

Door Greeter(s)	Usher/Acolytes 	Liturgist	Matthew Mtgs Leaders
6/4 Frank & Janne Rausa	Flick Family	Mary Spitzer	Devon & Aaron Flick Rene Morris
6/11 Andy Pitsch	Nancy Pitsch	Aaron Marken	Amy & Steve Lopez
6/18 Rich Halverson	Elias Halverson	Johanna Cravatta	Mel Hurley Rene Morris
6/25 Mark & Sharon Taylor	Steve Lopez	Amy Lopez	Rebecca Tieman Shannon Klausing

Announcements

May Loose Coins went to
Let's Feed Our Children
The total received = \$180

Bishop's Appeal (migrant needs) = \$1000

Fill-the-truck (Midwest Dist.) = \$400

June's Loose Coins will go to
Reynoldswood Christian Camp

Thank you, everyone, for supporting these important ministries.

We share very sad news with our Wesley family of the passing of **Jeff Cedro**.

Visitation will be at Wesley UMC on Thursday, June 8 from 3:00—6:00 with a Celebration of Life at 6:00.

Cards/notes may be sent to:

Austin & Alyssa Cedro
1705 39th Ave
Sterling, IL 61081

Susie Cedro
807 B Village Ln.
Sterling, IL 61081



2023 Upcoming Pantry Collections

June: shampoo

July: laundry detergent

August: toothpaste

Thank you

We will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month which is **June 15th @11:30**.

Ladies' Lunch

Please contact me with your Reservation.



Beth Mathew
815-625-4381

The Greeting Card Group Meets **Thursday, June 1st**

At 9:30am in Fellowship Hall—

All who would like to help with this much appreciated ministry are encouraged to attend!
We look forward to seeing everyone!

Please sign up to host coffee time between services. Its easy!!

Everything is ready

Show up by 9:15 or so

Smile and visit

Clean off counters and tables and rinse coffee pots when done

Put creamers back in frig

Takes 15 minutes (really!!!)

Please help support this much loved fellowship time.

Sign up sheets on counter by the donuts!!

July and August now open hurry and sign up!!!



Trinity UMC

(Sterling) The church is closing as of June 30th.

The food pantry there is discontinued after May

30th, but the School Supply Closet is relocating--- stay tuned!

5/13/23
Dear Wesley -
Thank you so much for your recent generous donation to the Loaves and Fishes breakfast program! We greatly appreciate your continued support.
We are now averaging about 150-200 meals a day. The need continues and we couldn't survive without community support.
Thank you again -
Sue Abate
Corresponding Secretary
Loaves and Fishes

Dear Wesley Church family,
Thank you for your support during this difficult time. Your words, kindness and love have been a comforting blessing to our family. It will always be remembered.
God Bless
Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow.
Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.
The family of
Rose Jacobs

Thank you for Thinking of Twin Cities PADS Homeless Shelter as the recipient of **\$910.98** to help our continued efforts to address the homeless issues in our Community. Our organization strives to help between 60 and 100 homeless persons in our community each and every year.

As always, your donation is tax deductible. For your records, our tax exempt number is **36-3711464**. The grant received will be used for our operational expenses and no goods or services will be provided to your organization in exchange for the funds received.

Again, our organization is most grateful for the funds received. We appreciate your continued support!

Sincerely,

Myles Newberry

Congratulations 2023 Graduates!



8th Grade



Jaz'Mya Castaneda	Challand Middle School
Aaron Fitzanko	Reagan Middle School (Dixon)
Matthew Gabrielse	Challand Middle School
Megan Stutzke	Challand Middle School

High School

Lenna Drew	Rochelle High School
Jack Graves	Sterling High School
James Morris	Sterling High School
Blake Parker	Rock Falls High School
Jason Zinke	Dixon High School

College/University

Olivia Schwingle	w/Honors from Carl Sandburg
Sierra Sotelo	Aurora University (Master's)
Nick Ceruzzi	Western Illinois University

We wish you well! Keep in touch with your Wesley family!

Congratulations to these 2023 Lyon Scholarship award recipients:

**Lenna Drew
Jack Graves
Jack Morris
Jason Zinke**



Anniversaries

June 4	Matt & Stacey Wendelken
June 7	Craig & Jessica Truedson
June 11	Don & Tracy DuRall
June 14	Rory & Rita Smith
June 17	Warren & Carolyn Heuck
June 20	Dave & Linda Kavran
June 21	Pastor Al and JJ Campbell
June 28	Bruce & Debbie Kramer



Birthdays

June 1	Evan Melton, Rachel Kramer
June 2	Matthew Gabrielse
June 4	Sharon Wasson**
June 5	Austin Allen, Judy Dennis
June 6	Dave Abele, Brad Graves
June 7	Doug Brandau
June 8	Michele Drew
June 9	Rebecca Tieman
June 10	Rene Morris
June 11	Pastor Rosa Lee
June 12	Dave Fredericks
June 13	Phyllis Stutzman



June 14	Carolyn Heuck, Jeremy Taylor-Vrhel
June 18	Xena Fullmer
June 19	Sharon Taylor
June 21	Amy Vierung-Bontz
June 22	Myla Wendelken
June 23	Andy Pitsch, Mark Taylor
June 26	Mike Drew
June 28	Cheryl Allen, Cory Canas
June 29	Chris Bushman, Darlene Davis, Eric Fredericks Linda Perry
June 30	Jackson Lyon, Marianne Rosser



****Sharon Wasson is turning 80 this month! If you wish to send a card:**

487 S. Sky Ranch Rd Sierra Vista, AZ 85635



**Marion Quick
Allure #304
612 St Mary's Road
Sterling, IL 61081**

**Janet Palmer
7859 Cunniff Rd
Rock Falls, IL
61071**

**Jillian Parker
1023 Annabelle Ln
Sterling, IL
61081**



Thank you, Judy bushman! We will miss your music ministry!



Tribute choir

and



Retirement Reception

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful retirement reception. Thank you for the cards, gifts, hugs and well wishes. It would have been 18 years this August. I regret having to leave the organ but the time has come when it is best I do so. Everyone has been wonderful, I will still be at church but I am taking a few weeks off first. Thank you for all the love and support you have shown me.

Judy Bushman

Sterling Buddy Bags We will be collecting food items all summer long

Ways to Give

Mail

You can mail donations to First Presbyterian Church using the enclosed envelope. Put Buddy Bags in the memo of your check.

Online

Go to www.firstpresbyteriansterling.org and click on "Giving" then make your donation online. If you give online, please send us an email to let us know that you want your gift to go to Buddy Bags.

EFT Pledge

We can set up a regular pledge using Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Just use the form on our website or call First Presbyterian Church and we will be happy to help you.

Food items we are collecting at Wesley UMC

Meats, Soups, and Pasta

Vegetable Beef Soup
Chicken Soup
Mac and Cheese
Mini Beef Ravioli
Beefaroni
Mini Spaghetti
Chicken Salad with Crackers
Tuna Salad with Crackers
Ham Salad with Crackers
Beanie Weenies
Hormel Completes (or similar)

Fruits, Juices and Vegetables

Raisins (single serving boxes)
100% Juice Boxes
Vegetable Cups
Applesauce
Fruit Cups

Breakfast Items

Cereal Boxes
Granola Bars
Breakfast Bars
Pop Tarts

Snack Foods

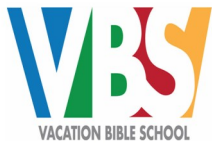
Cheese sticks
Cheese Crackers
Peanut Butter Crackers
Breadsticks and Cheese
Animal Crackers
Gold Fish Crackers
Non-refrigerated Pudding
Non-refrigerated Jello Cups
Pretzels
Potato Chips

Church cleaning / work day— Thank you, helpers!



Graduation / Lyon Scholarship





June 26 (Mon) ~ 29 (Thurs)
9:00 AM ~ 11:30 AM
June 30 (Fri)
Evening Celebration Cookout!

Get ready to set sail this summer at Sterling Wesley UMC!
We are thrilled to welcome all preK-5th graders to our **Pirates of the Possibilities** VBS program! From June 26-29th 9:00am to 11:30am, join us for games, music, snacks and of course, wonderful Bible stories!

Sign ups and registration forms for our participants can be found in the Fellowship Hall, as well as a sign up sheet for those wanting to contribute to the purchase of snacks! We are so thankful for the support of our Wesley Community, and cannot wait to meet you on the high seas!!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mel at, melissahurley08@gmail.com, or the Wesley office.

Thank you all so much! See (or sea) you soon!



Youth going into 5th grade through High School Seniors there's STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR JOY CAMP! Take my word, you don't want to miss JOY CAMP 2023! Register online at www.niccamp.org (Outdoor & Retreat Ministries) pay the initial \$50 deposit and our Endowment Fund from church graciously picks up the rest!
Dates Sunday, June 18th 3-5pm drop off - Saturday, June 24th 10am pick up at Camp Reynoldswood in Dixon, IL!
Contact Nancy Pistch 815-499-3802 for questions or more details!





July 15 (Sat), 2023

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Davey.





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Wesley United Methodist Church

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Website: www.sterlingwesley.org

Email: 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 share the sermon
on **Facebook** and our **website**

<https://www.facebook.com/SterlingWesleyUMC>

www.sterlingwesley.org

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:

- Shampoo and travel-sized toiletries for local pantries.
- ♦ Buddy Bags— all summer long! See the information and needs in this newsletter
- Loose coins for JUNE to benefit: Reynoldswood Christian Camp (Dixon, IL).