

The Chimes

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AUGUST 2023



From Our Pastor...

Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, 'Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from hurt and harm!' And God granted what he asked.

- 1 Chronicles 4:10

A friend of mine from Florida said it was challenging to adjust to the four seasons in the Midwest, especially the cold and windy winters with heavy snow because where he came from, they only had hot, hot, hot, and less hot weather.

We are blessed to witness the beauty of nature with its four seasons. We know that Spring is coming when we see the dark brown grass in the yard turn green and flowers persistently survive and bloom again. With the Spring revival of nature, we may glimpse Jesus' promise of life after Earth. That's why we are looking forward to new beginnings and excited to see what God unfolds in the new chapter of life.

Another school year will begin soon, and kids will be busy shopping for their bags, books, and notebooks. They might want to spend more time hanging out with their friends, enjoying the last moments of their summer break. And they might find themselves in chaos with things that still need to be sorted out.

Let us keep all the kids, teachers, and school staff in our prayers and support. When we pray for them, I hope you remember Jabez's prayer, asking, "God, bless me and enlarge my border. . .

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Church Events

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

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

August dates to remember:

Thurs., the 3rd @9:30am:
Greeting Card Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
Missions meeting @6:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

Sun., the 13th:
Blessing of the Backpacks and Youth kick-off
Sunday! **One service @9:30am outdoors—**
Hot dogs! Get your hot dogs! And WATER
SLIDE FUN!

Tue., the 15th @7:00pm:
Worship Team (Fellowship Hall)

Thur., the 17th:
Ladies' luncheon (contact Beth Mathew to
reserve: 815-625-4381)

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...*Have your hand be with me and keep me from hurt and harm.*" Jabez is not a prominent figure in the Bible.

You can find his name in only two verses in the first book of Chronicles. But his prayer is beautiful, asking God to grant our fundamental life needs. It is a prayer that we humbly ask God to consent to all of us, regardless of our age. Let's continue to keep one another in our prayers and support.

We will have the Blessing of the Backpacks on August 13 (Sunday). We will have one worship service at 9:30 am around the Gazebo. It will be a time for all of us. Kids will have fun, and we will enjoy fellowship with hot dogs. We will have a moment of worship, blessing our children, teachers, and staff. And we will bless one another. As we bless one another, I hope you hold Jabez's prayer deeply in your heart. "Lord, bless me and enlarge my border. Walk with me and have your hand be with me. Keep me from hurt and harm." I pray that the answer to Jabez's prayer will be ours, too: "God granted what he/she asked."

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Paul Lee

August 8am

August Worship Schedule		Door Greeter(s)	Usher/Acolytes	Liturgist
6th	Rev. Al Campbell	8/6 Lynn Majewski	Rebecca Tieman Shannon Klausing	Mel Hurley
13th	1 Chronicles 4:10, Jeremiah 18:6 Lord, Bless Us and Enlarge Our Border	8/13 (9:30 service only today)		
20th	1 Chronicles 4:10, Jeremiah 17:7-8 Prayer of Jabez	8/20 Jan Glover	Rebecca Tieman Shannon Klausing	Pam Clodfelter
27th	1 Chronicles 4:10, Galatians 2:20, Acts 2:17 Prayer of Jabez	8/27 Jan Glover	Rebecca Tieman Shannon Klausing	Rene Morris Something new! J

August 10am*

Door Greeter(s)	Usher/Acolytes	Liturgist	Matthew Mtgs Leaders
8/6 Stacey Wendeklen Myla Wendelken	Ellie & Sadie Wendelken Steve Lopez	Matt Wendelken	Devon & Aaron Flick
8/13 Abriana Poci & Bella *9:30 service today	Rebecca Tieman Shannon Klausing Andy Pitsch Steve Lopez	Aaron Marken	(no Matthew mtg today) Blessing of backpacks and fall kick-off
8/20 Abriana Poci & Bella	Andy Pitsch Steve Lopez	Amy Lopez	Carrie Halverson Elias Halverson
8/27 Greenfield Family	Greenfield Family Steve Lopez	Rene Morris Something new! J	Stacey Stutzke Megan Stutzke

Missions / Notes

2023 Upcoming Pantry Collections

August: Toothpaste

September: Toilet paper

Search

A musician (pianist/organist) to assist in worship on Sundays and with special music or events as needed. We all know how important music is to the heart of worship! Please help in the search if you can!

Job information and application available through the office or at these links:

[Job Description Organist \(1\).pdf](#)

<https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx...>

Ladies,



In August we are going to
Arthur's Garden Deli. The date is
Thursday, August 17th

Please reserve in advance with Beth
Mathew, 815-625-4381

Loose Coins

*checks are welcome also—

Make them out to Wesley UMC with memo: Loose Coins. Or just include a note with how to distribute partial amounts of your total check. (\$__ to Mission, \$__ to Loose Coins, \$__ General, etc.)

July coins went to

Jennings-Lyon Day Home

Total received (at printing): \$136.45

July's Fifth Sunday giving = \$ 70.00
went to Native American Ministries

AUGUST Loose Coins will benefit
RefugeeOne :

Based in Chicago, *RefugeeOne* creates opportunity for refugees fleeing war, terror, and persecution to build new lives of safety, dignity, and self-reliance.

Thank you so much for sharing your
compassion and generosity!



June 7, 2023

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at Wesley UMC,

We want to express our sincere gratitude for your generous donation of \$606.94 to the ministry of Midwest Mission.

Your gift makes it possible for us to continue our mission of actively showing God's love in a practical way to those who need help in their time of crisis. We regularly hear stories from people who have accepted the tangible resources we send. In 2022, for every \$1 spent, \$7.85 of humanitarian aid was sent. That's your financial support multiplied through faith. Importantly, the intangible gifts of prayer, love through Jesus, hope, and empowerment are life changing.

Your donation may help someone who needs basic hygiene resources to keep them clean and safe from disease, or a newborn who needs the warmth of a blanket and a mother who needs the handmade diapers and washcloth to help care for her infant. Your gift may help a father who needs the nutrition of a rice meal to get through a hard day's work and to feed his family, or it might provide Home Care Kits to a community in the aftermath of a hurricane, tornado, or fire. Your donation extends our outreach and makes a tremendous impact on so many lives.

We are honored to have you as part of our family of supporters. Your donation allows us to create more opportunities for meaningful change for others to have a better future. With your gift, we continue to send hope and empowerment around the world and around the corner. Your prayers and financial support matter.

In gratitude,

Chantel Corrie

Chantel Corrie
Executive Director

Lisa Rigoni

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Development Manager

PS. Please know that we at Midwest Mission pray over the recipients of the gifts your donation helps garner, the volunteers who assemble and repurpose those supplies, and we pray for you with gratitude through Christ's love. We appreciate your continued prayers and support as we send humanitarian aid in the form of disaster relief, health, education, and micro business supplies in the name of Jesus.

No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. Midwest Mission Distribution Center is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. EIN 37-1391589 This gift(s) will not be placed in a donor advised fund or supporting organization unless otherwise designated.

SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT
around the world and around the corner



This will kick-off our youth activities also! We look forward to YOUTH GROUP which will meet from 1:00 — 3:00 Sunday afternoon, Aug. 13th!

Dress for water activities/fun! There will be a water slide and games after the 9:30 service!



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



October 1st

Please sign up to provide Chili or a Dessert

Sign up sheets will be on the Mission's Table along with an information sheet at the end of August. Trophies will be awarded for 1st and 2nd around 12:30. Encourage friends and family to come join us for a fun time!

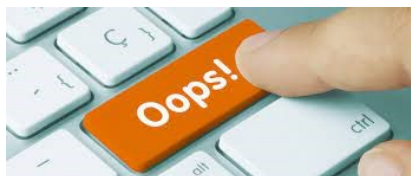


Sunday Potluck and Ice Cream Social (July 30th)



Habitat Crew (July 15th) Thank you to all who came to help!





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

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

Anniversaries

Aug. 9 Tim & Sandi Cox,

Aug. 10 Dave & Karen Abele, Mike & Lynette (Tootie) Ceruzzi,
Greg & Amy Bontz, Aaron & Devon Flick

Aug. 20 James & Linh Melton

Aug. 21 Steve & Mary Michel

Aug. 25 Randy & Pam Clodfelter

Aug. 27 Mark & Sharon Taylor

Birthdays

Aug. 2 Jean Moe

Aug. 3 Nancy Pitsch, Malorie Grennan

Aug. 6 Fred Duncan, Rita Smith, Dave Carrion

Aug. 7 Johanna Cravatta

Aug. 13 Arianna Cravatta, Jakob Vetter

Aug. 14 Matt Greenfield

Aug. 16 Kris Quick

Aug. 17 Debbie Kramer

Aug. 18 Shay Papoccia, Jan Stutzke

Aug. 19 Lowell Jacobs, Katie Herath

Aug. 20 Darla Ewing, Matt Wendelken

Aug. 21 Curt Greenfield, Rory Smith

Aug. 22 Bill Burke

Aug. 25 Russ Spitzer, Tori Stutzke

Aug. 28 Carrie Halverson

Aug. 29 Glenda Seradilla

Aug. 31 Louis Quick



LET'S SPREAD SOME CHEER!

Jean Partridge

(She is home!) 1503 4th Ave.

Sterling, IL 61081

Janet Palmer

7859 Cunniff Rd

Rock Falls, IL 61071

Jillian Parker

1023 Annabelle Ln

Sterling, IL 61081



Altar Flowers (\$20)

The following dates are available for altar flowers:

August 20
Sept. 17,24
Oct. 22, 29
Nov. 26
Dec. 10,17



(Contact the office to reserve a date or just sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall. Please include who they are for and who they are from.)

Thank you!



We have a new address for
Bruce and Debbie Kramer:

5530 Strickler Rd
Clarence, NY 14031

*We wish them well!!
We will miss them!!*

Wesley's Greeting Card Ministry and friends recently gathered to sort through the cards and reorganize them. It was a job well done.

Thank you to all who were able to help!



*The Greeting Card Ministry will meet
Thursday, August 3 at 9:30 AM in
Fellowship Hall. Come join us. It's fun,
blesses people, and doesn't take very much
time!*

Phyllis Wahl Stutzman, 95,
of Sterling died July 17, 2023
surrounded by family.
Please keep her husband,
Allen "Luther" and her
daughter Kay (Steve)
Bierman and the rest of
the family in your prayers.
She is greatly missed.



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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Join us for Sunday services

8:00 am and 10:00 am

We will continue to share the message
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:

- **Toothpaste** is being collected for local pantries (August).
- **Travel-sized toiletries** for Bear Necessities and FISH pantries.
- **AUGUST Loose coins to benefit RefugeeOne:** Your gifts create life-changing opportunities for refugees by providing housing support, English lessons, job coaching, mental health care, youth services and more. Chicago has placed and is working with almost 2000 Ukraine refugees. They also serve people of Iraq, the Congo, Afghanistan, the Sudan, Somalia, and much more.