

\*Our e-version has additional pages, pics and information. Available on the website and through email.

# The Chimes

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 2024



## From Our Pastor...

Greetings, Sterling Wesley family.

I feel led to share some thoughts on the Bible and encourage you, focusing on the transformative power of God's Word. One of my favorite Bible verses is 2 Timothy 3:16a: "All Scripture

is inspired by God."

This passage beautifully encapsulates the divine origin and profound purpose of the Bible. Every Word in the Bible is not a dead fossil written for people thousands of years ago only. It is God-breathed, offering us wisdom, guidance, and correction. It means that when we read, meditate, and study the Bible, God breathes into us with God's wisdom, inspiration, courage, and strength so that we are equipped to do God's work, growing in righteousness and faithfulness.

John Wesley, the founder of our Methodist Movement, said, "Homo Unius Libri," which means, "Let me be a man of the Bible." Wesley's profound commitment to the Bible as his primary guide for faith and life is a powerful example for us all. His singular focus on the Scriptures reminds us that the Bible remains our ultimate source of truth and direction in an age of countless voices and distractions.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to read, meditate, and study the Bible. This practice is not merely an academic exercise but a spiritual discipline that allows us to listen to God's voice. By immersing ourselves in the Scriptures, we internalize God's teachings, enabling us to live out God's commandments in our daily lives. This deep engagement with the Word transforms our hearts and minds, shaping us into faithful followers of Christ who reflect his love and

*Continued on page 2...*

## Church Events

**Tues/Thurs: 4:00-5:00 pm**

**Exercise Group** (Fellowship Hall)

**Saturdays: 8:00 am**

**Men's Bible study** (Fireside Room)

**Thursday, June 6 @9:30am**

**Greeting Card Ministry**

(Fellowship Hall)

**June 10-13 VBS Wesley UMC**

**9-11:30am each day PreK-5th**

**June 14 VBS Celebration**

**Cookoff at 5:30 PM**

**Sun. June 16 – Father's Day,**

**Graduation Sunday, Lyon**

**Scholarship Award**

**Wed. June 19– Juneteenth**

**Thur. June 20 – Ladies Luncheon**

**Galena's Steak House at 11:30 am**

**June 23 - 29 – Joy Camp**

**Reynoldswood Camp**



grace to the world.

I am excited to announce a new sermon series focused on the critical importance of reading the Bible to encourage further and equip us in our commitment to God's Word. This series will cover why it is essential to read the Bible, practical ways to engage with the Scriptures, and the impact of God's Word on our faith journey. Together, we will explore how the Bible serves as a foundational pillar in our lives, guiding us in truth and helping us to grow in our relationship with God.

Therefore, let us embrace the Bible with renewed passion and dedication. May we be inspired by the Word to become people of the Bible, fully immersed in the life-giving Word of God. Let us support and encourage one another, always seeking to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures. Amen.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**JUNE 8am**

**Rebecca Tieman and Shannon Klausing Head Ushers**

Door Greeter(s)	Usher/Acolytes	Liturgist
6/2 Lynn & Renee	Rebecca Tieman / Shannon Klausing	Pam Clodfelter
6/9 Jeff Davey	Jan Davey	Beth Wicks
6/16 Lynn & Renee	Rebecca Tieman / Shannon Klausing	Meghan Clodfelter
6/23 Greg & Chris Gallentine	Jan Davey	Jeff Davey
6/30 Tony Mc Coy	Lily Wetzell	Katie McCoy

**JUNE 10AM**

**Steve Lopez & Bill Parker Head Ushers**

Door Greeter(s)	Usher/Acolytes	Liturgist	Matthew Meetings
6/2 Bill Parker	Jon Imel & Steve Lopez	Mary Spitzer	Aaron & Devon Flick
6/9 Bob & Cheryl Allen	Mary Sue Puckett	Beth Wicks	Jessica Truedson
6/16 Matt & Ellie Wendelken	Myla & Sadie Wendelken	Stacey Wendelken	Nancy Pitsch
6/23 Mary Sue Puckett	Andy Pitsch & Steve Lopez	Aaron Marken	No Class
6/30 Bill Parker	Andy Pitsch & Steve Lopez	Mary Spitzer	No Class

### June Worship Schedule

<b>June 2</b>	Matthew 4:1-4, 2 Timothy 3:16-17 Right to Wrestle with the Bible	
<b>June 9</b>	Exodus 32: 27-28, Jonah 4: 1-2, 11 Two Pictures of God	
<b>June 16</b>	<b>Father's Day</b>	Beth Wick
<b>June 23</b>	Genesis 1:1-5	The Bible and Science
<b>June 30</b>	Acts 11: 1-9	Slavery and the Role of Women



Dear Sterling Wesley family,

I've served the General Conference as a Page & Marshal team leader, leading about 150 volunteers who helped create a safe environment with integrity and accountability at the Conference. It was my honor and privilege to witness and serve the General Conference as a leader, and I fell in deeper love with our church and denomination.



As United Methodists, we profoundly understand grace – God's boundless, unmerited love and care for each of us. John Wesley emphasized that grace is freely available to all and essential for all. Our journey as a faith community is rooted in growing in grace, embodying it in our daily lives, and sharing it with others. This is the heart of our faith and ministry: living by grace and extending it to everyone we encounter. Our hope lies in God's ability to renew and transform us through grace.

I want to share the part many people are most interested in among the more than a thousand petitions. The recent decisions at the General Conference reflect our commitment to these core beliefs. Removing exclusive language regarding LGBTQ+ weddings and ordination from our Book of Discipline marks a significant step forward. No longer must our clergy fear mandatory penalties on officiating LGBTQ+ weddings as it was abolished. This change brings us back to the inclusive spirit that existed before 1972. Additionally, the definition of marriage now encompasses diverse family structures, recognizing unions between a man and a woman or two consenting adults.

Here are a few things to share about the changes. (The G.C. and Bishop Schwerin)

- ◆ No one needs to be afraid of losing their clergy credentials for performing same-gender weddings.
- ◆ Clergy can choose to perform same-gender weddings or choose not to.
- ◆ Local church Trustees can decide what kinds of weddings they wish to host in their buildings.
- ◆ Clergy will be appointed in the ways based on stated needs for the mission and gifts to match those needs. Appointments will not be made to do harm to our ministry.



The General Conference proceeded with great peace and became a venue for unity between progressives and conservatives. By arriving at conclusions that go beyond extreme conflict and division and include both perspectives, we affirmed that our highest value and primary goal is discipleship.

Bishop Dan Schwerin and his cabinet acknowledge that these changes may cause grief and concerns for some traditionally theological communities while others are rejoicing. With this acknowledgment, the bishop assures his support for their concerns and ministries. It is crucial to dispel any misinformation suggesting that individuals will be punished for their beliefs or actions, urging all of us to strive to honor and support all persons and fostering a community where we can collectively work toward making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World. Our diversity enriches our ministry and extends our reach to those who may not yet know the hope of the resurrection.

If you have any questions or would like to talk with me, please join me for “Talk with the Pastor” sessions on June 2nd (between the services) and 8th (9:30 a.m.) in the pastor’s office. You are also invited to visit my office to discuss any concerns or questions you may have. Let us continue to embrace grace and unity as we move forward.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Paul Lee

## CHURCH WORKDAY







# CONFIRMATION RETREAT







# BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION





# STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE

Please help put a smile on a child by bringing stuffed animals to Wesley UMC during June. They will be given to First Responders for vulnerable children.



to the basket  
outside of  
the sanctuary

# REYNOLDSWOOD WORKDAY





# 185th Northern Illinois Annual Conference

# Fill the Truck

## Mission Challenge Collection Drive

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center 1551 Thoreau Dr. N. Schaumburg, IL

Please bring your donations  
to the office by June 15

### Home Care Kits

Liquid Household Cleaner, 54-80oz

Liquid Dish Soap, 42-64oz

Liquid Laundry Detergent, 100-150oz

Scrub Brushes

5 Gallon Round Buckets with Lid

### Adult Bicycles



### Personal Dignity Kits

Hand towels (no kitchen towels),

Washcloths, Toothbrushes (no multipack),

Bars of Soap 3~4oz,

Deodorant 2~3oz, Lotion bottles 8-10oz

Gallon Resealable Plastic Bags



2024  
BISHOP'S APPEAL

Giving Abundantly, Generosity Overflowing



This year, the **Bishop's Appeal** will support **United Voices for Children**. For 45 years, United Voices for Children has advocated on behalf of children, youth, and families for its three affiliated child-serving agencies.

If you like to support children through Bishop's Appeal,  
please write a check payable to

## Sterling Wesley UMC.



# HYMN SUNDAY & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

## ON JULY 14TH



What's  
your favorite  
hymns?



**What would you like to sing?** Make suggestions by writing your favorite hymns on the forms in the Fellowship Hall and placing them in the hymn suggestion box through the end of June. You may also add your name and the reason your choice is special to you. The hymns that are suggested the most will be selected to sing **on July 14th for the 8 am and 10 am services** and some of the memories that go with those hymns will be shared with permission.



## CLEM MINISTRY

Clem is a therapy friend well-trained to be a friend to many students at schools. He loves to be a friend to Wesley family.

If you like to have him around during/after Sunday service, please sign up for

**“CLEM’S MINISTRY.”**



# Announcements

**May** Loose Coins went to

**Let's Feed Our Children**

The total received = **\$184.41**

**June's** Loose Coins will go to **Fish Food Pantry**

**June 5th Sunday Appeals**

**Peace with Justice Sunday**

These gifts support Peace with justice work in NIC, the United States and around the world. Half of this offering is administered by conference Peace with Justice coordinator and Half by the General Board of Church and Society.

Thank you, everyone, for supporting these important ministries.

## **2024 Upcoming Pantry Collections**

**June:** toothpaste

**July:** toilet paper

**August:** bar soap

Thank you

A very big Thank You to our friends at Wesley United Methodist Church. It may not be every-day that you are told what wonderful people you are—but it Should be!!

Our neighbors in need are very thankful.

Blessings, Bear Necessities RFUMC

## **Ladies' Lunch**

We decided to go to Galena Steak House on Thursday, June 20th. We will carpool from the church parking lot at 11:00am or meet us at Galena Steak House at 11:30. You can drive yourself or carpool.

The voice of experience.....

bring a jacket, you never know how cold the restaurant may be.

Beth Mathew



## **Fill the Truck Mission Challenge**

Collection at Drive Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center (1551 Thoreau Dr. N. Schaumburg, IL)

Please bring your donations to the church office by June 15th

Checks should be made out to  
**Wesley United Methodist - Fill the Truck**

## **The Greeting Card Group**

Meets on **Thursday, June 6th**  
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!

## **Annual Bishop's Appeal for United Voices for Children**



**Your donation will help children in need.**

Checks should be made out to  
**Wesley United Methodist - Bishop's Appeal**

We would like to thank everyone who has been praying for our grandson Oliver, he is doing great so far, no issues with his lungs or breathing but he will still have to have the mass removed at some point.

Roberta and Dave Fredericks



# Birthdays

**June 2** Matthew Gabrielse  
**June 3** Emily Morgan  
**June 4** Sharon Wasson, Beth Wicks  
**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 14** Carolyn Heuck, Jeremy Taylor-Vrhel



**June 18** Xena Fullmer  
**June 19** Sharon Taylor  
**June 21** Amy Viering-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



# Anniversaries

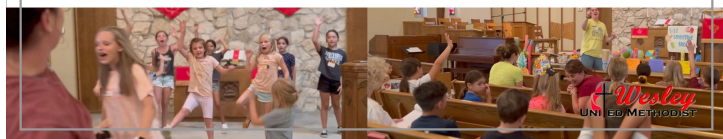
**June 4** Matt & Stacey Wendelken  
**June 7** Craig & Jessica Truedson  
**June 11** Don & Tracy DuRall  
**June 14** Rory & Rita Smith  
**June 17** Warren & Carolyn Heuck  
**June 20** Dave & Linda Kavran



**June 10 (Mon) ~ 13 (Thurs)**  
 9:00 AM ~ 11:30 AM  
**June 14 (Fri) 5:30 pm**  
 Evening Celebration Cookout!



**JOY CAMP 2024**  
 June 23 (Sun) ~ 29th (Sat)  
 Reynoldswood Camp





## 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 share the sermon  
on **Facebook** and our **website**

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

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

- Laundry Detergent and travel-sized toiletries for local pantries.
- Loose coins for JUNE to benefit: Fish Food Pantry

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