



Wesley UMC May 2024

Monthly newsletter

The Chimes



From Our Pastor

May Church Events

Saturdays 8:00 am

Men's Bible Study (Fireside Rm)

Tue/Thur 3:30pm

Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)

Mon. May 2nd @9:30 am

Greeting card ministry
(Fellowship Hall)

Sat. May 11th @8:00am-noon

Spring Work Day

Sun. May 12th:

Happy Mother's Day!

Thur. May 16th @11:30 am

Ladies Luncheon at Angelo's (sterling)

Tues. May 21st @7:00 pm

Worship Team meeting

Mon. May 27th: Memorial Day

May Worship Schedule

5th **Rev. George Woosnam**

12th Music Sunday:

Daniel Holmes

19th **D.S. Rev. Dr. Brian Gilbert**

26th Luke 5: 1-11



The Confirmation Class of 2024 is coming close to the end. We are blessed to have seventeen brilliant confirmations, seventeen loving mentors, and facilitators. We've done local food pantry and service projects and visited Wesley family members. I love to see their shining eyes and am proud of each of them. We will celebrate their confirmation at the 10 am service on May 19th.

For one of the outings, we will go skydiving on the first weekend of this month. It will be so much fun and exciting. It is also a great lesson to learn about the Holy Spirit and our faith journey. We open our eyes in the morning, and sometimes we take for granted "life," "today," "another day," another opportunity," and "people we meet and talk to." However, it is all precious gifts of God, and the Holy Spirit brings the breath of life in us and comes alongside us and encourages us. We cannot fly for even a few seconds, but while skydiving, you feel the air that sustains (Message cont. on p 2)

(Pastor's message continues)

There is something more. At the lobby, our kids will write their permission slips for the registration. While waiting our turn, we will watch other people flying and indirectly learn what it would be like. Before flying, we will be invited to watch a training video and learn directly from an instructor. After the instruction, we will wear a spacesuit and sit on the bench waiting for our turn. Just a few minutes before the flight, we will feel our hearts beating fast with excitement. Finally, the instructor will hold us and help us fly in the air. It will be amazing. I bet our confirmands will make a wonderful flight.

There is an information sheet on a wall about the level of flight. I will talk to our confirmands about the levels. After their first flight, they will receive a flight certificate with their names on it. That is the first level. On the second flight, you still need an instructor to fly, but you can fly to the top of the ceiling. That's the second level. After a couple of times of skydiving, you can finally fly by yourself at the third level. At the final level, you can teach your friends how to fly and help them fly. Isn't it just like our faith journey?

We have someone who brought us into the church and helped us feel and learn about God. With their help and examples of love, we tasted what it is to believe in God and belong to a community of faith. We decide to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, and then we tell people about God and the faith community. I think it is a beautiful journey with one another. I pray that our confirmands will feel God's love and Wesley family's support.



If you or your group are interested in packing or handing out lunches this summer.

Here is the information,

[you must sign up online or if you need help contact](#)

Roberta Fredericks

Link is <https://signup.com/go/ZmOzFhB>

Let's Feed Our Children 2024

Tue May 28, 2024 – Wed Aug 7, 2024

We are looking for volunteers to help pack and serve free meals for kids from May 28th- August 7th, 2024. You can help one day or many days. There are several different opportunities.

- 1. Tuesdays 8am-11am** : help pack 2000 to 2600 meals at New Life Lutheran Church in Sterling.
- 2. Wednesdays 8:30-11:30am**: finish packing lunch bags and help load cars.
- 3. Wednesdays** Drivers are are needed to pick up meals before 11:45, deliver to a lunch pick up site and hand them out from 12:00 to 12:30. You choose from 19 sites throughout Whiteside County.
- 4. Wednesdays 12- 12:45** meet a co-volunteer at a lunch serving site to help hand out meals from 12-12:30, then return extra meals (if there are any) to New Life Lutheran Church.



Youth Director

Tristen Flory

Please welcome Tristen and
let's build a fun, exciting, safe,
and awesome youth ministry!



CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday
May 11th

8:30 AM

Earth Day Photo Display

Please take time to enjoy photos
in the church building



Lyon Scholarship

Eligible for those who

- 1) were baptised or confirmed
- 2) graduate high school this year
- 3) pursue further educational opportunity (college/university or training)

Application to the office/Pastor Paul
by May 22 (Wed)



*Her children arise and
call her blessed.*

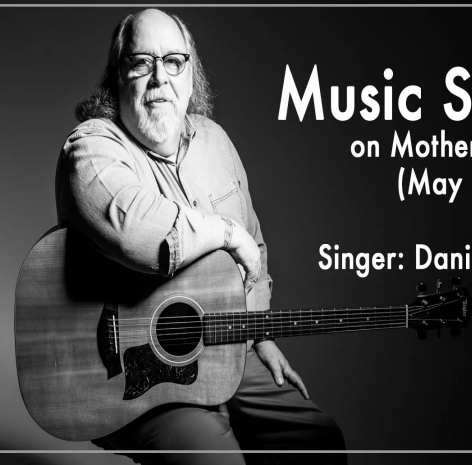


Mother's Day Sunday

May 12th (Sun), 2024



Proverbs 31:28



Music Sunday

on Mother's Day
(May 12)

Singer: Daniel Holmes



*Honoring and
Remembering*
**MEMORIAL
DAY**



**GRADUATION
SUNDAY**

in June



ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANK YOU'S

Wesley Spring Workday

Saturday, May 11, 8:30 AM to Noon. All help would be much appreciated.

Greeting Card Ministry

Our next meeting is

Thursday May 2nd

at 9:30 am in

Fellowship Hall.

It's fun to visit as we get cards ready to send. If you do not receive a birthday card, please call the church office with your birthdate and address.

Lunch Ladies,

We had a great time at Angelo's. We decided to return there in May. Our lunch date will be Thursday, May 16th at 11:30 at Angelo's in



To Friends of Fish at Wesley UMC.,

Thank you very much for the donation of pancake mix and peanut butter. We were out of both items and they are not available at the food bank.

Our volunteers and families are thrilled to have them on our shelves again.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gratefully, Beth Mathew

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or would you like to learn? We'd like to start a fiber group that would meet at church and are looking for anyone interested. Our charter would be fellowship through fiber related activities. We are thinking we would like to focus on charity projects such as hats, scarves, mittens, and of course prayer shawls, but any project work be welcome. We have plenty of yarn and needles to share and would welcome the opportunity to share our knowledge with you.

If you are interested, please contact Sharon Taylor at 815-499-9980 or Mary Downes at 815-718-2980

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued Support of Bear Necessities. Your kindness and caring mean so much to your neighbors in need.

Blessings, BN



The General Conference of the United Methodist Church serves as the highest legislative body, akin to a United Nations General Assembly, where decisions impacting millions of members globally are made. Scheduled every four years, the recent session, postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is set for April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina, arriving after an eight-year hiatus since the last assembly in 2016.

This assembly holds significant importance, given recent developments, including the departure of a quarter of U.S. churches under a disaffiliation policy. The General Conference shapes policy by revising the denomination's governing documents, the Book of Discipline and the Book of Resolutions, and approving the budget for denomination-wide ministries. Delegates, half clergy and half lay, from across continents, present and vote on legislation proposed by various United Methodist entities or individuals.

The assembly's agenda includes electing members to key denominational bodies and addressing pressing issues facing the church. Despite the global scope, the majority of delegates hail from the U.S., with efforts made to ensure diverse representation and language support. Bishops, though without voting rights, play a ceremonial role and provide spiritual guidance.

Worship is integral to the conference, opening and closing each day's proceedings and punctuating key moments. Delegates engage in prayerful discernment as they deliberate over legislation, which typically requires a simple majority for passage. However, amendments to the denomination's constitution demand a two-thirds majority, followed by approval from annual conferences.

Once ratified, legislation enacted at the General Conference takes effect the following January, with constitutional amendments necessitating additional validation by the Council of Bishops. In essence, the General Conference serves as the crucible wherein the future trajectory and ethos of the United Methodist Church are forged, reflecting its commitment to democratic governance, inclusivity, and fidelity to its core principles and mission.

MISSIONS corner



LOOSE COINS for April-Caretakers of God's Creation is = 395.58

Lent and Easter offerings will be split between– **Buddy Bags and Reynoldswood Christian Camp Total = 1740.00**

Easter breakfast donations totaled **363.00**

5th Sunday Appeals– March— Human Relations Day= **45.00**

May LOOSE COINS will go to **Let's Feed Our Children.**

Thank you everyone!



May 2024 Worship

May 8am Rebecca Tieman / Shannon Klausing Head Ushers

Door Greeter(s)	Usher/Acolytes	Liturgist
5/5 Steve Downes	Parker Wetzell	Mary Downes
5/12 Steve Downes	Rory & Rita Smith	Mary Downes
5/19 Shannon Klausing	Rebecca Tieman	Nancy Pitsch
5/26 Tony McCombs Lily Wetzell	Parker Wetzell	Katie Wetzell

May 10am Steve Lopez / Bill Parker Head Ushers

Door Greeter(s)	Usher/Acolytes	Liturgist	Matthew Meetings
5/5 Dave & Isaac Carrion	Lacie, Jade, Wyatt Young	Justin Allen	Julie Carrion
5/12 Mark & Sharon Taylor	Jaxson Williams James Allen	Eric Allen	Aaron & Devon Flick
5/19 Frank & Janne Rausa	Jionni Castaneda Jason Zinke	Nancy Pitsch	Flicks/Scwingle tag team! Confirmation Sunday
5/26 Mark & Sharon Taylor	Frank & Janne Rausa	Beth Wicks	Memorial Weekend NO CLASS



MAY Birthdays



May 2	Addison Gabrielse	May 17	Bryn Gatz
May 3	Bob Allen	May 18	Mike Ceruzzi, Max Parker
May 5	Sue Abate, Joey Cordell, and Tristen Flory	May 22	Carlie Truedson, Marilyn Campbell
May 7	Nora Truedson	May 23	Jackson Melton
May 8	Kris Noble	May 24	Dennis Vetter
May 13	Renee Duncan, Sue Hayes	May 25	JuJu Casteneda
May 14	Manorama Hermon	May 26	Kala Allen
May 15	Chandler Allen	May 29	Jaime Greenfield
May 16	Erin Graves	May 30	Ed Andersen, Ethan Cravatta

Anniversaries

May 1	Joe & Carol Cravatta	May 26	Brad & Erin Graves
May 10	Steve & Mary Downes	May 28	Mike & Michele Drew

Vacation Bible School

This year it will be

June 10-13

Friday night **June 14th** will be a
cook out at 5:30 PM
to celebrate the week.

Need More information please
Contact Rebecca Tieman

The flower calendar has these dates available:

May 19th

June 2nd, 9th, 23rd, & 30th

July 21st

If you wish to honor someone please contact the
church office or sign up on the poster in Fellowship
Hall. The cost is \$20.00 for flowers
which are delivered to the church.

You can take them with you
after the 10:00 service or pick them
up later. Thank you!



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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

You are invited to join us in-person at 8am and 10 a.m.

Sermons available on Facebook and website

Find us on Facebook

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

Missions 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:

- Dish Soap for Bear Necessities, Trinity, and the FISH Food Pantry.
- Travel-sized toiletries for Bear Necessities and FISH pantries.
- Loose coins to benefit: Let's Feed Our Children for May.