



The Chimes



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2025

From Our Guest Pastor

An Amazing Promise from God for Today!

I started reading through the Bible this year by reading one chapter in the Old Testament, one chapter in Psalms, and one chapter in the New Testament each day. A while back I ran into this amazing promise in Deuteronomy 28:1-14 that I believe still applies to our lives today. Because in Malachi 3:6, God says through the prophet Malachi, “I the Lord do not change.” I believe this promise given to the Israelites also applies today to nations, communities, churches, and families. Take a minute to read this scripture as it was given to the Israelites. After reading the scripture in your Bible, then read here paraphrased versions written in today’s vernacular for the church, community, and families.

Paraphrased for the Church - Deuteronomy 28:1–14

¹ If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the peoples of the earth. ² All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God:

³ You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. ⁴ Those you raise in the faith will be blessed, and the ministries of your church and those you reach will be blessed.

⁵ All the tools and people you need for ministry will be blessed.

⁶ You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

⁷ The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you

Church Events

Tues/ Thurs - Exercise class @ 4:00 PM @ Fellowship Hall

Tues– Fiber Group@ 2-3:30 PM

Wed– Bible Study@ 9:30 AM

Fireside Room

Sat- Men's Bible study @ 8:00 AM

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Save the Date

Feb. 1- No Regret– Men’s Conference–
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM–

Wesley Sanctuary

Feb.2– Groundhog Day

Feb. 4 - SPRC Meeting @ 4:30 PM

Feb. 6- Greeting card ministry - 9:30am in Fellowship Hall

Feb. 14– Valentine’s Day

Feb.17– President’s Day - Office Closed

Feb. 20– Ladies Lucheon @ 11:30 AM

@ A’s Kitchen (Rock Falls)

Feb.24– Ad Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM

from one direction but flee from you in seven.

⁸ The Lord will send a blessing on your resources and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the community he has planted your church.

⁹ The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in obedience to him. ¹⁰ Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they will revere you. ¹¹ The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity—in the people you raise in the faith, the ministries of your church and those you reach—in the community in which God planted your church.

¹² The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send resources on your congregation in season and bless all the work of your hands. You will give to many but will borrow from none. ¹³ The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. ¹⁴ Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.

Paraphrased for the Community and Families - Deuteronomy 28:1-14

If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the peoples of the earth. ² All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God:

You will be blessed whether you live in the country or in the city. Your children will be blessed. The plants you grow and the animals and their offspring you raise will be blessed - the things that provide for you. Your kitchen and cabinets will be full. You will be blessed when you go out of your house and when you return home.

Your enemies will be defeated; your enemies may come at you in one direction but will flee from you in several directions.

The Lord will bless your wealth and everything you put your hand to or do for work or pleasure. The Lord will bless you in the property he has given you.

The Lord will set you apart for Himself as special. All the people who see you will see that you are special to God, and they will be careful of you. The Lord will give you abundant prosperity in your children, in your crops and animals - the things that provide for you, and your property.

The Lord will open His storehouse in heaven and pour abundance out on you, providing what you need when you need it and bless all you do with your hands. You will have the resources to lend to others but not have to borrow from anyone. God will make you the one who leads and not the one who follows. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.

May God bless our church, community, and families as we ponder these words from God. I look forward to being with you each of these Sundays.

Life Together in Christ,

Pastor Mike

Thank You & Announcements

Thank you

Dear Wesley United Methodist Church,
Thank you for your thoughtful and generous gift. Your gift will go a long way in helping us feed those in need. FISH is very thankful for your support.

Gratefully,
FISH Pantry

Sauk Valley Food Bank Volunteers

You are invited to serve our neighbors
on **Saturday, March 29th!!!**

Any Questions? Please Contact
Andy Pitsch

February Worship

**2nd- Matthew 4:1-4, Romans 15:4,
Matthew 18:20, James 5:16
Studying Scripture Increases
Faith & Hope**

**9th- Malachi 3:6-12
Giving Opens the Door of
Blessing**

**16th- Matthew 25:31-46
Serving Is a Bridge to Others**

**23rd- John 6:35-40, Galatians 5:22-23
Reaching Others for Their
Benefit and Not Ours**

Attention Lunch Ladies!

Our February lunch out will be **February 20th** at **11:30 AM** @ A's Kitchen in Rock Falls.

Please e-mail Sue Klock at msklock@gmail.com if you are planning to attend. She will make reservations.

Greeting Card Ministry ,

Will be meeting **6th of February** at **9:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall. Come help prepare for March Birthdays and Anniversaries. All are welcome to attend!!!

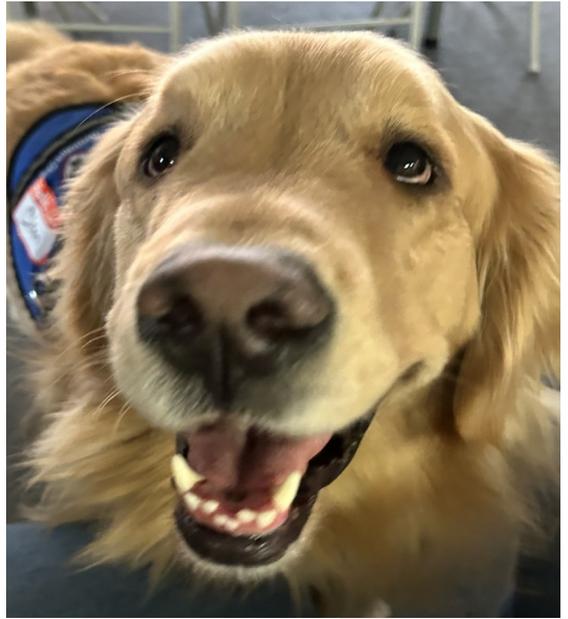
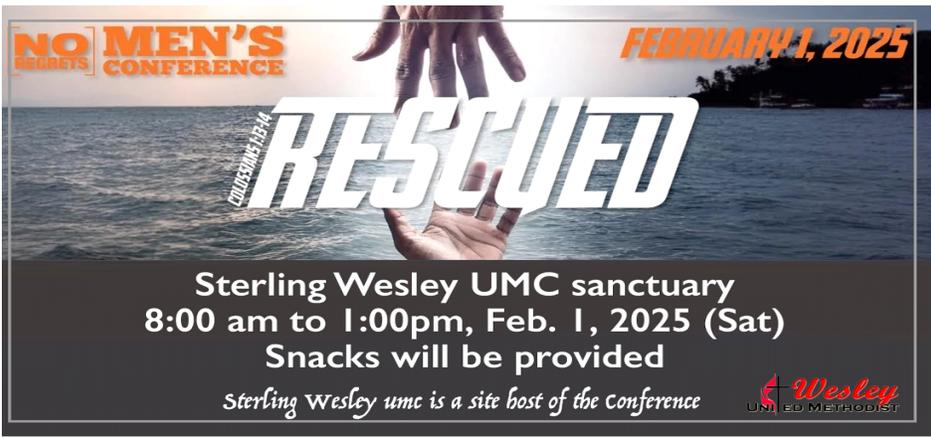


Missions Corner

Thank you for your contributions to **LOOSE COINS** in the month of **January** we were able to raise **\$ 146.65** For **Rev. Jane Eesley .**

LOOSE COINS for **FEBRUARY** is **Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic, Haiti**

February we will be collecting **TOOTHPASTE**



Clem's Visit



Matthew Meeting Poster with scriptures we are making this first Half of the year



Joy Camp Canvas

"thank you" to those who made a meal for Winter Camp.

Janne Rausa & Nancy Pitsch



Christian Ed's First meeting of the year

Birthdays

February 1	Debbie Hodges	February 17	Tracy DuRall
February 2	Carol Cravatta, Al Rude, Fabien Plummer	February 19	Mary Nelmes
February 3	Diane Rude	February 20	Jack Graves
February 5	Amber Celletti	February 21	Jessica Truedson
February 7	Stacey Stutzke	February 22	Caleb VanAusdal, Charlie VanAusdal
February 8	Brandon Fredericks	February 24	Lynn Majewski
February 12	Kari Hansen, Warren Heuck	February 25	Mary Michel
February 16	Rachael Turffs	February 26	James Allen
		February 28	Holly Taylor-Vrhel



Anniversaries

February 13	Nick & Shay Papoccia
February 14	Dave & Roberta Fredericks
February 23	Doug & Ann Wiersema



February 8am *Rebecca Tieman /Shannon Klausing Head Ushers*

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Door Greeter(s)	Usher/Acolytes	Liturgist
2/2 Steve & Mary Downes	Rebecca Tieman Shannon Klausing	Nancy Pitsch
2/9 Aaron & Derek Fitzanko	James Fitzanko	Wendy Fitzanko
2/16 Rita Smith	Rebecca Tieman Shannon Klausing	Rory Smith
2/23 Rita Smith	Rebecca Tieman Shannon Klausing	Rory Smith

February 10 AM *Steve Lopez/ Bill Parker Head Ushers*

Door Greeter(s)	Usher/Acolytes	Liturgist	Matthew Meetings
2/2 Jan Davey	Andy Pitsch, Jan Davey Steve Lopez, Bill Parker	Jeff Davey	Nancy Pitsch Communion w/kids
2/9 Frank & Janne Rausa	Eric Allen, Jaxson Williams Steve Lopez/Bill Parker	James Allen	Aaron & Devon Flick
2/16 Flick Family	Acolytes Remy & Jovie Aaron & Devon plate ushers Steve Lopez/Bill Parker	Jaxson Williams	Jamie Schwingle Emily Schwingle
2/23 Mary Sue Puckett Mary Newlon	Jaxson Williams, James Allen Steve Lopez/Bill Parker	Eric Allen	Jamie Schwingle Emily Schwingle

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Open Heart, Open Minds, Open Doors

You are invited to join us for in person
Sunday Services at 8 am and 10 am

We will continue to Livestream worship on

Facebook at 10 AM

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 Bear Necessities, Everyday Essentials and the FISH Food Pantry.
- Travel-sized toiletries
- Loose coins to benefit Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic, Haiti in February.