



Monthly Newsletter/August 2018 Wesley United Methodist Church

The Chimes

When I looked at the Summer back in April, I thought June would be busy and life would slow down for me and the church. Yeah, I was wrong about that. This summer has been full of activity for my family and for our congregation. Like many parents, Megan and I have to juggle summer schedules since Abiella isn't at school each day. I expect some of you reading this can identify with that? There are also summer activities like camp, VBS and more. Other things going on, the Softball Games, "Go Wesley" new people to meet, weddings, prayer concerns, joys, and so many more.

Yet in the midst of all this, I am very encouraged to see some new things seeming to grow in our church family. Our music night was tons of fun, should we do it again next summer? Our two game nights have been well received, from the scrabble corner (and if you want to know what I mean you will have to come to the next one) to board games, to Mario-Kart lots of fun things going on. I see new people getting more involved and volunteering, particularly to help with our youth ministry.

Church Events

- **August 1 -4** - Pastor on vacation
- **August 2** - Greeting card ministry, 9:30am
- **August 9** - Coffee with pastor, Airplay Sports, 7:30-10am
- **August 11** - Fellowship hall reserved 11am-2pm
- **August 15** - Choir begins! 6PM, sanctuary
- **August 17** - Ladies luncheon, Krumpets, 11AM at Wesley
- **August 17** - End of summer bash, 6pm (more details to come)
- **August 19** - Back to school blessings at both 8am and 10am services
- **August 21** - Worship Team meeting, 6:30pm at the Pitsch home
- **August 22** - Mission Team, time TBA
- **August 29** - Prayer shawl, 1-2:30pm
- **No Women's breakfast** in August
- **Wednesdays** in Aug. 9-10:30am, weeding the flower beds
- **Saturdays** - Men's bible study 8:00am, library

I see all the fun of the softball games, folks getting together, new people new to the team, people pitching in (figuratively and literally.)

We are a living breathing community of Christ and that's wonderful!

My question to you is this, what can we continue to do that might help our church connect, make first contact, with someone in our community, maybe someone new, maybe someone who's been here a long time? Think about it, pray about it, talk about it, and talk to me or others about it. How can we invite more people to be part of our community in Christ? How will others bless us so much by becoming part of our family? Who can you bring with you the next time you come to church for worship or anything else? God please guide us in Jesus' Name, Amen.

*Blessings,
Pastor Jeremiah*

Capture the Flag

Calling all youth, anyone going into 6th through 12th grade. Be ready, on Friday August 17, at 6:00 we are going make sure summer ends with something to remember! We will have a huge capture the flag/nerf battle all around our church grounds. Come for food and fun, bring your friends, bring your nerf shooters. More details coming soon, put it on your calendar!

August Worship Services

Our theme for the month of August will be "Huddle Up." We will be looking at how being part of study groups, Sunday School Classes, being in community with other Christians helps us grown in faith and helps us all build each other up. This will also be a lead-in to our fall disciple bible study groups, and also short term studies and other opportunities. Come and think about how God uses us to build each other up in Christ.

August 5: Huddle Up: Strength in Numbers: when we are together we do more, we are safer, we thrive, lets look a what the Hebrew Bible has to say about how God builds us up in community.

August 12: Huddle Up: Life Groups: the first Christians did life together, how can their example and that of the first Methodists point us towards growing in our faith together.

August 19: Huddle Up: Let's Pray: praying with and for others changes us, changes them, and opens us all up to God's guidance, lets talk about praying together.

August 26: Huddle Up: I Won't Let You Fall: When times are hard we can help each other carry on, lets see how Christ's ministry show us that, and how it still speaks to us today, 2000 years later.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Each year there is a Volunteer Appreciation Lunch at the Christian Church on 6th Ave in Sterling for volunteers in the Feed the Children Program. It will be at 11:30 on Friday, August 10th. Please, you must call United Way of Whiteside County at 815-625-7973 to make reservations.

Calling ALL Youth, mark your calendars!

September 2, from 6-8 pm Wesley will begin hosting a youth night the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

This activity will run through the month of December.

Pastor will have more details coming this month. We hope you will be able to join us!

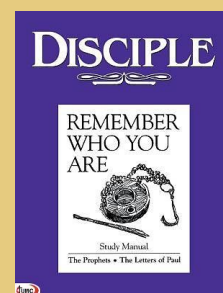
Grocery Bags

Thanks to everyone for bringing grocery bags to church. We have been using them at Fish Food Pantry this summer and will use them when Buddy Bags begins. Please continue to bring them to the Church office anytime. We are grateful to have them.

Coming soon - Disciples Bible Study!

Starting September 5th ,we will have a new Disciples Bible study. Join us for the Wednesday morning session from 9-11:30am, or on Monday evening from 6-8:30pm. Watch for the sign up

sheet that will be out soon! In the meantime, if you know what study group you will be able to attend, you can contact Pastor Jeremiah or Tammy to get signed up.



Off to College, Military, or Trade School?

Parents, if you have a student in the military, a trade school, or college locally or away, your church family would like to remember her/him with a card each month and send a care package during exam time. First we need her/his complete name and address. Please email, call, or leave a note in the office for Tammy with the information. Office number is 815-625-1968. Best wishes to all continuing in the military, college, or trade school!

Did you know...

When Wesley UMC has Sunday visitors, we welcome them by giving them a mini loaf of bread along with a note thanking them for their visit?

If you are interested in helping host the handing out of bread after the 10:00 am service or by baking mini loaves, that would be wonderful! Volunteers and bakers are always appreciated! You may contact Sharon Siex at 815-590-1614 or at ssiex@comcast.net.

Thank you to Jan Glover for hosting in July! Diantha Wentling will be our August host.



Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Wednesday, August 29 from
1 - 2:30 in fireside room. All
are welcome to knit, crochet,
or chat.

Greeting Card Ministry,
Thursday, August 2 at 9:30 in
Fellowship Hall. Come for
the fellowship too.

COMING THIS SEPTEMBER!
“SOMETHING NEW” for Sunday School!

September 9th, 2018

Children's Sunday School begins!
9:30 – 10:15

Classes: Pre-K -Kindergarten, 1st – 3rd, and 4th – 6th

Bring your children at 9:30; parents have time for coffee/fellowship while their child is in Sunday School prior to worship. (Come earlier or by 9:25 if kids want a quick donut before going back to class)

Parents begin 10am worship without your child(ren) for the first 15 minutes.

Teachers will dismiss from Sunday School & bring your children to Sanctuary for Children's Message, following which, all children will then go sit with their families!

This helps the length of time children will be sitting in worship; allows parents to hear announcements & settle into worship without the rush of picking up kids from their classes!

Enables Teachers for fellowship with adults in between services prior to 9:30 start time!

Classes are able to begin with everyone there & to dismiss together

Mark your Calendars! More detailed info to follow closer to events

October 28th Trunk or Treat - Come in costume!

December 15th Saturday 9-10am practice for Christmas Program

December 16th Children's Christmas Program @ 10am Worship

December 23rd & 30th No Sunday School during Christmas break

January 6th, 2019 Sunday School resumes @ 9:30



Pictured to the left are some members of the Wesley UMC Coloma Township softball team. What a great season they have had. Maybe you can join in on the fellowship and fun next season!



To your other left, :) We have some ladies enjoying their morning walk on the July 4th weekend! You are welcome to join in on this fellowship, fun, and fitness as well!

Birthdays

August 1	Janet Perry	August 17	Debbie Kramer
August 2	Jean Moe	August 18	Shay Papoccia
August 3	Nell Adams, Nancy Pitsch, Marion Quick	August 19	Lowell Jacobs, Jan Stutzke, Katie Herath, Karen Wellman
August 6	Fred Duncan, Rita Smith, Carole Finnicum	August 20	Darla Ewing, Matt Wendelken, Ava White, Owen Thompson
August 7	Johanna Cravatta	August 21	Curt Greenfield, Rory Smith
August 9	Bill Inks	August 22	Bill Burke, Dillon Larson, Don Lewis
August 13	Arianna Cravatta, Jakob Vetter	August 25	Russ Spitzer, Tori Stutzke
August 14	Matt Greenfield	August 31	Louis Quick
August 15	Betty Andreas		
August 16	Kris Quick		

Anniversaries

August 2	Tammy and James Jones	August 15	Bill and Sue Inks
August 9	Tim and Sandi Cox	August 17	Lark and Janet Perry, Cal and Pat Jacobs Rodger and Julie VanAusdal
August 10	Dave and Karen Abele, Mike and Tootie Ceruzzi	August 20	James and Linh Melton
August 14	Roger and Rose Jacobs	August 21	Steve and Mary Michel
		August 25	Randy and Pam Clodfelter
		August 27	Mark and Sharon Taylor

Servers for August - 8 a.m.

	Greeters/Ushers/Acolytes	Liturgist
August 5	Toby & Debbie Hodges	Randy Clodfelter
August 12	↓	Jan Glover
August 19	Graves family	Graves
August 26	Nancy Pitsch, Darla Ewing	Dylan Hinrichs

Coffee Hosts

August 5	Alice & Denny Vetter
August 12	Rich, Sue, James Morris
August 19	Marc & Cindy Melton
August 26	Amy Lopez, Mary Anne Batten

Servers for August - 10 a.m.

	Greeters	Ushers/Acolytes	Liturgist
August 5	Warren & Carolyn Heuck	Schwingle family	Carolyn Heuck
August 12	Joan Partridge & "girls"	Matt & Stacey, Ellie, Myla, Sadie	Katie Herath
August 19	Rosie Davis, Diantha Wentling	Truedson family	Bryn Gatz
August 26	↓	↓	Aaron Marken

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Open Heart, Open Minds, Open Doors

You are invited to join us for worship Sundays
at 8 and 10 a.m. with Sunday School and
fellowship at 9 a.m.

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:

- Donations of bedding, small appliances, and other **household items** to support Trinity UMC and the VA Clinic/Valor Program, as they work to find homes for local veterans. A list of needed items is on the table in the fellowship hall.
- **Toothpaste and Tooth brushes** for Bear Necessities, Everyday Essentials and the FISH Food Pantry.
- **Travel-sized toiletries** for the Trinity and FISH pantries.
- **Loose coins** to benefit the Rosecrance Kinley Charity Care Fund in August.