

News Of Wesley

September 2010

Sick and shut-in persons desiring communion at home are asked to notify Reverend Keith Ferguson at 846-2056 or the church office at 827-8046. We are happy to provide the sacrament for all who desire it.

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Food Collection for Clare House

The Church & Society Committee is sponsoring a non-perishable food collection for Clare House, a local food pantry. Clare House is a non-profit organization that distributes grocery items (on average, they distribute 200 bags each week) and they also provide a soup lunch twice a week, welcoming approximately 80 to 100 people.

Each family that brings a non-perishable food item(s) to their Pictorial Directory photo appointment in September will receive a \$5 off coupon for any additional photos purchased. Clare House especially needs canned foods such as fruit, vegetables, and protein items such as canned soup or stew, tuna fish, canned ravioli, dried beans, and peanut butter. Boxed foods such as macaroni and cheese, breakfast cereal, and complete meal mixes also are needed. Please be sure that your food products are not outdated. Please fill a few bags and return them or before Sunday, October 4. Thanks in advance for your generous contributions!

New Member Orientation

The next session will be held Wednesday, September 8, 6-8 p.m. in the lounge. If you are interested in joining WESLEY, you may contact Pastor Hoffman, Pastor Hempstead or the church office at 827-8046. This is a good way to meet others joining WESLEY, lay members of the congregation, and church staff. New members will be received into membership on Sunday, September 26.

Wesley Friends . . .

. . . annual weiner and brat roast will be held on Saturday, September 4th at 5 p.m. at Ruth Parson's patio. Contact Marge Scholl at 663-2788 if you have questions.

(In case of rain we will move to the garage.)

Senior Singles . . .

. . . meet the third Saturday of each month and are always looking for new members. Please join us in September. Contact Dorothy Berg at 662-1835 for more information.

UMW News

Vermilion River District UMW Annual Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010 - 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Wesley United Methodist Church - Lunch at 11:50 a.m. Cost is \$7 and reservations are required. This is an opportunity to share Wesley's hospitality! Work sign-up sheets are on the UMW Bulletin Board. Come and enjoy the day!

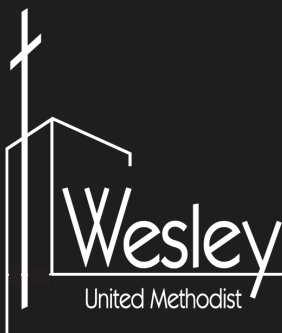
Hope Circle: Sept. 9, 6:30 social time, meeting 7 p.m. Will discuss new fall study.

Joy Circle: Sept. 15, 9-11 a.m. Starting study of "Fresh Brewed Life" by Nicole Johnson.

Faith Circle/UMW Fellowship: Sept. 22, 1 p.m., dessert Wesley Hall. Speaker Teedra Hudson, District UMW President, "Water - Blue Gold." Devotions Grace Hansen, hostesses Linda Stuckey, Marcie Duehr, Hope Circle.

UMW Sunday: Sept. 19 - Special collection for water wells in Liberia with brief remarks by District Superintendent Keith Zimmerman who visited there. UMW members will serve as ushers and choir. Information will be available about membership in UMW and its circles.

Church Women United: Sept. 20, Fall Planning Meeting & Human Rights Celebration, 10-2 sack lunch. Host Calvary UMC, program Wesley UMC.



Sunday Services - 9:00 & 11:15 AM • Christian Education - 10:15 AM

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A Note From Vaughn

As fall begins I'm excited to extend a word of welcome to a new part time staff person at Wesley and to offer a few words of explanation and background surrounding his new position. On August 1, 2010 Matt Sherrill began working in a new capacity here as Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries.

Many of you know that Matt has for the past year or so already been a part of our music staff. His focus has up to this point been on leading Contemporary Music and Worship for our 11:15 worship service, while also serving as an adult volunteer with our Youth program.

Now our Pastor Parish Relations Committee, working in consultation with our Administrative Council, has made the decision to expand Matt's hours by an additional 10 per week in order to respond to our church's need to establish a vital ministry for young adults ages 18-35.

With growing numbers in our youth program these past several years, we have experienced larger numbers of college-aged and older young adults who retain a connection to Wesley. Our number of High School graduating seniors this past May was 27, which is our highest number in years. Many of those folks are staying in the community for work or to attend a local college or university. Our church leadership recognized the opportunity that circumstance has presented, rightly discerning the need to expand our programming and ministry offerings here at Wesley to engage, both college aged and older young adults (24-35) in creative ways.

Toward that end we have hired Matt, who is beginning now to implement regular weekly spiritual and social events for both college age and older young adults. You'll find details of the meetings, to be held each Thursday night here at the church, elsewhere in this newsletter.

You can play a role in helping make this new ministry a success. Keep Matt, the church, and the success of our young adult ministry in your prayers in the days ahead. Not only do these prayers link us with the divine power of God, they also serve to keep the ministry in the forefront of our own minds and hearts, making us more likely to discern individuals we may know who may need an invitation from us to come and check out the new Young Adult groups that are forming.

No billboards, e-newsletters, or face book pages can take the place of a sincere personal invitation when it comes to bringing new persons into contact with the church. So be in prayer for this program, and more than that, be open to God's leading so that you might find your voice in inviting your college students, young adult children, and those in your extended network of friends and family to give the Thursday night sessions a try. I am convinced that God can do great things with this new outreach.

Let's all do our part to help it flourish.

Peace, Vaughn

Financial Update

Lord I Give You My Heart And Therefore, My Treasure

James P. Ingold, Stewardship Chairman

What happened to summer? It is hard to believe, but the staff and various ministry committees are already making plans for 2011. As a result, it is time for all of us to prayerfully consider what portion of God's provision we will return to Him so He can use our gifts to accomplish His works through Wesley United Methodist Church.

Is your heart with God? Does your heart burn for Jesus Christ? If so, then I am confident you have found the wonderful joy of giving to God a portion of what He has given to you. For Christ Himself said, "for where your heart is, there your treasure will be also." It is an automatic response to a heart truly given to Christ.

Have you seen our youth? Did you hear their witness in the August 8th worship services? Talk about hearts on fire for Christ. I am certain that if our youth had their parents' income, we would never need to have a stewardship appeal, because I know where their treasure would be. We need that enthusiasm for God to permeate our congregation, young or old and rich or poor.

If you find this subject uncomfortable, then God may just be tugging at your heart causing that discomfort. Since I tested God as challenged in Malachi 3 and began tithing many years ago, I can honestly say that I have never been uncomfortable when the subject of money comes up in church. Why? Because I know my wallet found my heart and it is truly impossible to describe the joy I have found in trusting God and witnessing how His blessings truly have come pouring down from heaven.

From a practical standpoint, like most everything else in life, it takes money to fund the ministries God has set before us. However, we want to focus more on your heart and encourage you to revisit the promises you made when you joined the Methodist church and urge you to uphold Wesley with your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service. We need all four from everyone to truly be a church on fire for Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I simply ask that you take some time in the coming months to examine your heart and diagnose its current state. Do you love what God is doing through Wesley United Methodist Church and doesn't it just make you want to join in and get involved? If your heart races when you hear what the youth are doing, when you hear the choirs sing, when you see your smiling kids walk out of Sunday School, and when you hear what happened when some members returned from helping those in need on a mission trip, then I know that you will want to be part of that action and, accordingly, your wallet will find your heart and you will want to support God's work through our church as it reaches out to all the world and screams, "Lord, I give you my heart".

Wednesday-At-Wesley BBQ Kick-Off

September 1st, join us at 5 p.m. for dinner (hamburgers & hotdogs on the grill, potatoe salad, baked beans, potatoe chips, fruit salad and bar cookies)

Cost is \$6 - adult, \$4 children and no more than \$20 per family.

Choirs and new fall classes will also begin that night.

Following is a schedule of activities:

Café Camilla - beginning Sept 1

Disciple I - beginning Sept 1

Disciple III - beginning Sept 1

{ Other Disciple classes available on Mondays & Tuesday. Call Pastor Camilla to register. }

Registration information on our web-site www.wesley-umc.com

Wesley Music Groups ~ Come make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Chancel Choir - Adults - will begin Wed., August 25th at 7:15-8:30 p.m. and/or Sun., August 29th at 7:45 a.m.

Cherub Choir - age 3 by Sept. 1st - Pre school - Wed., Sept 1st at 5:45-6:15 p.m.

Sonshine Singers - Kindergarten and 1st Grade - Wed., Sept 1st at 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Wesley Singers - 2nd - 5th Grade - Wed., Sept 1st at 6:30-7:10 p.m.

Asbury Chorale - Adult Ensemble - Wed., Sept 1st at 8:30 p.m.

Chimes of Glory - 3rd - 5th grades - Wed., Sept 1st at 5:30 p.m.

Bells of Wesley - Adults - Wed., Sept 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Wesley Brass - Adults - Wed., Sept 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Wesley Winds - High School and Adults - Wed., Sept 1st at 6:15 p.m.

Jubilation Singers - 6th -12th grades - Sun., September 12th at 4:30 p.m.

Exaltation Singers - High School Ensemble- Wed., September 15th at 5:30 p.m.

Celebration Ringers - 6th -12th grades - Sun., September 12th at time TBA

If you have any questions, please call Adria Schumann at 827-8046 Ext.22 or

Contact by e mail at aschumann@wesley-umc.com



W.I.S.E.

This fall we will begin an exciting new Sunday morning event called **Wesley Intergenerational Sunday Experience**. This is a high energy, fun time filled with Bible stories, music, and skits designed as an opportunity for families to experience the Good News of Jesus Christ. All generations are invited to be a part of this experience, sharing the excitement of Jesus Christ together. We will gather in Wesley Hall every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Stephen Ministry Training

Stephen Ministry of Wesley Church is excited to announce a training class for Stephen Ministers!! The class will meet Tuesday nights from Oct. 5, 2010 to Jan. 25, 2011. Please prayerfully consider joining us. Stephen Ministers provide Christian care-giving to those in our congregation who are in need. We are the church's presence in the lives of many who need the reminder of God's love. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister you may pick up an informational packet in the church office, or contact Nancy Bollman (663-2715) or Barb Phend (662-5288).

With Sympathy to:

Dave Perry and family on the July 26th death of his wife, Margaret Perry.

Colleen Hensley and family on the July 31st death of her sister, Chris Arnone of Michigan.

the family and friends of Dolores Wonderlin on her August 3rd death.

Ruth Ann Fraker and family on the August 9th death of her mother, Gladys Chitwood.

Louise Lukert and family on the August 10th death of her sister, Helen Smithson.

Messiah Dhas and family on the August 10th death of his father.

Youth News

Surge for 2010-2011 school year

Starting on Wednesday September 1st we will be returning to our normal Surge schedule of meeting every Wednesday night in Wesley Hall from 6:15-8pm. Dinner is available (\$6 per student) from 5-6 p.m., then stay and join your friends for Surge from 6:15-8 p.m. Watch for details on special "off campus" nights (that may include concerts, community service projects, seasonal fun activities & more!) Remember your friends are always welcome too! Questions? Call Frank at the church office or drop him an email at fnewburn@wesley-umc.com. Hope to see you all there!

Surge Communication Updates

Parents and Students - in order to communicate with you effectively we need email addresses and contact information for **BOTH** students and parents. Contact us as soon as possible whenever your information changes so we can update our records. Youth program events are advertised in email, church web-site, youth board, SURGE Facebook page, church and youth calendars and quarterly by US postal mail to parents. Last minute changes and updates are sent via email, and posted on the youth page in the newsletter and on the web-site, the youth board, SURGE Facebook page, and the church calendar. Please send your contact information to Stacy Ash.

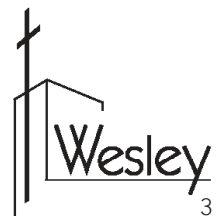
Thank You To:

everyone at Wesley for the love and support shown during my sister's long illness and recent death.

Colleen Hensley

my Wesley family, no words can adequately express my thanks to each and every one of you. Your continued support during this long cancer trial has meant more to me than you could ever know. Thank you and God Bless.

Edith T. Sullivan



Introducing! The Young Adult Ministry . . .

. . . is a ministry designed to reach the college students and post-college aged young adults of Wesley. Our goal as a ministry is to provide young adults with an opportunity to experience God's Word in a way that is relevant to the struggles and issues they face today. Through this we strive to form a community of young believers by building relationships with others who are at a similar point in life. Our Thursday night meetings are set up in a Bible-Study based format, while our monthly Saturday Night Outings offer a time for fun and continued socialization off campus! Come join us in the Sr. High Lounge at 7pm! Snacks provided!

Post-College Young Adult Group: 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month

College Group: 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month

Questions? E-mail Matt Sherrill at MattDMS87@gmail.com!

Congratulations to: **New Bible Study!**

Dave & Megan Lodewyck on the August 12th birth of their daughter Ruth Uretta Lodewyck. Proud grandparents are Harry & Uretta Lovell.

Mondays at 12:30 **OR** 6 p.m. - Back to the Beginning - a study of Genesis led by Pastor Camilla



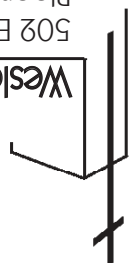
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Camilla Hempstead, Associate Pastor
Keith Ferguson, Pastor of Visitation
Adria Schumann, Director of Music Ministries
Kathi Pritts, Director of Christian Education
Stacy Ash, Assistant Director of Youth Ministries
Frank Newburn, Director of Youth Ministries
Myrna Simpson, Business Manager
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