

# News Of Wesley

March 2018

## New Directing Pastor Announced



Reverend Sara & Andy Isbell



We are pleased to announce that Bishop Frank J. Beard, in consultation with the cabinet of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference, has appointed Rev. Sara Isbell to serve as Directing Pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, effective July 1, 2018. Rev. Isbell brings a wealth of pastoral experience to her role as our new Directing Pastor, having served local congregations since 2003. She succeeds Rev. Vaughn Hoffman, who is retiring on June 30 of this year. We are delighted to make this announcement and look forward to welcoming Rev. Isbell and her husband Andy into the Wesley family.

Her calling became apparent during her time on staff at the Wesley Foundation at the University of Illinois. Experiences of God's presence and guidance during mission trips, campus ministry conferences, student choir travels and Bible studies made it clear that this call to ministry was personal and not just hand-me-down. The Wesley Foundation is also where she met her husband, Andy, and where their two children (now adults) were born and baptized. One of those children now attends and works in the nursery at that same Wesley Foundation and Church.

Sara earned her Masters of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and has served on the seminary's Board of Trustees for over a decade. Her particular interests and passions were Biblical studies and Intercultural perspectives. Upon graduation in 2003, she was appointed to Decatur Grace UMC as associate pastor. Sara was ordained in 2006 and has served Chatham UMC from 2007 to the present.

Within the Illinois Great Rivers Conference she has served on several district committees as well as Sessions (Worship Coordinator), the Conference Board of Church and Society and the local chapter of MFSA (Methodist Federation for Social Action). Sara is a three-time delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conference, is currently serving as chair of the Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee and will attend the special called session in February 2019.

Sara and her husband Andy will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary this summer. They both love music, especially singing: Andy sings bass with the Ambassadors of Harmony barbershop chorus in St. Charles, MO, and has been in choir, praise band and handbells in every church they've served. Andy is also known as "The Voice of the Marching Illini" and announces for Women's Volleyball at UIUC. Besides church activities, Sara also enjoys exercise classes, running, bicycling, reading, and vegetarian cooking.

Wesley looks forward to welcoming Sara and Andy!



**NOW**  
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# The Season of Lent

## A Time of Preparation

There is a series of etchings by a 20th century French artist named Georges Rouault, that to me provides a nice visual aid for thinking about the season of Lent. Among the series is an image of a somber-faced farmer, toiling over a bleak field that does not look very promising as a place to grow a crop.

Nevertheless, the man is sowing seeds. Far in the distance of the etching, you can see a small shack of a house, which presumably is the home to which the man will return after his hard day in the field. "Miserere" is the title of the series of prints; and to see them is a little like looking at little one-frame movies about sowing seeds and trying to stay hopeful in an often hostile land.

It is not all that different from the message of the church to us during the season of Lent. The early Christians were very much aware that trying to live as disciples of Jesus -- sowing seeds that reflect Christ's spirit of acceptance, forgiveness, and grace -- that would often leave them feeling as if they were toiling in fields that were indifferent or even hostile to those seeds taking root. They fully understood that any life lived for God would have its periods of struggle, soul-searching and failure along with high moments of illumination, success and harmony.

And the season of Lent developed in light of that fact to encourage followers both to prepare themselves spiritually and to acknowledge the costs of discipleship, so that they could weather times of spiritual struggle and disappointment when they arrived. "Take the time to be holy" are words to a hymn familiar to many of us. And the early church leaders believed we all were called to do that. Because life is short, and our calling to serve God is a big calling, it matters how we use our time, and it matters that we prepare ourselves well to be the kind of sowers God needs us to be.

In this newsletter you will see a lot of specific opportunities for cultivating greater spiritual depth in your life. I hope you will find at least one way, beyond your normal spiritual practices, to go deeper in your faith during the coming weeks.

Disappointments, difficulties, and Good Friday events will come to us all, but Good Friday is not the last word. Easter comes when we least expect it. Lent is the season for preparing for that glad day and for seeing life in its fullness.

See you in church

Vaughn



## Seeing Double

Kayleigh and John Twork welcomed their twins on January 25, 2018. Congrats! That will be one busy, joyful home.

Colin John Twork  
4 lbs 9 oz, 17.5 inches

Benjamin Shane Twork  
5 lbs, 19 inches



## New Superintendent

Bishop Frank J. Beard has announced the appointment of the Rev. James Barnett as Vermilion River District Superintendent, succeeding the Rev. Leah Pogemiller, who has served seven years as superintendent effective July 1, 2018.

Serving nearly 35 years in the former Southern Illinois Conference and the IGRC, Barnett has served pastorates at Olney First (Associate)-Chauncey; Carterville First; Centralia First; Robinson First and for the past 16 years, Pinckneyville.

A graduate of McKendree College with a degree in Administration of Justice and Perkins School of Theology, Barnett has served on various conference committees dealing with youth and young adults, and in the Conference Camping program.

Within communities where he served, Barnett was active in the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency in Crawford County and later Emergency Management Association and City Police Auxiliary in Pinckneyville. He also was a candidate for state representative to the Illinois General Assembly while in Robinson.

Son of Ethel Barnett and the late Rev. James F. Barnett, he is married to Lynette Barnett, who currently serves the Zeigler-Royalton charge in the Cache River District. They are the parents of four grown children and have two grandchildren.

Welcome Reverend Barnett!

## Wesley Financial Update

General fund receipts as of 1/31/18	\$ 136,105
General fund expenses as of 1/31/18	107,444
Surplus	\$ 28,661

Due to concerns about the new tax laws as they relate to donations, several people chose to give some or all of their 2018 financial faith commitment at the end of 2017. They were allowed the tax benefit of giving in 2017, while the church could still count the donation as 2018 income. Thus, the January surplus shown above includes the \$33,795 in prepaid gifts given at the end of 2017. While it's nice to see a surplus in the first month of the year, we rely on continued generous giving throughout the year to meet expenses.

Myrna Simpson, Business Administrator

## Lenten Speaker Series Continues

Wesley has been bringing together experts and leaders from our community to help us get a sense of the future for our area and beyond. Join us for the remainder of the speaker series -

### **The Road Ahead: Insights from Local Leaders**

February 21 - March 21

Wednesday Lunch & Lecture

Noon to 1:00 PM - Wesley Hall - \$5

Remaining topics to be discussed include:

### **March 7**

Growing the Post-Recession Workforce in McLean County

Bob Gough, Public Information Officer, Illinois Department of Employment Security

### **March 14**

Illinois Wesleyan and the High Cost of Higher Education

Scott Seibring, Director of Financial Aid, Illinois Wesleyan University

### **March 21**

The Future of Agriculture in Our Community

Dr. Clay Robinson, Associate Professor of Soils and Agronomy, Illinois State

Join us as we gain insights from some fascinating and knowledgeable leaders right here at home and the surrounding area.

## Welcome Little One

Congratulations to Sarah (Wintersteen) & Scott Ubbenga on the birth of their son, Jackson Robert, who was born February 12, 2018. Jackson was 9lbs 6oz and 21 inches.

## Special Dates to Note

- **Thursday, March 1**  
Community Band Concert - 7:00 PM
- **Friday, March 2**  
Surge Laser Tag Extravaganza
- **Sunday, March 4**  
Holy Land Trip Planning Mtg- 10:15 AM
- **Wednesday, March 7**  
Lenten Speaker Series - Noon
- **Wednesday, March 7**  
Holy Land Trip Planning Mtg- 5:45 PM
- **Friday, March 9**  
Wesley Pizza & Game Night - 5:30 PM
- **Saturday, March 11**  
Daylight Savings Time Begins
- **Wednesday, March 14**  
Lenten Speaker Series - Noon
- **Saturday, March 17**  
Wesley Distribution Ministry - 9:30 AM
- **Sunday, March 18**  
Wesley Singers Musical - 11:15 AM
- **Monday, March 19**  
NOW April Edition Deadline
- **Wednesday, March 21**  
Lenten Speaker Series - Noon
- **Wednesday, March 28**  
NO W@W - Spring Break/Holy Week
- **Thursday, March 29**  
Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 PM
- **Friday March 30**  
Good Friday Community Service  
First Baptist, Bloomington - 12:10 PM
- **Sunday, April 1**  
Easter Sunday  
NO Sunday School  
Special Children's Church - both services  
NO afternoon or evening rehearsals
- **Saturday, April 14**  
Wesley Rummage Sale



## 2019 Wesley Holy Land Trip

### Dream of traveling to the Holy Land?

A Wesley trip to the Holy Land is being planned for 2019. Two informational meetings are being held to determine the timing of this adventure. Join us in the Choir Room Sunday, March 4 from 10:15 AM to 10:45 AM or Wednesday, March 7 from 5:15 PM to 5:45 PM to learn more and to help determine the dates for this once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

### Prepare for the Journey Ahead

Join Pastor Justin for the "The Grand Sweep - 365 Days From Genesis to Revelation" a book and study by J. Ellsworth Kalas which takes you through the entire Bible in one year. After the study you will have a greater connection and understanding

to the history, stories, and sights that await us in the Holy Land. The study meets every Wednesday at 5:45 PM in the Garden Room. It's not too late to join in. The study is just beginning. Contact the church office to order a book or email [jiverson@wesley-umc.com](mailto:jiverson@wesley-umc.com).



## Jason's Deli Fundraiser

Jason's Deli will donate 15% of your dine-in or to-go sales to Wesley's Bright Beginnings Preschool on Thursday, March 8th from 5:00 PM and 10:00 PM. Have dinner at the deli on the 8th and simply mention that you are part of the Wesley fundraiser.

To learn more and download a flyer, go to [wesley-umc.com](http://wesley-umc.com) and check out the latest news. Hope to meet you for dinner at Jason's Deli!

## FINANCIAL PEACE KIT DEAL -

While supplies last we have kits for both classes for \$50 - Normally at least twice that price! Contact Kathi to get these.



## Dave Ramsey Classes - 2018 at Wesley



### Financial Peace U.

Did you know that 76% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck? Or that 64% of Americans can't cover a \$1,000 emergency? This doesn't have to be true for you! All you need is a practical plan for your money—and Financial Peace University IS that plan. In nine easy-to-follow lessons, you'll learn how to get out of debt, create a budget, make wise spending decisions, save for the future, and so much more!

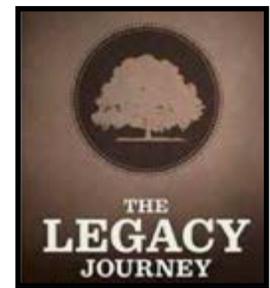
#### Financial Peace University

Mondays April 2 - May 28

Leaders - Kathi Pritts and Missy O'Shea

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

[www.daveramsey.com/fpu](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu)



## Legacy Journey Study

Want to live full and abundant lives in ways that will impact your families, friends and community both today and in the future? The Legacy Journey is a biblically based seven-lesson study that will show you how to live well now so you can leave a legacy of generosity and purpose. You'll learn how to grow your money, train your kids to be diligent and smart with money, plan for retirement, create a will, and more. This study helps you put together a plan for today and tomorrow to ensure your family is taken care of.

### Legacy Journey-Growing and Leaving a Legacy

Leaders - James Ingold and Kelly Snyder

Mondays July 9 - August 20

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

[www.daveramsey.com/legacy](http://www.daveramsey.com/legacy)

# Christian Education Classes for All Ages all throughout the week

ADULTS - Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 AM

## The History of the Development of the Four Gospels

Richard Johnson, leader  
Conference Room

## Made for a Miracle

Book by Mike Slaughter  
Nancy Bollman, leader  
Lounge

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## STUDIES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

### TUESDAY

#### Women's Bible Study

2017 Disciplines and Other Topics  
7:00 AM - Lounge

### WEDNESDAY

#### Men's Bible Study

**Boundaries: When to Say Yes,  
How to Say No to Take Control of  
Your Life** by Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr.  
John Townsend  
12:00 PM - Garden Room

#### The Grand Sweep

**365 Days From Genesis to Revelation**  
by J. Ellsworth Kalas  
5:45 PM - Garden Room

### THURSDAY

**Companions in Christ  
Embracing the Journey**  
9:00 AM - Garden Room

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## - Join us for Dinner -

Before the Wednesday study have  
dinner with your class and catch up  
or simply get to know each other.

Fellowship - Discipleship  
the two go hand-in-hand  
5:00 PM - Wesley Hall  
Wednesdays@Wesley

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Need Info on Classes?  
Contact Kathi Pritts  
kpritts@wesley-umc.com

## Adult March Study

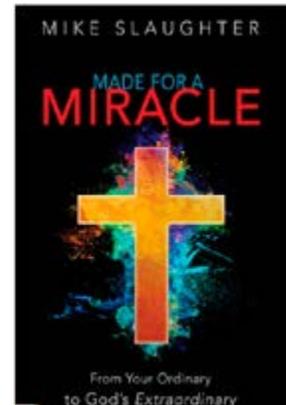
Sunday Morning Study

### Made for a Miracle

by Mike Slaughter

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

Lounge



Did you know that when we hope for the impossible, it involves more than praying for God's transcendent power? There are two components to every miracle: divine action and human responsibility. Each of us has been given specific talents and abilities. For a real miracle to take place, God expects us to apply these talents and abilities—acting with God to perform divine work. By examining biblical examples of how to use your God-given gifts for God's glory, author and pastor Mike Slaughter helps you discover that you, too, were "Made for a Miracle".

Join Nancy Bollman and this class that began February 18th.

## Children's Ministry

### Peace

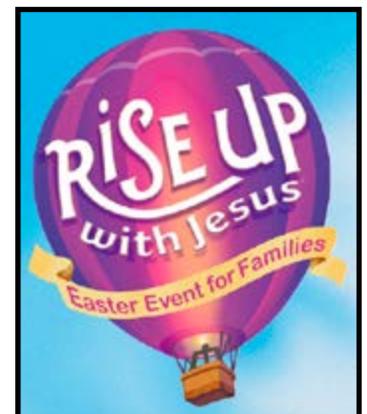
In March our elementary kids will learn about peace with stories from Genesis and the Gospels and a sporting theme.

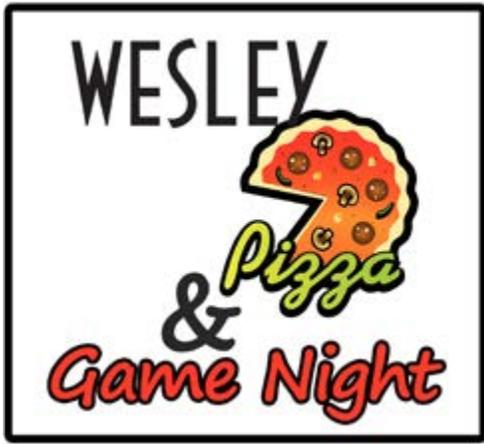
### We Can Follow Jesus

Our preschoolers will learn great fish and fishing stories from the Bible and learn that we can follow Jesus.

## Children's Easter Morning

Easter morning will be special for young children as they experience a high flying adventure during Children's Church time at both services. Children will follow Miss Kathi down stairs after Children's Time and "Rise Up with Jesus" - with the Easter story, games, crafts, egg hunts, treats, a bouncy house, and MORE!





## ALL Church Event

It's Friday night. Work is over. School is done. The weekend is ahead. You have some much needed down time. What are you going do? Veg in front of the TV? BORING! We have a better idea. Come to Wesley and PLAY, LAUGH, RELAX, EAT, and ENJOY your Wesley family.

**Friday, March 9th**

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Wesley Hall

Pizza & Games

**EVERYONE - ALL AGES - WANTED**

Now that sounds like a MUCH better plan than TV vegging. Game on!



## Wesley Singers Musical - iAM

Wesley is in for a BIG treat delivered by some SMALL in stature/large in heart performers on Sunday morning March 18th. Our own Wesley Singers, ages second grade through fifth grade, will be performing a musical for the 11:15 AM service. These talented elementary schoolers will sing and perform the musical "iAM" for the full service...and they have quite a show planned for you!

"iAM" is a musical with a unique twist. Wouldn't it be fabulous if there was an app that was designed for kids everywhere to download and learn about God? Solomon, an app designer, is out to do just that with an app he's creating called "iAM". But Solomon is finding that there is more to this project than he could imagine.

Join the musical fun **Sunday, March 18 - 11:15 AM** and prepare to be delighted.

## ANCHORED Mess WITH Texas

I know, it should be "don't mess with Texas", but Anchored knows that there is still a BIG mess in Texas after Hurricane Harvey last August. They are ready to clean up the mess and help rebuild lives.

A mission trip to Victoria, Texas is being planned for this summer - **July 22-28, 2018**.

The trip is open to anyone post high school to 40 and will be in conjunction with UMCOR. The cost will be very minimal. More information to come. Contact Pastor Justin with questions at [jiverson@wesley-umc.com](mailto:jiverson@wesley-umc.com).

## Second Distribution - Twice the Number

The Wesley Distribution Ministry opened the doors of Wesley West for the second time to serve our neighbors in need. WDM is thrilled to report that over 80 people came for free paper goods and our offer of assistance. That's double the number of our first distribution! God is GOOD! The next distribution is Saturday, March 17.

(read more about this event on page 9)



winterfest



## Events Coming Up

- Friday, March 2  
Youth Laser Tag - Ever Popular
- Friday, March 9  
Wesley Church Pizza & Game Night
- Wednesday, March 21  
Surge serves off-site
- April 9 - April 14  
Rummage Sale Week



Over the Martin Luther King weekend, Surge held its annual high school winter retreat - Winterfest. Each year our high school students and adult volunteer leaders spend an extended weekend at Silver Birch Ranch in Wisconsin for a time

of fellowship and spiritual growth. There are many activities including broomball, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and tubing plus very intentional time in fellowship, worship, and in God's Word. This year our theme was "Disciple" and our speaker was our own Associate Pastor, Justin Iverson. He spoke on what it truly means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today, the blessings and challenges, and how we can make a difference in the world and our community for Jesus. It was a life-changing weekend for those who went.

## You're Super, Wesley

A big thank you Wesley for your response to Surge's SOUPer Bowl of Caring to support our local Safe Harbor Mission. Because of your generosity the youth went beyond our goal...with a total of \$1,421. The majority of that ended up in the Philadelphia Eagles soup pot. Great game and amazing fundraiser for Safe Harbor. Thank you.

## Youth Fasting Retreat 2018

On February 9th & 10th the students and adult leaders of Surge held a fasting retreat. The retreat focused on understanding the spiritual discipline of fasting, awareness of both local and global hunger and poverty, and what we can do to combat hunger and poverty in our area. Participants were asked to refrain from eating for 24 hours and only drink juice and water. They were then asked to spend the time they would normally

use to eat to instead focus on building and deepening their relationship with God. The group also served at the Midwest Food Bank and broke the fast with communion and a shared meal together.

It was an informative and impactful experience for the twenty youth and the additional adults who participated. The youth are still sharing what they learned.

**Facts from Surge member and presenter, Rebecca Siems -**

41.2 million Americans are considered "food insecure" which means they are in a state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

*"Every Friday I volunteer at Bent Elementary School putting bags of food in kids' lockers because without it they might not have enough food to eat over the weekend. Poverty and hunger certainly have a presence in Bloomington-Normal."*



Fasting Retreat Gang at Midwest Food Bank

## LOL Circle

LOL Circle (Ladies, Outreach and Lunch) will gather for lunch only on March 5th. Our service project will be preparing and distributing paper products at Wesley West on March 16th and 17th. If you would like to join us in serving others while having fun social times together, please email Elaine at [estokes65@gmail.com](mailto:estokes65@gmail.com). We will add your name to our email list for full details of dates, times, places and reservations.

## GEMS Circle

GEMS Circle, a group of young mother's, meets March 12th at the home of Missy Dundov from 6:45 PM to 8:45 PM.

The Circle will also meet March 26th for Moms' Night Out (no childcare). Contact Liz Tomera for more info at [tomeras@comcast.net](mailto:tomeras@comcast.net).

## Hope Circle

Hope Circle meets March 8th in the Church Lounge at 6:30 PM for refreshments and at 7:00 PM they will continue the study of "The Best Yes". Contact Robin Rinker for more info at [rinker\\_robin@comcast.net](mailto:rinker_robin@comcast.net).

## Faith Circle

Faith Circle welcomes you to our March 28th meeting at Westminster Village. We meet from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM in the multi-purpose room. Join us for light refreshments, lively discussion, and our program which will be "Transitions Through Our Life Cycle", led by our special guest, Reverend Vaughn Hoffman. Contact Barb Willey for more info at [ba.willey@comcast.net](mailto:ba.willey@comcast.net).

## Pets As Working Saints

Are you and your dog interested in the PAWS ministry? The PAWS ministry will be offering a Canine Good Citizen class in April and May. When you receive your CGC certificate - you are encouraged to visit nursing homes and other locations where you and your four-legged friend can offer love, memories of former best friends, and other Christian gifts of friendship. These classes will be offered weekly beginning April 12th. Classes will be held every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 at the church for 6 weeks. The final night will be a testing night for the CGC certificate. There is no charge for the class, but class size is limited and members of the church will be given priority. Please contact Gail Scoates at 309-310-3697, or email to [ghscoates@gmail.com](mailto:ghscoates@gmail.com), to register.



### Join Wesley's Panera Dough-Nation Crew

For years Wesley has participated in Panera's Dough-Nation program serving local social agencies like Home Sweet Home Mission, Lincoln Towers, The Downtowner, and Safe Harbor. Every Thursday night at Panera's closing (store near WalMart), a church volunteer picks up bags of day old bread and sweets and then drops off the bags the next morning at the agencies.

We presently have six people who rotate on this schedule but during the winter months we are down to three able-bodied volunteers. It's crucial to find more "crew members" to fortify our ranks.

Learn more about Dough-Nation at [www.panerabread.com](http://www.panerabread.com) under "community". To learn more about Wesley's crew and to volunteer contact Ernie Hoffman at [elhoffman24@gmail.com](mailto:elhoffman24@gmail.com) or 309-662-8710.



The IF:GATHERING women's retreat held on Friday and Saturday, February 9 and 10 was educational, uplifting, and well received. Thank you to all who coordinated the event - and thanks to all who came. Well done!

# JUST ONE

Just One will be collecting much needed laundry detergent in pod form for the March collection.

Laundry pods are requested by Relay for Life and are much needed for their Hope Lodge in St. Louis. As always, many thanks.

## Wesley United Methodist Church

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After Hours Emergencies:  
Pastor Vaughn Hoffman (309) 212-2710  
Pastor Justin Iverson (701) 809-1203

## Thank You Wesley - Troop 18



Thank you to all scouts and adults who participated on Scout Recognition Sunday, February 11th.

A big thank you for all who came out in support of the 8th Annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, February 17. Once again, because of you, Troop 18 had a successful event.

## WESLEY DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

### Serving Our Community

He pulled up in an old van and entered Wesley West with a big grin. Tall and thin, dressed in jeans and a plaid shirt-jacket, he sported a scruffy beard and a most infectious smile. He came over to me and asked if I remembered him from last month. It was "Joe" and I did remember him. Last month he had a 2 ½ year old girl that he proudly announced was toilet trained and didn't need diapers. However, he revealed that they had a new baby so he did need diapers for him. There was that smile, this time, like a friend greeting a friend.

As he shopped at the Wesley Distribution Ministry, he continued to smile. He filled his bag with diapers, perhaps a box that YOU had donated, and wipes, toilet paper, paper towels and other items his family needed. As he left, he wanted to give a donation and then shouted out his thanks to everyone there. With a smile he was gone.

What he left us with was pure joy. We gave "Joe" and 80 other families bags of paper goods, he and they gave us joy and the beginnings of a feeling of connection. Connection to who our friends in need are and what lights up their eyes as volunteers fill their bags. Then the sense of joy that we were able to lend a helping hand, hold a tiny puppy one person brought in, talk to a small child and give another child colorful band aids.

Are we meeting a need? You bet. Are there opportunities for other members of our church to volunteer in this ministry? You bet. We need paper goods donated, we need people to deliver the goods from the church to Wesley West once or twice a week, we need volunteers to unload a truck from Midwest Food Bank once a month, and we need volunteers to serve up joy the third Saturday of each month for distribution.

"Joe" will probably be back in March, not sure about the tiny puppy. There will be more "Joe's" and more families. The need is great. Won't you join in this ministry? Contact Karen Daudelin at [kpdaudelin@frontier.com](mailto:kpdaudelin@frontier.com) or 309-838-5723 for more information or to sign up. JOY!

Submitted by Karen Daudelin



# RUMMAGE SALE

April 14, 2018



## It is Rummage Sale Time Again

### What is this sale all about? Some background info -

Each spring Wesley sponsors a Rummage Sale at the Interstate Center in Bloomington. Since the early 1970's Wesley has strived to help people in need throughout Bloomington/Normal with this sale.

The sale itself allows individuals and families in need to purchase clothes, furniture, household items, etc. at very reasonable prices. All the money raised goes to support Wesley youth mission trips, United Methodist Women's missions and projects, and choir tours for Wesley's youth.



The Wesley Rummage Sale gets bigger every year. The sale outgrew the church building many years ago and was moved to the Sale Barn in 2000. It made its way to its current location at the Interstate Center in 2012 after the Sale Barn was torn down.

Each year, the sale has more than 20 departments including clothing, shoes, books, housewares, antiques, furniture, baked goods, and much more. Hundreds of volunteers put in more than 4,000 hours each year to make the sale happen. Last year the sale made roughly \$29,000 for Wesley activities and missions. Now that's BIG!

## What do I need to know?

- **Sign up online** to volunteer and be part of the fun. [wesley-umc.com/volunteer-wesley-rummage-sale](http://wesley-umc.com/volunteer-wesley-rummage-sale)  
You can also contact Phyllis Pederson via email and let her know how you can help at [figgip@aol.com](mailto:figgip@aol.com).
- **Monday, April 9th** is the first day that drop offs will be accepted from noon until 9:00 PM.  
Coordinators will need to report to the Interstate Center by 11:00 AM that day.
- Drop offs will continue **Tuesday, April 10 through Thursday, April 12** from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM.
- The Sale is **Saturday, April 14** from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- You don't want to miss the joy of serving, the fun of fellowship, and the great experience of being part of something this big.  
With Wesley you can make a difference. So sign up today!

Much more information to come throughout the month.  
Stay tuned. Check your closets and basements.  
Tell your friends and neighbors.



Sign up now so we can count you in!





## Honduras Mission Trip

Missions is currently organizing a trip back to Honduras to continue our much needed work in that country.

**July 8-15, 2018**

Keith Smith will be leading a group of 8 to 12 able-bodied volunteers to work construction on a variety of projects. Hard work combined with service, prayer, and fellowship is on the itinerary.

An informational meeting will be scheduled soon. In the meantime contact Keith Smith with questions or to express interest - 309-242-4318 or keithsmith19671@gmail.com.



## Lenten Offering 2018

This Lenten season please prayerfully consider reaching out to support United Methodist national and world projects and agencies through our 2018 offering. Our goal is to raise \$12,180. Please help us get there.

### Who exactly benefits?

United Methodist Committee on Relief  
Midwest Mission Distribution Center  
Haiti School Hot Lunch program  
Africa University scholarships  
UM Kissy Clinic in Sierra Leone  
UM Ganta Hospital in Liberia  
Haiti Zero Charcoal 2020  
El Porvenir: Clean Water  
Bethlehem Bible College in the Holy Land  
UM Central Conference Pastor Pension Fund

### What does that assistance look like?

Your gift will continue our support of Ganta Hospital in Liberia and Kissy Clinic in Sierra Leone. With our help, additional funding will be available for Africa University student scholarships and Haiti Hot School Lunch programs.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois work together to get cleaning buckets and health kits to people in need. Bethlehem Bible College works to train Arab Christian leaders to serve and strengthen the church and communities in the Holy Land. The Central Conference Pastor Pension fund provides financial assistance to retired Methodist ministers and their families in Africa and the Philippines; in many cases, this may be the only pension they receive. El Porvenir is an organization which provides sanitation and clean water in rural areas in Nicaragua and around the world. We hope that you will give generously to support the efforts of these organizations.

One new project was added this year. The Foundation for Haiti Zero Charcoal 2020 is a non-profit organization whose goal is to provide two kerosene cook stoves free of charge along with training in their use to families throughout Haiti to improve the environment, health and economic prospects of the people. For centuries in Haiti, forests have been sources of charcoal and wood as fuel for daily cooking. Today, the forests are virtually gone. Deforestation leaves Haiti vulnerable to destruction by storms causing flooding, loss of crops, loss of infrastructure and loss of life - as we saw this year.

Special offering envelopes are located in the pews and can be placed in the collection plates or **give online at [wesley-umc.com/give](http://wesley-umc.com/give)** (specify Lenten offering). Offering ends April 1st. **Thank you Wesley for your ever-generous heart!**



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#### **Sunday, March 18 - Wesley Singers Musical**

11:15 AM - special musical for the entire service

#### **Thursday, March 29 - Maundy Thursday Service**

7:00 PM - music by the Woodwind Quintet  
led by Ann Gore

#### **Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday**

9:00 AM - Traditional Service  
music performed by  
Amy Gilreath Major, trumpet, Tim Byrne, tenor,  
Andrew Johnson, organist, along with Wesley  
choirs, orchestra, brass & more

11:15 AM - Contemporary Service  
Praise Team, Jubilation, and others