

News Of Wesley

July 2018

Welcome to the Family - The Isbell's Join Wesley



This Sunday, July 1st we welcome Reverend Sara and Andy Isbell into the Wesley family. Be sure to be here for Sara's first sermons at 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM, PLUS join us for a welcome reception between services.

Please wear your name tag on Sunday or fill out one that we will have for you. Sara and Andy are anxious to get to know all of you!

I hope you've been gathering "Isbell Answers" in the Sunday bulletins and the Alive e-newsletter. Look through this newsletter for a couple more. Learn about our new pastor and family in a fun way. Complete questions and answers will be revealed on July 1st. Watch for the "answers" and play along.

Here's to the Isbell family - Wesley is delighted to have you in the family!

The Lads Are Coming... ...don't miss them

Vacation Bible School registration closes
July 10th. Register now!

Your kids won't want to miss children's TV personalities and Christian family rock band, The Lads, as they bring our SPORT-TASTIC Vacation Bible Study message through music and interactive play.

The Lads create fun wherever they go! You won't want to miss this special experience – the weekend of July 27th to 29th.

There will be classes for four-year-olds up to 5th grade ONLY. There is no charge or fee.

All the children will participate in stations involving music, crafts, recreation, and more.

Register on-line -
www.wesley-umc.com/children/vacation-bible-school



- Schedule -

Friday, July 27
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Saturday, July 28
10:00 AM - 1:15 PM

Sunday, July 29
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM



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Sunday Services - 9:00 & 11:15 AM • Christian Education - 10:15 AM
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Coming Home to Wesley - a note from Sara



Hi, Wesley friends!

I want to tell you how excited I am to be joining you at Wesley UMC as your new pastor. I've had a chance to meet with some of the staff, SPRC, Pastor Justin, and of course Pastor Vaughn – and they have all been so welcoming, warm and accommodating. I am really looking forward to meeting the rest of you, as well, and beginning this new season of ministry together!

It's funny; even though we don't know each other yet, and have never worshiped together, I feel like we are already family! Maybe it's because I grew up in a college town, at a church called "Wesley." Maybe it's because the sanctuary is so beautiful and feels both "holy" and "homey" at the same time. Maybe it's because of the kind notes and cards I've already received from so many of you.

Or maybe it's just because you can tell from the moment you walk in the building - God is present at Wesley UMC. And wherever God is, God's children are at home as brothers and sisters in Christ!

Whatever the reason, I anticipate a lot of joy in getting to know you, hearing your stories, and finding out what's important to you. Do me a favor and wear name tags for awhile; that will help me to learn your names. And I'll do what I can to help you get to know me, too.

Until then, sisters and brothers!

Grace and peace to you all,

Sara.

Isbell Answers

"EXTROVERT AND INTROVERT"

What's the question that needs to be asked about the Isbell's to result in this answer?



Grab a name tag on Sunday, July 1st. Better yet, order a permanent one so that EVERYONE in the Wesley family knows your name!



Thank You Wesley

Dear friends,

What a wonderful send-off we received from you on Sunday, June 10! The uplifting music, kind words, cards and notes of appreciation, the generosity in all your many gifts...we are truly overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness and care. Thank you for making our last Sunday at Wesley one we will long remember. And even more, thank you for the privilege of serving alongside you in this wonderful church for the past fourteen years. It was truly an honor and a joy to have done so!

With love and prayers for you all,

Vaughn and Lori Hoffman

Rummage Sale - Part 2

Wesley has an account at the Cal-di-lu Consignment Shop. Cal-di-lu welcomes donations of clothes, shoes, purses, and even jewelry every day except for Wednesday. If your donated items are sold, a portion of the money that usually goes to the customer is put into a Wesley account. The items need to be "in the current style". This is a great way for the Rummage Sale to continue to bring in more money and add to our phenomenal event this year.

- The Rummage Sale Committee



Wesley Financial Update

General fund receipts as of 5/31/18	\$ 556,425
General fund expenses as of 5/31/18	514,708
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Surplus	\$ 41,717

You are probably aware of many giving opportunities at Wesley. There is the regular giving for budgeted items along with special offerings throughout the year. But did you know you can give to some special funds that are available for specific ministries? One such fund is the kitchen equipment fund, used to buy items for the kitchen that are not in the budget. Some items purchased from this fund include utensils, beverage dispensers, a microwave oven, replacement burners for the outdoor grill, and booster chairs for small children.

Other special funds include funds for any mission trips, along with a scholarship fund that can help people who want to go on one of these mission trips but who don't have the funds needed to do so. There are also funds to help buy supplies for those who knit and crochet prayer shawls, or who serve meals at Safe Harbor, or provide Healing Rides to people who just want to enjoy the outdoors for a short time, or the benevolence fund to provide quick, short-term assistance for someone in need. We also have a vehicle maintenance fund, which has been used to keep our 3 church-owned vehicles in safe, efficient condition. Groups using these vehicles for longer trips are asked to subsidize this fund so there will be funds available for such things as tire replacement and other necessary vehicle repairs.

Although we rarely have a special offering for any of the above funds, contributions are always welcome. Be sure to specify in the memo section of your check any time you give for a specific purpose outside of the regular operating budget.

- Myrna Simpson, Business Administrator

"Our Conference Our Kids" Baseball

The Illinois Great Rivers Conference is hosting "Holy Baseball" - two fundraising games to support "Our Conference Our Kids".

Sunday, July 15

GCS Ball Park
2301 Sauget, IL 62206
worship - 5:05 PM | game - 6:05 PM

To order tickets for this game call Justin Graves at 618-337-3000.

Sunday, August 12

The Corncrib
1000 Raab Rd.
Normal, IL
worship - 5:05 PM | game - 6:05 PM

To order tickets for this game call 309-454-2255.

All tickets are \$10

Go to www.igrc.org for more info.

MAKE SURE YOU MENTION IGRC FOR 50% DONATION FOR OUR KIDS

Dates to Note

- Sunday, July 1

Isbell's - Welcome to the Family
Rev. Sara preaches - 9:00 AM & 11:15 AM
Sr High Mission Trip Commissioned - 11:15
NO Sunday School
Welcome to the Family Reception
- Wesley Lounge - 10:00 AM

After Each Service - Change for Change
Youth Mission Collection

- Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day Holiday - Office Closed

- Saturday, July 7

Honduras Mission Trip departs

- Sunday, July 8

Senior High Memphis Mission Trip departs

- Tuesday, July 10

Deadline for VBS registration

- Friday, July 13

Wesley Family Movie Night - 7:30 PM

- Monday, July 16

Ramsey Legacy Class begins - 6:30 PM
NOW Newsletter August deadline

- Saturday, July 21

Wesley Distribution Ministry - 9:30 AM
Habitat House Build - 8:00 AM

- Sunday, July 22

Anchored Texas Mission Trip departs

- Friday, July 27

Vacation Bible Study - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

- Saturday, July 28

Vacation Bible Study - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

- Sunday, July 29

Vacation Bible Study - 10:00-12:30 PM
Jr. High Mission Trip Commissioned - 11:15

GET A PERMANENT NAME TAG -

Order them at the Wesley Welcome Desk.

Wesley UMC, Calvary UMC, and Normal First UMC are joining forces to serve Habitat for Humanity in a unified build named "Beloved Community House". Saturday, July 21st will be the the next build day for this project from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM at 806 S. Madison in Bloomington.

Everyone is welcome to come out and help, regardless of skill level. Someone will be at the build site providing guidance and instructions so it will be a great opportunity to learn something new or share your talents with the group! You do not need to bring any tools - the only requirement is that you wear closed toe shoes.

Join us for this special Habitat build. Build dates will be the third Saturday of every month. Sign up on-line at www.habitatmclean.org. Need more info? Contact Addie Moy at addie.moy@gmail.com.

Wesley, Can You Help? This is a Test...

We need your help. To properly test the McLean County Health Department's ability to quickly and efficiently dispense medications to McLean County residents in the event of a large-scale public health emergency, we need to test our procedures in a simulated emergency environment. We are reaching out to Wesley in hopes that you would like to volunteer.

The full-scale exercise will be held at ISU Redbird Arena from 8:15 a.m. until 12 noon on Friday, September 14th and will allow the Health Department, the McLean County Emergency Management Agency, and Illinois State University to jointly test the process for providing medication to all McLean County residents during a public health emergency.

Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and will be expected to participate in the exercise for the entire duration of the shift selected.

For more information, go to health.mcleancountyil.gov. You can also contact Wesley member, Tory Lynch-Dahmm at tlynch@chestnut.org.

LOL Circle

LOL Circle (Ladies, Outreach and Lunch) will not meet for lunch on Monday, July 2nd because of the holiday.

The group has tentative plans to do a service project at the Bloomington Daycare on July 16. Join us!

If you would like to join our fun social times and our service projects, please email Elaine Stokes at estokes65@gmail.com.

Faith Circle

There are no Faith Circle summer meetings...a good time to enjoy being out and about! Stay tuned for our fall journey in FAITH!

GEMS

GEMS will continue to meet in the summer at the home of Missy Dundov. They are studying "Mom Set Free". Childcare is \$3/child.

July dates are 7/9 and 7/23.

Contact Liz Tomera for more information or questions at tomeras@comcast.net.



Healing Rides Pedaling Along

The Healing Rides 2018 season kicked off June 1st and has a strong ride going. Demand for rides is ever-increasing! Thanks for your support.

Healing Rides offers bike rides to those who cannot pedal for themselves. Thanks to pedaling volunteers, this unique ministry provides an opportunity to enjoy a day of fresh air and sunshine on the Constitution Trail.

This program is free of charge to the rider and runs through September 30. For more information on-line go to www.healingrides.com. Call the church office to sign up for a ride.

WESLEY

DISTRIBUTION

MINISTRY

Thank you, Wesley Church, for your generous donations of paper products to the Wesley Distribution Ministry. You provided help to 124 individuals who came Saturday, June 16th to our giveaway. These people represented help to 450 - 500 family members!

Numbers increase every month so our paper pantry needs keep growing. Our supplies dwindled. To meet the needs for our July 21st distribution event we need diapers sizes 3-6, baby wipes, facial tissue, paper towels, tampons, and paper plates.

Praise God for His continued blessings in this vital ministry!

Wesley United Methodist Church

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Phone: 309-827-8046 Fax: (309)828-9625
www.wesley-umc.com

After Hours Emergencies:
Reverend Sara L. Isbell (217) 299-4870 - after July 1
Pastor Justin Iverson (701) 809-1203



Save the Date - 8/18

Wesley is going to ROCK THE BLOCK on August 18th as we throw a block party to kick off Wednesdays@Wesley for the 2018-2019 school year. The party will be all around Wesley West. Mark your calendars for a good time. More to come!

Isbell Answers

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2019 Holy Land Trip

I invite you to join me on an 11-Day “Journey through the Bible” program March 5-15, 2019 that will expand our knowledge of the Bible and this sacred land. This Holy Land journey will follow in the footsteps of Jesus, Paul, Samuel, and David - will change the way you read the Bible - and you will learn why scholars refer to the Holy Land as the “Fifth Gospel”.

For more information go to www.wesley-umc.com or contact me at jiverson@wesley-umc.com to join the trip. Save the date and bring a friend!

- Pastor Justin

JUST ONE

and fast food cards are also appreciated.

Perhaps you've received some gift cards you'd be willing to share with others who are less fortunate. Please deposit gift cards in the slot on the secure wooden box attached to the Just One bin.

In August we will collect children's underwear and sweatpants sizes 4 through 12.

- Church and Society Committee

Gift Cards of all kinds will be the Just One focus during the month of July.

Families in need welcome gift cards in any amount from any retailer - Walmart, Kroger, Target, Jewel, Walgreen's, Dollar General, Eastland Mall, etc. Restaurants



Mission Trip Update

This summer Wesley has two mission trips available for our students in Surge. Our Senior High will be traveling to Memphis, TN for a week of mission work July 8-July 14. We will be partnering with area churches to help with local home construction and repair projects in their community and also helping with local after school ministries and homeless shelters.

Our Junior High students will be serving at the Christian Discipleship Farm in Wisconsin August 5-11. They provide an enhanced Vacation Bible School Day Camp for children and young adults with special needs. The campers and their families spend the week having fun together, learning about God's love for them, and being loved on by the camp volunteers in an outdoor farm environment.

Both our teams have completed the first of two trainings to prepare them for their time this summer. The students and adult volunteers are very excited about their teams and the opportunities they will have to serve and be the hands and feet of Jesus this summer. Please be praying for them as they continue to train and prepare for all that God will have for them this summer.



Surge Summer Study

Surge is diving deep into scripture and valuable topics that can change the student's lives. On Wednesday nights, we are going through the book of James at our summer BBQs. James goes through practical issues that students can easily relate to and talk about. It truly is the New Testament's "Book of Wisdom".

Also, on Sunday mornings, we are going through a series that is based off the book "Celebration of Discipline", written by Richard Foster. The students will be able to learn about Christian spiritual disciplines that can be a part of their walk with Jesus. The book focuses on inward, outward, and corporate spiritual disciplines. The point of this series is to inform students about these disciplines, and to show how much these can allow them to grow in their faith of Jesus Christ.

- Jacob A. Cielecki, Surge Youth Intern



Anchored will be meeting at 7:00 PM once a month this summer at Wesley West. Together we'll be reading "The Orthodox Heretic" by Peter Rollins.

Copies of the book are for sale for \$10 on the book shelf in the Lounge.

- Remaining Meeting Dates -

July 11 - Book Discussion

August 8 - Book Discussion

Join us at Wesley West this summer!

Change for Change

July 1st our youth will be collecting "Change for Change" - a loose change collection to help support youth summer mission trips. After each service senior and junior highers will be accepting any loose change you have in your pockets, or jars you've brought from home, for the senior high Memphis, TN trip July 8-July 14 and the Junior High Wisconsin trip August 5-11. Let your loose change make some change...support youth missions!



Christian Education Classes for All Ages throughout the week

ADULTS - Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 AM

Journey Through the Bible - Book of Acts

Richard Johnson, leader
Conference Room

Unafraid

Book by Adam Hamilton
Judy Bute, leader
Lounge

STUDIES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study
2017 Disciplines and Other Topics
7:00 AM - Lounge

- Wednesdays@Wesley -

W@W will resume after summer break
on Wednesday, August 29.

WEDNESDAY

Men's Bible Study
FaithLink - Cokesbury on-line
12:00 PM - Garden Room

Vacation Bible School July 27-29

Our Vacation Bible School sessions will be led by the always popular Christian family rock band, The Lads. See the front cover for more information. Registration due **Tuesday, July 10th!**

The Grand Sweep
365 Days From Genesis to Revelation
by J. Ellsworth Kalas
5:45 PM - Lounge

THURSDAY

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

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - JULY 1ST -

A **NEW** Companions in Christ is forming - contact Kathi if interested.

Contact Kathi Pritts
kpritts@wesley-umc.com

Children's Ministry

Bible Tells Us Which Way to Go

Our preschoolers will continue to learn that the Bible tells us which way to go.

Confidence

In July our elementary kids will continue to build confidence with great active stories from the Bible.

Isbell Answers

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Family Movie Night

July 13, 2018

Games, Movie, Family Fun



Save Friday, July 13th for an outdoor movie night at Wesley for the whole family. Activities begin in the Wesley labyrinth courtyard at 7:30 PM. The popular movie "Wonder" will begin as the sun goes down at 8:30 PM. Come out for the games, movie, fun, and fellowship!

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.

Leaders - James Ingold and Kelly Snyder
Mondays July 16 - August 27
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Contact Kathi if you are interested and would like to order a study kit.

