

PRESS RELEASE

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Wesley Distribution Ministry Dedication Celebration – Saturday, August 18, 2018

Bloomington support agencies have a need. They serve families who might not have access to basic paper goods. Wesley United Methodist Church has a new facility with a large storage area and a big basement - Wesley West. The two needs appear to mesh seamlessly.

A good idea turned into a life-changing ministry. And word continues to spread.

“We opened up our first distribution in January 2018 to anyone in need. We had 24 families that first distribution. We are now serving over 125 families representing some 500 family members. And we anticipate the ministry growing even more.” - Karen Daudelin, Wesley Distribution Ministry, Lead

Come celebrate the official dedication of this special downtown service ministry.

WESLEY
DISTRIBUTION
MINISTRY

Ministry Dedication Celebration - Ribbon Cutting

Saturday, August 18 - 11:30 AM

Wesley West

Ribbon Cutting - Lunch – Games

413 E. Washington, Bloomington, IL

Wesley Distribution Ministry – Monthly Distribution earlier – same location – 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Hot Dogs - Chips - Cookies - Drinks | Games – Activities | Immediately Following

Ministry Background

Wesley United Methodist Church, in partnership with the Midwest Food Bank, mapped out a way to provide household paper products for families in need through the Wesley Distribution Ministry. Low income families were initially made aware of this program, a no-cost paper pantry open to anyone in need, through local social service agencies and social workers/family coordinators in Unit 5 and District 87. The Wesley congregation continually collects paper products including: paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, wipes, and paper feminine hygiene products for monthly distribution.

The Wesley Distribution Ministry is held the third Saturday of every month from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Collected paper products are available free at Wesley UMC's smaller annex, Wesley West, located at 413 E Washington Street, Bloomington, across McLean Street and just west of the church.

The entire church is involved, collecting products, donations, and volunteers. All Wesley members have the opportunity to participate and serve.



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The Wesley UMC contact for this effort is Karen Daudelin, Wesley Distribution Ministry Coordinator at kpdaudelin@frontier.com.

Parking is available around the Wesley West building and in all Wesley UMC lots.

Wesley West is located on the corner of McLean and Washington Streets, across from Wesley United Methodist at 413 E. Washington, Bloomington, IL.

Future distribution dates in 2018 are September 15, October 20, November 17 and December 15.

Come celebrate with Wesley United Methodist. Join us as we acknowledge the impact of the Wesley Distribution Ministry and move forward with plans for expanding in the future.

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