

Wesley United Methodist Church - Bloomington, Illinois

“No One Stays Lost” - August 9, 2020

Greeting

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

-arr. Joel Raney

Andrew Johnson, organ

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn *UMH #139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty vs. 1,2,3,5*

Children’s Time

Special Music

He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought

-arr. Mark Hayes

Andrew Johnson, piano

Scripture Matthew 18:12-14

“¹²What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.”

*God’s grace for God’s people - **thanks be to God!***

Sermon

Nobody Stays Lost

Reverend Sara L. Isbell

Prayer Song

Reckless Love

-Cory Asbury

Matt Sherrill, guitar

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Closing Song

Fierce

-Jesus Culture

Matt Sherrill, guitar

Announcements

Benediction from Andrew Johnson

Choral Benediction *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* -Peter C. Lutkin

Wesley UMC Virtual Choir

Postlude *Symphonie I: Final* -Louis Vierne

Andrew Johnson, organ

Worship Participants

Reverend Justin Iverson, Liturgist

Andrew Johnson, Organist and Pianist

Matt Sherrill, Guitarist

Kathi Pritts, Children's Time

Brenna Martin, Hymn Singer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR ANDREW JOHNSON TODAY – 1-3 PM

We are so appreciative and thankful for Andrew Johnson's time and dedication to the music program at Wesley Church over the last three years. Please join us TODAY, August 9th, for a Drive-Thru Celebration at Wesley West from 1 - 3pm.

Congregation members will arrive at Wesley West in their cars and drive thru two open lanes of the car port. There you will be able to congratulate Andrew on his future endeavors and thank him for all that he has done for Wesley. A receptacle will be available for cards if you would like to leave a note upon your visit. Don't forget to wear your mask!

If you are unable to attend the event but would like to send Andrew a card in the mail please send your card to the church at 502 E. Front St. Bloomington, IL. 61701 and we will see that he receives it.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP-AUGUST 23 AT THE CORN CRIB

Join us for worship on Sunday, August 23rd at the Corn Crib Stadium (1000 W Raab Rd, Normal, IL). We'll begin at 10am and celebrate Confirmation Sunday together. Please wear your mask and bring a lawn chair, as we'll be sitting under the awning near the concession stand. Water will be provided and social distancing will be observed. The service will be recorded and available for viewing on YouTube by 7pm that day. We can't wait to see you in person!

NEW ADULT STUDIES

Which Way Lord; Exploring Your Life's Purpose in the Journeys of Paul

Join us as we travel to find our purpose together. Rediscover that you are wonderfully made, created for purpose, and equipped to live a life of significance, despite the adversity and detours you will encounter along the way. The study will be led by Barb Phend and meets via zoom on Thursday Nights, 6:30-7:30 PM. Contact Kathi Pritts kpritts@wesley-umc.com to register and get a book.

Inter-racial Bible Study: JUSTICE

Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15pm, starting August 11, by ZOOM Join Rev. Sara Isbell, Rev. Dr. Brigitte Black, and members of the Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church in Bloomington, for a six-week study on the Bible and Justice. Wesley and Wayman AME have been neighbors for a long time, but we don't know each other as well as we'd like. Let's get to know each other – and get to know what the Bible says about Justice. Watch the ALIVE and bulletin announcements for the Zoom link (<https://tinyurl.com/y68k23bu>); talk to Pastor Sara (sisbell@wesley-umc.com; 217-299-4870) for more information.

ALL CHURCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM TO BEGIN AUGUST 26

Wesley UMC is finding new ways to do ministry during Phase 4 of COVID-19. Please plan to join us every Wednesday evening this fall for "Paint the Town WESLEY." As a church family we will be engaging in safe, socially distanced activities in an attempt to show the community how much God loves them, who we are, and to bind us together during this challenging time. We will kick-off the fall with an all-church event on August 26th at 6 p.m. in the church parking lot to prepare our Paint the Town WESLEY "uniforms." We will provide Wesley t-shirts (or you can bring your own) and have multiple tie-dye stations and outdoor games available. Let's come together and prepare to be out in the community this fall!

Please note, tie-dye kits will also be available for purchase for those who wish to participate from home. Please also wear a mask and plan to social distance.

Remember church, we're in this together! We can't wait to see you soon! We need to know you're coming – please register at www.wesley-umc.com.

SURGE (Youth grades 6-12) MEETING ON WEDNESDAYS

Surge will welcome small groups back to Wesley for a new series in Phase 4, "Bonfires of Belonging". Groups will meet outdoors in the main parking lot. Students will meet in a 2 week rotation with Middle schoolers meeting August 12: 6th/7th grade 6-7pm 8th grade 7-8pm. High schoolers will meet August 19: 9th/10th grade from 6-7pm and 11th/12th grade from 7-8pm.

Please note that we are committed to the safety of every student at Wesley and will be observing social distancing while together. Masks are required and all students will need to undergo a temperature check upon arrival.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR WESLEY'S PAPER DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

The following items are needed for the upcoming August 15 paper distribution: diaper wipes (need 150 packs), toilet paper (need 250 rolls), dish soap (need 200 bottles - available at Dollar Tree), and 2021 calendars (tip: save the free calendars you get in the mail). You may drop off the items in the collection box located at the entrance door of Wesley West at any time, Monday - Friday.

WUMC JOB OPENINGS

Wesley UMC is seeking applicants for organist and Director of Communications. Additional information and application process can be found on our website at www.wesley-umc.com.

PRAYER WITH THE PASTOR

Sundays 4-5 pm – All are welcome. We want to be available to you during this time, not just to pray *for* you, but to pray *with* you. If you have prayer requests, joys or concerns, let's bring them to the altar together (virtually) Sunday afternoons by Zoom. Pastor Sara will meet you there and we'll pray together for each other, our families, community, nation and world. The Zoom link can be found in the July Alive e-newsletter. (Meeting ID: 926 3446 4078; Password: 628292)