

Wesley United Methodist Church - Bloomington, Illinois

Confirmation Sunday - August 23, 2020

Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Song

Here for You

-Tomlin

Wesley UMC Praise Band

Prayer Song

Give Me Jesus

-Ortega

Wesley UMC Praise Band

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Children's Time

Scripture Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSV)

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Sermon

Who do YOU say that I am?

Reverend Justin Iverson

Service of Baptism, Confirmation, and Member Reception

Individuals to be Baptized: Kyrie Eleison Jaene Cope and Sienna Jean Schottland

Individuals to be Confirmed: Mary Christina Baker, Kyrie Eleison Jaene Cope, Soren Joseph Gjesfjeld, Lorne Ray Hemp, Abigail Brianne Link, Sienna Jean Schottland, Corinna Jane Thomas, Jenelle Elizabeth Tuttle, Clara Elizabeth Williams, and Parker Robert Williams

Individuals to be Received as Professing Members: Mary Baker, Soren Gjesfjeld, Sienna Schottland, Corinna Thomas, Jenelle Tuttle, Clara Williams, and Parker Williams

Congregational Responses

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

**[who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
[the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.]**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sisters in Christ.

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.**

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you

as members of the family of Christ.

Members of the household of God,
I commend these persons to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Closing Song

Running

-Hillsong

Wesley UMC Praise Band

Benediction

Worship Participants
Reverend Sara L. Isbell, Liturgist
Matt Sherrill, Guitar
Dale Griffith, Bass

Nate Byrne, Djembe

Josh Dahmm, Keyboard

Kathi Pritts, Children's Time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 6pm 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.

'Paint the Town Wesley' is for everyone, families with kids, empty-nesters, individuals, the young at heart, etc. ALL are encouraged to participate and are welcome to invite friends! Remember Church, we're in this together! We can't wait to see you soon!

Please register ahead of time by going to www.wesley-umc.com.

It is the desire of Wesley UMC to minimize potential exposure to the Covid-19 virus. As we gather, both indoors and outdoors, we ask that you remember the following:

- 1. Wear a face-mask.**
- 2. Maintain a minimum of 6-ft distance from other persons.**
- 3. Practice frequent hand-washing or use of hand-sanitizer**
- 4. Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 or have other illnesses.**
- 5. Stay home if you have been exposed to Covid-19 within the past 14 days.**
- 6. Stay home if you have a compromising condition due to age or other health conditions**

SURGE (Youth grades 6-12) MEETINGS MOVE TO SUNDAYS

SURGE meetings will move to Sunday nights beginning August 30th! We will stick with our same schedule, using a rotation between our Jr. High and High School students. While we are changing the day of our meetings, the format will stay the same. Our "Bonfires of Belonging" series welcomes all students to come and belong as a part of our Surge family while we join in fellowship, games and spiritual devotion.

Click here ([https://www.wesley-umc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Surge-Fall-Calendar .pdf](https://www.wesley-umc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Surge-Fall-Calendar.pdf)) to see our official Fall 2020 calendar for information on all events, meetings and programming.

Please consider joining our all church initiative "Paint the Town Wesley" every Wednesday at 6pm in lieu of our changed meeting time.

For any questions please contact Kelsey at 618-558-0748.

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ADULT STUDIES – IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

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, 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.

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. This week Pastor Sally 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**)