

Wesley United Methodist Church - Bloomington, Illinois

“We Can Work it Out” - September 6, 2020

Greeting

Organ Prelude *Prélude from Prélude, fugue et variation* -Franck
Sam Fleming, organist

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn UMH #365 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

Children’s Time

Prayer Song *Make Us One* -Paris
Matt Sherrill, guitar

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

Scripture Matthew 18:15-20 (NRSV)

15 “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Sermon *We Can Work it Out*

Reverend Sara L. Isbell

Sermon Response UMH #463 *Lord, Speak to Me*

Invitation to the Offering

Service of Holy Communion

Communion Music *Your Only Son (Lamb of God)* -Paris

Ron Kiesewetter, tenor and Maxie Scifres, piano

Announcements and Benediction

Musical Benediction *We Can Work It Out* -The Beatles

Matt Sherrill, guitar

Worship Participants

Reverend Justin Iverson, Liturgist

Sam Fleming, Organist

Matt Sherrill, Guitarist

Ellen Hagen and Maxie Scifres, Pianists

Kathi Pritts, Children's Time

Brenna Martin, Hymn Singer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATE TO HURRICANE LAURA RELIEF

If you would like to make a donation to Hurricane Laura relief, please go to UMCOR's website or send a check into the Church office with 'Hurricane Laura' in the memo line. For those wishing to note the appropriate fund when they make their donation, it is the 'US Disaster Response and Recovery Fund #901670.

PAINT THE TOWN WESLEY – ALL-CHURCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

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.

- **Wednesday, Sept. 9: Wesley Walking – 5:30-7pm**

Join us for a "Wesley Walk" at Tipton Park, beginning with prayer at 5:30pm. Bring your mask and water bottle (and a lawn chair if you'd rather sit than walk!). Healing Rides will be there, too! Please register ahead of time by going to our website, www.wesley-umc.com.

- **Wednesday, Sept 16: THE AMAZING gRACE – 6:00 p.m.**

Join us at 6pm on Wednesday, September 16th for 'THE AMAZING gRACE,' an Amazing Race style event in which participants will travel around town deciphering a series of clues that will lead them from one location to the next. A special prize will be awarded to the first team (vehicle) to complete the race. (Families or individuals who are podding together are encouraged to sign up as a team in order to promote social distancing.) The race will begin at 6pm from the main Wesley UMC parking lot, so arrive a few minutes early to get your starter packet. This is sure to be a fun event for all ages!

Click the link below to register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QVO5TPF>

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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 SERVICE ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR THIS AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 6TH

There will be NO Surge on Sunday, September 6th in observation of Labor Day. Students are instead invited to join in an optional service activity for the distribution ministry. We will meet at Park United Methodist (704 S Allin St, Bloomington, IL 61701) at 3 pm to load food into our vehicles and transport back to Wesley West. Students will need their own transportation to Park and back to Wesley, as carpooling is not within our Phase 4 guidelines. Contact Kelsey or Connor Caldwell with any questions!

Our September Surge event will take place on Sunday, September 13th at 1 Normal Plaza park. Students are invited to come play "socially distanced capture the flag" complete with water squirters and colored masks from 5-6:30. ALL Surge students 6th-12th grade and their friends are welcome to attend. After the game our high school small groups are invited to stay at the park for their weekly bonfire meeting from 7-8:00 pm.

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 note that social distancing will be observed at all Surge activities and masks are required to participate.

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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 kpitts@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. Here's 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. 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 below.

<https://zoom.us/j/92634464078?pwd=M09hUldDaFM2Qm1LdzFDdGhVNU5DZz09>

Meeting ID: 926 3446 4078

Passcode: 628292

PHASE FOUR GUIDELINES FOR RE-ENTRY AT WESLEY CHURCH DURING PANDEMIC

McLean County continues in Phase Four of the Restore Illinois re-entry plan. Find Wesley's re-entry guidelines on our website at www.wesley-umc.com.