

Wesley United Methodist Church - Bloomington, Illinois

Stewardship Sunday - October 25, 2020

Opening Songs

My Hope is in You
All The People Said Amen

Greeting

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

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.

Children's Time

Anthem

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona - Anders Nyberg
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Sermon

The Joy of Neighboring: Motives Matter
Reverend Sara L. Isbell

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to Give and to Receive

Walk to the Cross

Musical Offering

UMH #585 This Little Light of Mine
James Ingold and Ronnie Jones

Closing Song

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Benediction

Worship Participants

Reverend Justin Iverson, Liturgist

Kathi Pritts, Children's Time

Brenna Martin, Hymn Singer

Wesley UMC Praise Band Participants

Ali Akyuz, Andy Isbell, Jeff Beal, Nate Byrne, and Josh Dahmm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Please see bottom of announcements for our COVID-19 participation guidelines.

Wednesday, October 28: Trunk or Treat

On October 28th at 6:00 p.m. the parking lot will be transformed into a pathway of fun! Kids (of all ages) will enjoy games and treats from their cars as they travel through the church parking lot visiting decorated stations (cars).

If you would like to decorate a car and provide a game that can be played from a vehicle, please contact Kathi Pritts at kpitts@wesley-umc.com. There are lots of ideas online and many are very simple.

Wednesday, November 4- Prayers For Peace And Unity

Wednesday, Nov. 4, our "Paint The Town WESLEY" event will be a little different. The evening after the national election Wesley will be hosting an Interfaith Prayer Vigil for our own members

and for people all around the Bloomington Normal Community. We know that this year's election season has been particularly stressful, and no matter who gets the most votes, the nation will be divided.

But people of faith have a choice about who they want to be and how they want to live together, whoever is elected. And so we will join together online for a time of prayer and reflection and mutual support, to affirm a vision of peace and unity.

The YouTube Premiere link will be posted on Wesley's website and will go live at 6:00pm. Please join us from 6:00-7:00 pm to pray for peace and unity, and share with a friend!

HOLIDAY PIE SALES

Wesley's Bright Beginnings & United Methodist Women are teaming up to sell holiday pies. All pies come frozen, are ready to bake (a few are thaw and serve), and can remain in your freezer through the holidays. Orders are due by Thursday, November 5th. You may click [HERE](#) to place your order.

Pie sales will support the mission projects of UMW and also help provide the necessary equipment and supplies to safely reopen WBB after COVID 19.

Pie pick up 9-11AM November 21-24 in the parking lot east of Wesley UMC.

Park in a designated spot and remain in your car. Pies will be brought out to you. Cash or check made out to Wesley UMC due at pick up.

If you have questions or prefer to order by phone please call Judy Bute (309-261-4366) or Diane Yount (309-531-1500)

HERSHEY BAR SNOWMEN & ELVES SALES

Wesley's United Methodist Women are hard at work making Hershey Bar Snowmen and Elves for the Christmas Season! Proceeds go to UMW Missions including Home Sweet Home Missions, Midwest Food Bank and Salvation Army.

Order now to help the ladies know exactly how many candy bars to decorate and to make sure you get what you're looking for. Each candy bar is \$3 and payment is due at pick-up.

[Click Here](https://www.wesley-umc.com/2020/08/umw-snowman-and-elf-order-form/) (<https://www.wesley-umc.com/2020/08/umw-snowman-and-elf-order-form/>) to fill out your order form or call Tricia DePew at 309-287-5076!

SURGE MEETING SUNDAY NIGHTS

Surge (Grades 6-12) meets on Sunday nights! We will be using a rotation schedule between our Jr. High and High School students. 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](#) to see our official Fall 2020 calendar for information on all events, meetings and programming.

- October 25th: SURGE
 - 9th/10th grade from 6-7 pm
 - 11th / 12th grade from 7-8 pm
- November 1st: SURGE
 - All junior high (6th-8th grade) from 6-7 pm

SURGE STUDY

Surge is pairing up with Normal UMC to offer a new study for all 6th-12th grade students! We will be using *The Problem of Racism: A Faith and Action Response* curriculum from Castleton UMC to lead our students in a connectional discussion about racism, injustice, and our call as Christians in the world. We will meet on Thursday nights in October and November from 7-8:00 pm via zoom. Contact Kelsey at kross@wesley-umc.com with any questions!

FALL ADULT STUDIES

"The Art of Neighboring"

Join Kathi Pritts for an 8-week study (attend as many as you can) of *The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door*. The book study will be an added bonus to our October sermon series on "Loving Our Neighbors," and it just might fill some of that empty space COVID-19 has put in our souls. Class will meet via Zoom on Tuesdays Oct. 6 Nov. 24, 6-7 p.m. Please contact Kathi Pritts at kpitts@wesley-umc.com to register for the class and receive the zoom link.

“More Parables”

Barb Phend will lead an eight-week study called More Parables on Thursday afternoons beginning October 1st. Class will meet via zoom on Thursdays Oct. 1 – Nov. 19 from 1-2 p.m. Jesus’ parables are some of the most referenced lessons in all of scripture and scholars discuss their meanings all the time. Join us as we take a deeper look at the parables, ask questions, and engage in conversation. Please contact Kathi Pritts at kpritts@wesley-umc.com to register for the class and receive the zoom link.

WESLEY DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY NEEDS

The following items are needed for the monthly paper goods distribution:

- Diapers – sizes 4, 5, 6
- Diaper wipes
- Feminine hygiene items
- Bar soap
- 2021 calendars
- Scarves
- Ear warmers

You may drop off the items in the collection box located at the entrance door of Wesley West at any time, Monday - Friday. Monetary donations are welcome! [CLICK HERE](#) to give online (be sure to note WDM in the memo) OR mail to the church at: 502 E. Front Street, Bloomington, IL 61701

PRAYER WITH THE PASTOR

Sundays 4-5 pm – All are welcome. 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, infection protocol and self-report form on our website, 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 facemask.
2. Maintain a minimum of 6-ft distance from other persons.
3. Practice frequent handwashing 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