

**Wesley United Methodist Church - Bloomington, Illinois**

**All Saints' Sunday - November 1, 2020**

Greeting

Organ Prelude

*Andante tranquillo from Sonata No. 3 - Mendelssohn*

Dennis Gotkowski, organist

Scripture Call to Worship: Psalm 107: 1-3, 8 (NRSV)

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.**

Anthem

*A New Song - Joseph Martin*

Chancel Choir

Children's Time

Hymn UMH #711 *For All the Saints (vs. 1, 2, 4)*

Pastoral 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.**

Praise Song

*Live Like That – Sidewalk Prophets*

Matt Sherrill, guitar

Scripture: Romans 12:9-18 (NRSV)

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to

the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Sermon

*“Live Like That”*

Reverend Sara L. Isbell

Invitation to the Offering

**All Saints’ Observance: Reading of the Roll of the Dead and Newborn**

Reading of the Roll of the Dead

Patricia Wynn, Don Lowe, Bruce Yount, Jon Gilpin, Ann Ingold, Kay Foster, Connie Price, Martha Carlton, Richard Jumper, Betty Augspurger, Yvonne Hougham, Donna Curry, Margaret Naylor, Barbara Strouse, Ferne Ferguson, Robert Hill, Dawn Lowe, Christopher Tallon, and Alice Deavers

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Saints

**We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Reading of the Roll of the Newborn

Braxton Joy Hursh, Izel Jean Akyuz, Parker Kathleen Ubbenga, Rheyra Ellaine Piper Martin, and Christian Carlisle Miller

Prayer of Thanksgiving for New Life

**Gracious God, from whose love every child is born, bless and protect the little ones whom we have named this day. Let them grow in wisdom and in grace that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. Amen.**

Closing Words of Appreciation and Honor

Closing Hymn UMH #66 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Announcements and Benediction (Justin)

Worship Participants

Reverend Justin Iverson and Reverend Sally Hamon, Liturgists

Dennis Gotkowski, Organist

Matt Sherrill, Guitarist

Kathi Pritts, Children's Time

Brenna Martin, Hymn Singer

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS – LOVING OUR CHURCH**

#### **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY UPDATE**

Thank you, Wesley Church, for your faithfulness and generosity in our 2021 Stewardship Appeal! This year's Stewardship Sunday, though a little chilly in temperature, was warm and welcoming to all, and proved your desire to Love God – Love Neighbor – Love You. As of the writing of this update, we have received 113 commitment cards so far, representing faith commitments of \$527,561. And more cards arrive in the mail every day! Thirty-five members have increased their commitment, and 13 households filled out cards for the first time.

We are humbly grateful for your generosity at such a time as this. We know it hasn't been easy for some of us – and we know that others of us have stepped up to bridge the gap. What an amazing congregation you are, Wesley UMC!

**Financial faith commitments for 2021 are still needed**, and we encourage every Wesley member to be a part of assuring the love of Wesley Church in the coming year. If you need a card mailed to you, let us know; we'll be happy to send it. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is a sign of our gratitude for God's generosity, and a promise to Love God – Love Neighbor – Love You through Wesley Church.

**Commitment cards may be submitted in any of the following ways:**

1. Mail your commitment card to 502 E. Front St., Bloomington IL 61701

2. Use the electronic commitment card found at [here](#)
3. E-mail our Business Manager, Myrna Simpson at [msimpson@wesley-umc.com](mailto:msimpson@wesley-umc.com)
4. Drop off the commitment card in a sealed envelope at the church Monday – Friday, 9am – 3 pm

## **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, 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!

### **Wednesday, November 11– GINGERBREAD HOUSE KITS**

Paint the town Wesley on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> will be a drive through pick up of a **gingerbread house kit** at Wesley West from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Miss Kathi will greet you and provide a gingerbread house kit that can be made and donated for the **Baby Fold Festival of Trees event**. Choose between a simple traditional type, a minion house, a gingerbread lighthouse, or some other fun creation. Miss Kathi has about 20 kits on hand (first come- first served). If you prefer you may buy your own kit as well.

Have fun making the gingerbread house and then once you get it made, it can then be delivered directly (by families) to the festival at **EASTLAND MALL on Saturday, November 14, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm**. The gingerbread area will be in the area where MC Sporting Goods was located. Kathi Pritts if you have more questions.

## **CHANGE IN HOURS OF OPERATION – NOVEMBER 3 & 4**

Wesley will be serving as a polling place on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. In order to keep our staff members and visitors to the building safe, most staff members will not be working on site Tuesday, November 3 or Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Wesley staff members can be contacted via phone or e-mail. The voicemail at the church will be checked several times each day. Sorry for the inconvenience.

## **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](#) 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.

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

[Click here](#) to see our official Fall 2020 calendar for information on all events, meetings and programming.

## **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](mailto: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 [kpritts@wesley-umc.com](mailto:kpritts@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](mailto: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](http://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