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Pastor Chuck Emery

Our Vision statement:

*Learn God's word, Teach
God's word and
Share God's love*

Our Mission Statement:

*Wesley United Methodist
Church is a community of*

*Christ's disciples who strive to know, love and serve God
more faithfully through Christ-centered worship,
education, fellowship and true compassion that show
God's love for all people in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Notes from the Pastor

As a people, we are discussing, in deed experiencing, the limits of power. We exercise our power politically, economically, in family and social relationships. Our concern today may be more focused on the abuse of power than the nature of power and our use of it.

Despite the many abuses of power documented throughout history, power itself cannot be inherently bad. In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is described as dynamis, which means power (Acts 10:38; 1 Corinthians 2:4-5). Jesus tells his disciples before his Ascension that "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. Then you will be my witnesses...to the very ends of the Earth" (Acts 1:8).

Sustained contact with the Holy Spirit, our Inner Source, allows us to become living icons of true, humble, and confident power. We no longer need to seek "power over" others, because we have discovered the "power within" and know it is a dignity shared with all of life. This is

ultimately what it means to be well-grounded.

Paul states the divine strategy well in Romans 8:16 "God's Spirit and our spirit bear common witness that we are indeed children of God." The goal is a shared knowing and common power, which is initiated and given from God's side, as we see dramatized in the Pentecost event (Acts 2:1-13). To span the infinite gap between the divine and human, God's agenda is to plant a little bit of God, the Holy Spirit, right inside of us (John 14:16-17; Romans 8:9, 11; 1 Corinthians 3:16). Yet, as many have said, the Holy Spirit is still the "lost" or undiscovered person of the Trinity. If we have not had contact with our true power, the Indwelling Spirit, we will seek power in all the wrong places.

I want to repeat that power, in and of itself, is not bad. It simply needs to be redefined as something more than a domination. If the Holy Spirit is power, then power has to be good, loving, and empowering, not something that is

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Dates to Remember

Sun, November 2
Time Change 2 a.m.
All Saints Service
9:30 a.m.

Sat, November 8
Bread Making 8:00 a.m.

Sun, November 9
**Selling Bread Before/After
Service**

Tues, November 11
Membership Care 2:30 p.m.
Education 6:30 p.m.

Sat, November 15
**Mission Motivation Training
@UMC**
9:00 a.m.— 12:30 p.m.

Sun, November 16
Packer Party

Tues, November 18
Church Council 6:30 p.m.

Wed, November 19
Worship 1:30 p.m.

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the result of ambition or greed. In fact, a truly spiritual, whole and holy individual, is very powerful person. If we don't name the good meaning of power, we will be content with the bad, or we will avoid claiming our own powerful vocations.

What is needed, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote, "is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive and the love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice."

King further wrote,

If we want to turn over a new leaf and really set a new humanity afoot, we must begin to turn humankind away from the long and desolate night of violence. May it not be that the new humanity the world needs is the nonviolent human?...This no only will make us new people but will give us a new kind of power....It will be power infused with love and justice, that will change dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows, and lift us from the fatigue of despair to the buoyancy of hope.

To the people of Wesley UMC:

Thank you for recognizing me on Pastor Appreciation Sunday! You made my day, in fact you make my every day! I'm grateful to you all for the thoughtful and caring ways you have supported me and Janis over the past 3 years. It is my honor and joy to be your pastor. Thank you for the generous gift. I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Pastor Chuck



BIRTHDAYS

2	Holly Roe	18	Nala Monroe
6	Aria Tuttle	19	Kathy McAloon
11	Lily Fournier	24	Susan Sapaula
17	Sally Counts	25	Hannah Heisler
	Gracie Thomas	27	Sandy Markech

ANNIVERSARIES

5	Donna & Mike LaPoint
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Newsletter Sponsorship

The sponsor for the November newsletter is Lorry & Lynn Sallee. Your contribution helps defray part of the cost of the publication and is an extra gift of support to our expenses.

Church Conference will be on December 8, 2025. A dinner will be served starting at 5:00 p.m. at Algoma Methodist Church. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

**CHURCH
CONFERENCE**

Sunday School News



A big thank you to everyone who donated candy, decorated a truck and handed out treats, our Oshkosh Martial Arts for their haunted hallway, donated canned good for the food pantry. Thank you to all who made our Trunk or Treat a huge success.

Our Sunday School children with the cooperation of our mission committee, will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army in the church Narthex for the month of November. Parents/guardians of our Sunday School children, please sign up for a November Sunday with your Sunday School teacher. We are asking for you to arrive at 9:15 a.m. on the Sunday you are signed up for bell ringing.

Everyone, please let our children know what a wonderful way they are supporting the November mission by stopping by the kettle and dropping off a donation.

Our Sunday School Christmas Program is scheduled for Sunday, December 14, during the children's time of our worship service. They will be sharing the Symbols of Christmas with us and singing a Christmas hymn.

On Sunday, December 28, no Sunday School is scheduled for this day. It is the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's while the children are off of school and everyone is enjoying the Holiday's.

Next Education meeting is November 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Thank You, Wesley

Midwest Mission

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at Wesley UMC-Oshkosh, WI

Did you know your gift is multiplied? For every \$1 spent, \$4 of humanitarian aid is sent through Midwest Mission to touch hearts and change lives! We thank you for your donation of \$761.69 which allows these experiences to happen! Your generosity brings hope and empowerment to people around the world and around the corner. Midwest Mission works because you serve and give with the heart of Jesus! Thank you for being part of our extended family and allowing us to steward your prayerfully considered gift.

Rooted & Rising

Dear Friends, We are truly grateful for you unwavering commitment to the mission of Rooted & Rising, along with your support for the people, programs, services and the community we serve. Our initiatives reach over 2,500 individuals annually. On behalf of those we serve, our staff, volunteers, and community partners-we sincerely appreciate your generosity in contributing towards this vital work that we are fortunate to do. Thank you so much.

Proclaim Aviation Ministries

Thank You!

Our November Mission of the Month will be "The Salvation Army." We will once again have the Red Kettle set up in our Narthex on all the Sunday's following Thanksgiving for donations to this very worthy organization.

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS

Salvation Army

Founded in England in 1865 by William Booth and his wife Catherine, they took their message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor, the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. It was originally called "The Christian Mission" but in 1878 when Booth read a report calling the Christian Mission as a volunteer army, he penned in Salvation Army instead.

In 1891 the Red Kettle campaign got its start here in America. Captain Joseph McFee was looking for a way to cover the cost of a community Christmas meal and placed a pot at the Oakland ferry landing where passengers coming and going to the ferry could leave their donations. By 1897, this campaign was also making its mark in the East where 150,000 Christmas dinners for the needy was achieved.

Today, the Red kettle campaign continues to make a very important contribution to our society.



Everyone is invited to help decorate the Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary after the service on November 30th.

Food Pantry Pizza Fundraiser

For the past 36 years plus, Wesley has organized a sale of pizzas to members and their friends and neighbors to raise money to support our ministry. In recent years in cooperation with the Oshkosh Community Food Pantry, people have made donations at the same time of this fundraiser to donate our made from scratch pizzas to the Pantry. Last Year with the donated monies of \$2,546.33 individual donors gave 342 pizzas to the Pantry. The Pantry comes to pick up those just made pizzas at 11:30 a.m. on January 17th. How do you help? If you donated last year, please continue to donate and perhaps increase your donation. For those that want to join this exclusive group, let Randy Lovell know or complete a pizza order form which shows the amount of your donation along with any pizzas you have ordered for yourself or others. Let's see if we can top 400 pizzas for 2026. We can't alleviate food insecurity in the community but we can help. Please start making those donations in December. Thank you!

Randy Lovell—Pizza Ministry



Poinsettia Order Form 2025

Would you like to sponsor a Poinsettia for the church sanctuary? You are welcome to take it home after the Christmas Eve Service.

The cost this year for each plant is **\$16.00** and you may designate it in honor of someone special or to celebrate an event.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND PLACE IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 22nd.

Circle the number of plants desired: 1 2 3 Paid ____ Yes ____ No

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ Envelope # _____

Your Name _____

____ In Memory of _____

____ In Honor of _____

____ To Celebrate _____



Informational Session

On November 15, at First United Methodist Church here in Oshkosh, the Conference Mission Motivation Committee will present a morning session filled with information to help local churches as they plan their mission and outreach programs.

Guest speakers will share information about the Mosaic (Rainbow) Covenant, Ingathering and Midwest Missions, Mats and other local church projects such as brining missionaries to your church, VIM- Volunteers in Mission, and how our apportionment dollars impact missions in Wisconsin and throughout the world.

Wesley UMC has paid \$25 for the registration fee which stays the same no matter how many of our people attend.

This meeting is on November 15 at First United Methodist Church here in Oshkosh from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All are welcomed to attend this program.

If you are attending, please let Vernita Green or Shirley Hiland know so they can add your names to the registration.

UMC Wesley CORNER

A little Jiggle—UMFoundation—Stewardship

David tells the story of a time he saw a car stalled at an intersection. The hood was up, and a young man waved him down for help. “I can’t get it started,” he said, “but if you jiggle the wire on the battery, I think it’ll work.”

David grabbed the positive battery cable—and it came off in his hand. The cable was clearly loose. “The terminal needs to be tightened,” David told him. “I can fix it if you have some tools.”

“My dad says just jiggle the wire,” the young man replied. “It always works. Why don’t you just try that?”

David paused, sarcastically wondering why the young man’s dad didn’t ride around town with him, ready to jiggle the wire whenever needed. Then he said, “If I jiggle the wire, you’re going to need someone to do it every time you shut the engine off. But if you give me two minutes and a wrench, we can solve the problem—And you can forget about it.”

Reluctantly, the young man fumbled under the front seat, then handed David a crescent wrench through the window of the old car.

As David tightened the terminal, he thought about how many times he’d asked God for a “quick fix” in his own life. “I have this problem, Lord, and if you’ll just jiggle the wire, things will be okay. I’m in a hurry—just get me going again as fast as possible.”

But God doesn’t want to just jiggle wires, does He? God wants to take the time to deal with the real issue—to actually fix the problem. A lasting solution to the struggles in our lives requires full surrender and a willingness to move forward on God’s terms. We must cooperate with God—whatever it takes, for as long as it takes.

As the young man drove away with his tightened terminal, David paused and asked the Lord to say “No” the next time he is tempted to ask for a quick fix.


- Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation.

WOW: Women of Wesley

On Saturday, November 8, we will be making bread to be sold at church on Sunday. We will be making Pumpkin and Cranberry bread. We will meet in the church kitchen at 8:00 a.m. This is a great time to talk with others and make delicious bread. Please plan to attend. If you have any questions, contact Betty Croninger at 920-410-5796.



November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Daylight Savings
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:30 a.m. Worship All Saints Remembrance & Candle Lighting 10:45-a.m.—noon Lectionary Study	5:30 p.m. MA 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	10:00 a.m. TOPS 1:00 p.m. Mat Making	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MA 6:30 p.m. MG 7:15 p.m. CC	2:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MA		8:00 a.m. Bread Making
9—Bread Sales	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30						
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