

October 2021



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.*

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Pastor Tshishinen Mpozo

Notes from the Pastor

People of God, I greet you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

As we all know, September is the month when children and adults go back to school and to their classes. It is at this time that churches resume all activities suspended during summertime.

I am glad to be back from my Sabbatical leave, and it my pleasure to briefly share with you some of the significant activities done during my time away:

I chose to visit other churches and worship without thinking twice, just to be in the presence of God, where someone else prepared a table for me and I was served, and I worshiped God.

My husband and I traveled to the Congo for three weeks and reunited with our families after many years, some 20 years and others 13 years ago. I left my brothers when they were single and now all of them are married with children that I met for the first time. It was a joy to meet new additions in our family:

new in-laws, children, and grandchildren that I had never seen. It was a great celebration. In addition, I praised God for allowing us to bring our daughter in-law, Tracy Nkulu to the USA. We are grateful for the new addition to our family.

Reconnecting with family and friends was not always pleasant. Some of our friends and family members are no longer with us in this world. The good news is, we connected with them through memories that we were missing. I had the opportunity to visit my people's graves and we needed to rebuild my parents' tombs, which were in ruin.

It was amazing to worship our Lord in the culture I grew up in. This happened in large congregations, in small groups at someone's house, prayer groups at church, etc.

Finally, we were invited to participate at the Bishop's Clergy Day Apart. This session focused on Health Management during the pandemic. This inspired me to work on the sermon series I will share with you this October,

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**Dates
to
Remember**

Saturday, October 9
Pork Chop Dinner
5-6 p.m.

Monday, October 11
Trustees
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 12
Church Council
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 20
WFN
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 21
Worship Committee
1:30-2:30 p.m.
Education Committee
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Online Services still available to view on Facebook and YouTube. See page 4 for instructions on how to subscribe to the Wesley YouTube channel.

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titled, “New Vision in a Changing Time”.

You are encouraged to join in worship together as one body of Christ.

Week 1: “New Vision”;

Nehemiah 2:1-11

Week 2: “God’s Time in Changing Time”;

Mark 5:21-41

Week 3: “New Purpose”;

Exodus 3:7-12, 4:1-12

Week 4: “God is Doing a New Thing”;

Isaiah 43: 18-19

Week 5: “Going Deep”;

Luke 5: 1-11

I thank God for allowing me to accomplish all that I planned for my Sabbatical leave. Thank you for your prayers. The time has arrived for all of us to do ministry together, putting together our different perspectives, and walking together hand in hand with our Lord’s Spirit.

May God bless. Amen!



BIRTHDAYS

3	Jacob Vienola	18	Grace Kline
5	Victoria Krysek	22	Wayne Zimmerman
8	Jeff Roe		Julie Wilke
9	Tim Lesnick		Addison Otradovec
11	Lynne Moeller		Cody Kloeckner
	Alex Dedecker	23	Corwin Bates
14	Marlin Wege	25	Victoria Krueger
16	Peter Uecker	27	Dennis Bradley
	Jason Fry	30	Tracey Lovell
		31	Anthony Colantonio

ANNIVERSARIES

4	Bryan & Candi Fournier	1	Randal & Linda Pribek
		2	
9	Dennis & Cathy	15	Wayne & Patty Michur



WNF Returns!!

Mark your Calendars....

We will be having our first Wednesday Night Fellowship for this 2021/2022 school year. It is on **Wednesday, October 20** starting at **5:30 p.m.** Our meal will consist of brats and hotdogs, bags of chips, baked beans, vegetable tray, desserts, and punch. The cost of the meal will be \$1.00 per person.

Along with the dedication of our refurbished stage area in Koeller Hall, we will have a night of Bingo with prizes! This event is for ALL ages.

Hope you can join us for a night of fun and fellowship! Any questions, please do not hesitate to call the church office at 235-3070 or any member on the worship and/or membership care team.

Update From Trustees

- With the Oshkosh schools back to wearing masks inside we feel Wesley should also go back to wearing masks, whether you are vaccinated or not, until the Covid 19 numbers come back down.
- Keep social distance from others, 6 feet apart even wearing masks.
- Sanitizer is available at all entrances.
- Families can sit together.
- Coffee and cookies will be postponed to a later date.
- No supervision is being provided for the nursery at this time. Please do not leave your children there unattended.
- The roof over the sanctuary will need to be replaced next spring. Please give generously to the roof fund as the cost will be around \$26,000.

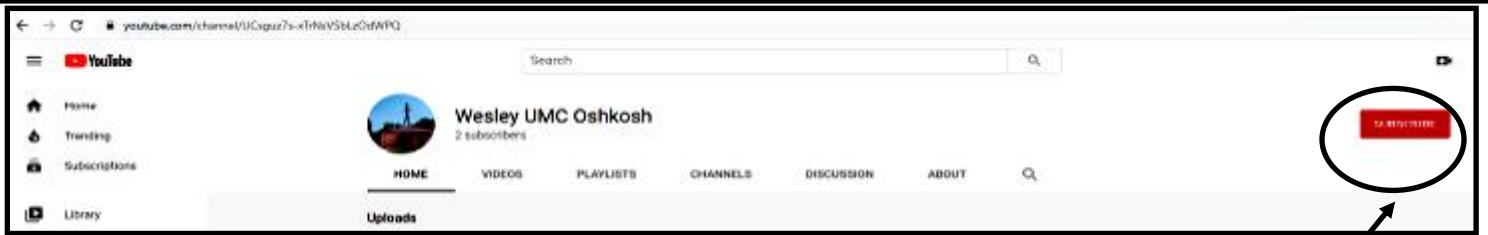


Pictures Needed

Wednesday Fellowship Night October 20, 2021, 5:30 PM Dedication of Refurbished Stage in Koeller Hall

Were you married or have a family member baptized in Koeller Hall when Wesley used it as our sanctuary? This would be April 1961 thru March 1991.

If you have photo(s) of these happy events, we would like to use them in a presentation on October 20. We would also like any pictures of Koeller Hall when used as our sanctuary. Please send photo(s) electronically to Wesley's office by October 11.



1. Open **YouTube.com**
2. Click the Search button
3. Key **Wesley UMC Oshkosh**



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4. Press **Enter**
5. Click the **SUBSCRIBE** button when you first view this YouTube site.

UMC CORNER

A Special Sunday: World Communion Sunday.

On the first Sunday in October, United Methodist congregations join many Christian churches across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday.

World Communion Sunday began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. Rev. Kerr appropriately chose the sacrament of Holy Communion to symbolize this unity.

In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, which included all of the predecessor denominations of The United Methodist Church, adopted World-Wide Communion Sunday.

United Methodists believe in an open table, anyone may receive communion.

Our Book of Worship says, “All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive the bread and cup.”

In United Methodist Churches around the world, a special offering is collected on World Communion Sunday to fund scholarships for seminarians. One half of the proceeds is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Oshkosh Area Community Food Pantry

The development of a new Oshkosh Area Food Pantry has been unique in that it has increased accessibility by expanding the hours of operations. It is handicapped accessible for people with disabilities. The OACP allows people to have greater dignity by making it possible for them to shop for the food they receive rather than be handed a bag of groceries. Increased space and refrigeration equipment make it possible for customers to have increased accessibility to fresh produce and meats which are currently lacking in most pantries.

Food nutrition, cooking and food education opportunities are also provided the collaborative efforts of UW Extension. Key to our growth has been our ability to expand volunteer opportunities beyond the traditional base of retirees. We have sought to also extend volunteer opportunities to our customers – not as sweat equity – but in an effort to offer them both the dignity of work as well as the pride in ownership of the pantry operation.

The OACP uses and enhances the best practices employed at the former Ecumenical Pantry and from other successful area pantries like Paul’s Pantry in Green Bay and St. Joseph’s in Menasha. The OACP has expanded its area of coverage to include not only Oshkosh but southern Winnebago County including Winneconne, Omro, and other surrounding townships. Therefore, the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, in addition to its primary mission of delivering food to those in need, is also dedicated to providing the community services necessary to combat hunger and the poverty that engenders it.

While the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry collaborates with other pantries to share resources, the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry also has sought memoranda of understanding or covenants with churches, civic organizations, and social service organizations.

Our goal is to provide resources, contacts and outreach. To name a few, this includes programs like Food Share, Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program, UW Extension nutrition counseling, food preparation and community gardens, Domestic Violence, Winnebago County Literacy Council, FISC (Financial Information and Services Center), and Consumer Counseling, Drug Abuse Correctional Center and new, innovative programs like VITA which is a tax preparation service low-income households.

Newsletter Sponsorship

- The sponsor for the October-December newsletters is the Villars family in memory of Doug Villars. Please consider being a sponsor for the January—December 2022 newsletters.
- Your contribution helps defray part of the cost of the publication and is an extra gift of support to our expenses. Please contact the church office (235-3070) to ‘reserve’ your chosen month for 2021.

PORK CHOP SUPPER



On Saturday, October 9th, a pork chop dinner to-go will be available for those that have signed up. The cost is \$11/ dinner. Waukau Methodist Church is doing the cooking and the dinners are being

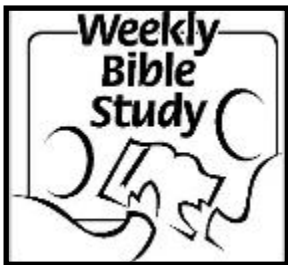
transported to Wesley in bulk in Nescos to keep everything hot before the dinners are packaged for pick up. If you have questions or forgot to order and would like to order, please contact Randy Lovell @ 920-589-5136. As of today, there are a few extra meals available.

From your Education Committee

Exciting News.....We had an excellent start for our new school year. Kicked off by Rally Day on Sunday, September 12, with helium balloons, followed on Sunday, September 19, with blowing bubbles, and on Sunday, September 26, a new perspective on the story of the Three Little Pigs from the Wolf's perspective reminded us all to Love Our Neighbor.



Donna LaPoint started a new adult class on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. entitled "What Does It Mean to Be a Methodist?" Classes will run through mid-December. If you've ever asked yourself this question or been asked from someone else, come to class to find answers. We've delved into the history of John Wesley, found out interesting facts on why we use Welch's Grape Juice for communion, discovered the meaning of the Quadrilateral, and the meaning of Grace. Come and see what we will be discussing in October!



Wayne Zimmerman will be starting a class on Thursdays at 2 p.m. as of October 14. It will be a bible study on the Old Testament referencing the Hebrew perspective. Come as you are able. Don't miss out on this interesting experience!

Sadly, Trunk or Treat will not happen this year due to COVID. We hope next year we will be able to safely provide this wonderful event.

It was decided that our Sunday School offering this year will go towards a gift card for a member of a Salvation Army Family in need. Each week our Sunday School students bring in their offering, and they will be adding an ornament to a Christmas tree in their Sunday School room.

The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Donna LaPoint, Education Chair



How to instill faith in children

Helping kids learn about God may seem daunting. The good news is that a theology degree isn't required and it has less to do with words than with actions. Check out these tips from United Methodist children ministry leaders for how to make faith real in the lives of the kids we love.

Engage all five senses

Asking children what they see, what they smell, what they hear in the world helps them experience God's creation in a variety of ways, Cox says.

Employing this tip isn't just for nature walks or outside settings, Cox clarifies, suggesting the same questions can be asked following all activities, including church.

"Always engage kids after worship by asking, 'What did you see today? What smells did you smell?'" "Help them walk through the experience of being at church," she says.



Thank You Notes from Mission Giving Received in September, 2021

From Back2School Fair. I thank you on behalf of the Oshkosh Winneconne Back to School Fair and the 1000 children who were served. Gifts like yours help us provide each child registered with 1) an outfit for school 2) backpack with age appropriate school supplies 3) care package of hygiene products 4) voucher to purchase shoes at Rogan's. Without the support of generous individuals and businesses like YOU, our fair would not be possible.

Tracy Gehrke, Chair of Back2School Fair.

Oshkosh Area Community Pantry. The Pantry proudly serve 1500 households per month. As a Feeding America partner we are able to purchase food at 19 cents per pound which means we can buy over 5 pounds of food for every dollar you donate. As we distribute 100,000 pounds of food per month your support makes a tangible positive difference in the lives of the people we serve. So **thank you as always! Wesley**, for your donation of \$1675.

Tom Fojtik, Executive Director

(\$1675 times 5.25 is 8694 pounds of food).
Imagine that!

Anthony Colantonio has moved to a new place. He LOVES getting mail! If you would like to send him a "How are you doing?" card, please send it to the following address:



Anthony Colantonio
212 S. 16th Avenue
West Bend, WI 53095



Words of thanks received since the last newsletter

prayers as they are also praying for us. "Through your gift of \$233.00 you are serving within a vital new work of interactive relationships around the world. Grace and Peace, Roland Fernandes, General Secretary **UMCOR**

"Thank you for your generous donation of \$320 which will leave Midwest Mission and be a practical example of God's love in the world. 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of men you did for me' Matthew 25:40.

Chantel Corrie, Executive Director Midwest Mission Distribution Center (**Ingathering**).

"Our work together changes lives! Again, thank you for your generous donation of \$134.56 to support shelter, transitional living and emergency services to homeless women and families. 'We are thankful for you.'" Grace and Peace Chelsea Branley, Executive Director of **Harbor House** Crisis Shelters.

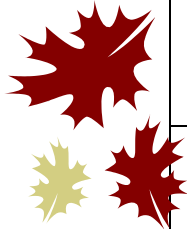
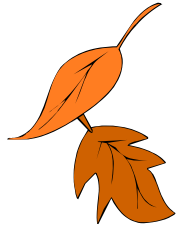
"Dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you so much for the donation you made to Senegal UMC. We are so blessed to have you as partners for God's mission. Your donation has been making a great impact for ministry here in **Senegal**." Yours in God's service, Rev. Jean Pierre Ndour, District Superintendent

Dear Wesley UMC. We are bridging today's gap for tomorrow's hope. Thank you for your donation of \$740. We are able to purchase food at 19 cents per pound through Feeding America. Your money buys lots. I invite you to arrange a visit and tour. We are proud of our program and our facility. "Thank you again. Your community is one of our most solid sources of support. Tom Fojtik, Executive Director of **Oshkosh Area Community Pantry**.

Wesley, we are so very grateful for your gift of a wonderful meal to each of us and our families who are serving in Mission Aviation. The meal was delicious. The greetings joyful. And we were happy to have **you** with us on Thursday for supper. You served over 220 that night. **MASA**

Wesley's Mission Team sends their thanks for your participation in serving these and other missions at home and around the world. The ministries also ask that we keep them in our prayers as they are also praying for us.

October 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						8-9 a.m. baking pies
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
World Communion 9:30 a.m. Worship In-person and streaming	5:30 p.m. TKD	10 a.m.–noon TOPS	5:30-5:40 p.m. FCM 5:30-6:30 p.m. TKD 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Class	10:30 am “The Daily Walk” study 5:30 p.m. TKD		5-6 p.m. Pork Chop Dinner Pick Up
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30 a.m. Worship In-person and streaming	5:30p.m. TKD 6:30-7:30 p.m. Trustees	10 a.m.–noon TOPS 6:30-7:30 p.m. Church Council	5:30-5:40 p.m. FCM 5:30-6:30 p.m. TKD 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Class	10:30 am “The Daily Walk” study 2 p.m. Bible Study 5:30p.m. TKD		
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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