

July 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 Mpoyo**

## Notes from the Pastor

### *Sabbatical Leave in the United Methodist Church*

The word "sabbatical" has different meanings depending on the context in which it is used. It has one meaning in the academic community, another meaning in its biblical usage, and still another in many secular settings.

For the purpose of this article for the newsletter to our Wesley family and friends, I define sabbatical in simple terms. It simply means time off for rest and/or study/or renewal. The time can be a few days, a few weeks, a few months, or a year.

We all know that Church pastors carry the weight of a church on their backs. The responsibilities are endless and the challenges are many that come with working in ministry. It can take a toll on clergy. For those who are not aware of this; The United Methodist Church addresses this experience by providing sabbatical leave for clergy as stated in the Book of Discipline, paragraph 351.

According to the *Book of Discipline*, "sabbatical leave

should be allowed for a program of study or travel approved by the conference Board of Ordained Ministry. Associate members or clergy members in full connection who have been serving in a full-time appointment for six consecutive years, or in a less than full-time appointment equivalent to six consecutive full-time years, from the time of their reception into full or associate membership may be granted a sabbatical leave for up to one year.

Whenever possible, the compensation level of the last appointment served before the leave should be maintained in the appointment made at the termination of the leave. The appointment to sabbatical leave is to be made by the bishop holding the conference, upon the vote of the annual conference after recommendation by the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Associate members and clergy members in full connection shall submit a written request for a sabbatical leave, including plans for study or travel, to the Board of

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Saturday, July 10  
**Tom Counts  
Celebration of Life**  
1-4 p.m.

Monday, July 12  
**Trustees**  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

No  
**Church Council**  
meeting in July

July 12-13  
**Church Rummage Sale**  
8-3 Friday/8-noon Sat.

Sunday, July 25  
**MASA Speaker**  
9 a.m. Service

Thursday, July 29  
**MASA Meal @ EAA**  
3-6:30 p.m.

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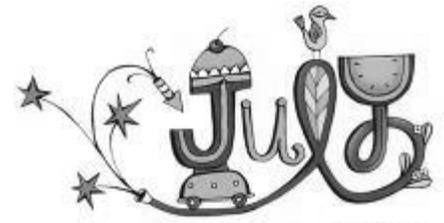
Ordained Ministry, with copies to the bishop and district superintendent, ordinarily six months before the opening session of the annual conference.

To be eligible for an additional sabbatical leave, associate members and clergy members in full connection shall have served six consecutive years under full-time appointment, or in a less than full-time appointment equivalent to six consecutive full-time years, following the previous sabbatical leave.<sup>45</sup>

After consultation and with the written consent of the pastor in charge, and with the approval of the district superintendent, clergy members granted sabbatical leave shall designate a charge conference within the bounds of the annual conference in which they shall hold membership and to which they shall submit an annual report”.

Blessings,  
Rev. Tshishinen C. Mpoyo

*“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”  
Jeremiah 29:11 NRSV*



### BIRTHDAYS

2	Kaelynn/Chance Counts	15	Beth Kline
6	Ethan Wege	17	Laura Kline
10	Jerry Krueger	19	Rose Brownlea
	Mike Smith	21	Sally Roe
11	Jordan Krystek		Janet Stein
	Jennifer Wege	23	Scott Colantonio
12	Wally Dies	26	Logan Uecker
14	Patty Michur	29	Ralph Dedecker
	Craig Krystek	30	Sarah Bradley
	Danielle Marco		

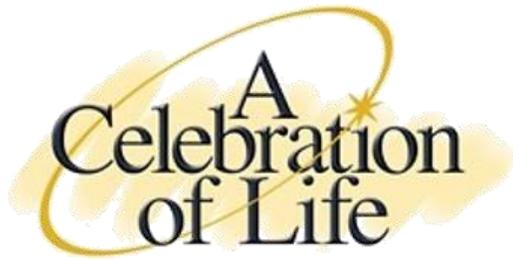
### ANNIVERSARIES

3	Brian & Beth Kline
25	Roger & Janice Nitschke

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

### Mask Update (From Trustees)

- Masks are not mandatory.
- Keep social distance from others, six feet apart.
- Sanitizer is available at all entrances.
- Families may sit together.
- No coffee & cookies at this time.
- No supervision is being provided for the nursery at this time. Please do not leave your children there unattended.



Tom Counts' Celebration of Life  
Saturday, July 10th  
Abe Rochlin Park  
Time 1-4 p.m.  
Light refreshments will be served

### Newsletter Sponsorship

There is no sponsor for the July newsletter. Please consider being a sponsor for the August—December 2021 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.

### Rummage Sale July 16-17, 2021

The rummage sale will happen in 2021!

We have decided to have a scaled down rummage sale this year. The dates and hours are as follows.

**Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. - noon**

We have cut one day off the schedule, as we try something a little different this year. Also, this year we are not doing the bake sale. Next year we hope to bring it back.

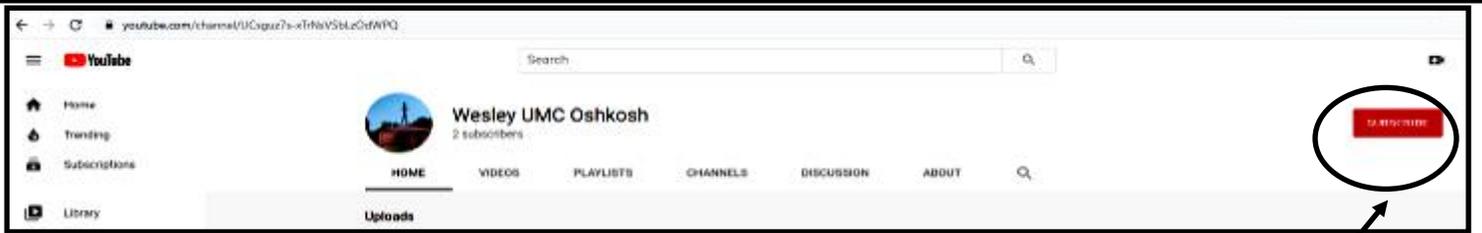
You may drop things off in Koeller Hall during office hours or make other arrangements. We are not accepting any televisions this year as they really do not sell well and Wesley UMC ends up paying to dispose of them.

Lots of help will be needed on Friday and Saturday. People are needed to help customers, be cashiers, and straighten tables. Please plan to help out a couple of hours. On Saturday, after 12:00 p.m., we will be packing items left and donating them to different organizations. Please consider helping with this as well.

If you are interested in taking over the reins of the sale, please see Linda. We are looking for new leadership for next year.

THANK YOU to everyone who can help by donating goods and their time. All help is greatly appreciated!





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



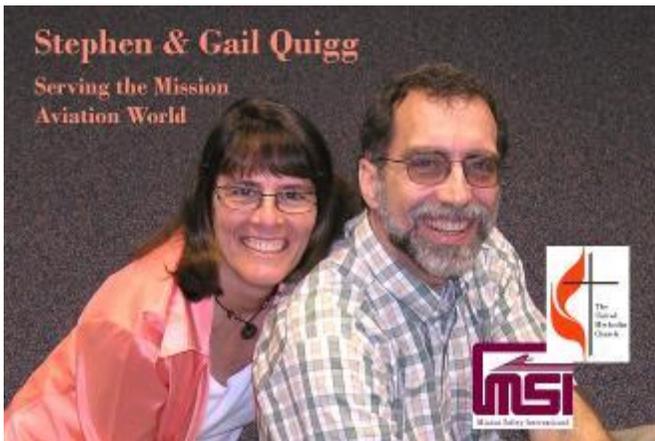
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4. Press **Enter**
5. Click the **SUBSCRIBE** button when you first view this YouTube site.

## EAA Speakers Sunday, July 25

### STEPHEN QUIGG

Mission Safety International (MSI)



Serving as Vice-President for Field Services for Mission Safety International (MSI), Steve works to provide a variety of specialized safety services to mission aviation programs around the world. Safety surveys, security audits, safety seminars, continuing education events, and safety publications are all tools he is able to use to help insure that flying stays safe and secure.

Because of the remoteness and lack of technical support, much of the flying on the mission field today is conducted dangerously close to the “edge of the envelope”. His work helps bring the flying away from the edge and provides more success and a bit less tragedy in the lives of those

who fly to serve the church of Jesus Christ.

Steve earned a degree in Aviation and Electrical Engineering Technologies from LeTourneau College, completed advanced flight and maintenance training at Moody Aviation, studied cross-cultural ministries at Asbury Theological Seminary, and completed a computer science minor equivalent from Asbury College. He is also a commercially rated pilot, a certified flight instructor, and an Airframe and Powerplant mechanic.

Steve and his wife Gail began their missionary career in 1979 in the small village of Bambur, Nigeria, where they worked with Air Muri - the aviation branch of the Nigerian United Methodist Church. The Quiggs’ next assignment was in the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire) with the “Wings of Caring” flight ministry of the Central Congo Annual Conference where Steve served as a pilot and the Director of Maintenance. However, with the civil unrest in Congo shutting down the church aviation programs in 1999, the Quiggs returned to the States to work with their present assignment.

## John Wesley's Early Years

John Wesley was born on 28 June 1703, in Epworth, near Lincoln. His father, Samuel Wesley, was a clergyman belonging to the Church of England. His mother, Susanna Wesley (née Annesley), was a devout woman, who took care to inject moral values into her children. The couple had nineteen children, out of which John was born fifteenth. The siblings, including the girls, were not only taught to read and write English, but were also expected to become skilled in Latin and Greek and learn major parts of the New Testament by heart.

At 11, John Wesley was sent to the Charterhouse School in London. He graduated in 1720 and entered Christ Church, Oxford, on scholarship with classics and logic. In 1724, he graduated from Christ Church with a Bachelor's degree and decided to pursue a Master's degree and concurrently become a fellow of the university. With such an aim, he was ordained a deacon on 25 September 1725.

In March 1726, he was elected a fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford. He now began to receive a salary. Soon the call of the ministry became too loud to ignore and so, after receiving his master's degree in 1727, he returned home to Epworth and started his career as a curate in his father's parish. He was ordained a priest on 22 September 1728

Thereafter, he returned to Oxford at the request of the Rector of Lincoln College and took up his position as a junior fellow. He mainly taught the Greek Testament. Although he enjoyed a rich social life at Oxford he also began to delve deeper into religion.

Around this time, his younger brother, Charles Wesley, also a student at Oxford, started an association of like-minded individuals who met on a regular basis to read and study scriptures and to undergo rigorous self-examination. In addition, they took part in charity and visited the prison regularly. Very soon, John Wesley took up the leadership of the group. Their detractors referred to them as 'The Holy Club'. Later, to be referred to as the Methodists because they followed a rigorous method and tried to ensure that each hour was used wisely.

Here is a link to a video called [John Wesley: The Origins of Methodism Episode 45 Lineage](#)

### *From the Education Committee:*

The next education committee meeting is Thursday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. We have some exciting things planned for the fall. A possible new adult study class that will be based on the confirmation class curriculum, hoping to get more Sunday School helpers such as grandparents, parents, and big brothers and sisters to help with a new influx of little ones.

We'll be looking for help with the children's story time during the worship service also. This is a scripted short story time relating to the scripture reading on Sunday. All interested parties, please contact Donna LaPoint, Education Chair 920-233-2819 [mlapoint1@att.net](mailto:mlapoint1@att.net). Thanks:)



The Mission of the Month for July, is Red Bird Mission. Red Bird Mission was founded in 1921 in the southeastern corner of Kentucky to provide education and Christian Evangelism Ministries to residents of the area. The mission was started by the Evangelical Church on a small piece of property at the confluence of Cow Fork and the Red Bird Mission.

## MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS

### Red Bird Mission

The story of Red Bird is one of deep faith in God and was born in answer to prayers. God answered those prayers and sent the Evangelical Church into the Cumberland Mountains in the area called Red Bird. The first workers, Miss Myra Bowman and Miss Emeline Welsh, arrived to teach elementary grades on July 1, 1921. Rev. J.J. Dewall was the first pastor appointed to the mission and served as superintendent from 1921 until his death in 1928.

Today, the need remains critical in this isolated rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: education, health and wellness, community outreach, economic opportunity and community housing improvement.

Support for these ministries comes from churches and individuals across the nation. Over the years the mission has enjoyed wide support in the United Methodist Church as well as from other denominations. In recent years, there has been a decline in the support received. They are currently facing a financial crisis that is making it difficult to continue all the areas of ministry. Without more funding, they will have to reduce the level of ministry provided to this community. Your donations to Red Bird Mission will help to continue these vital ministries in this distressed region of Appalachia.



### Family Camp August 20-22

A meeting for Church Family Camp will be Sunday, 7/11 following the worship service. We will have an update from the camp at that time as to what to expect from them this year. Also, think about what we want to do this year for meals, games, etc. The more ideas the better. Many of us forwarded our deposits from last year due to Covid and have our spots reserved, but we won't exclude anyone that is interested in going. The dates are Friday, 8/20 thru Sunday, 8/22 at Pine Lake Camp near Westfield, WI.

Hope to see everyone interested in participating at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Donna LaPoint



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
				5:30-6:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do	5:30-6:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do	
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
9 a.m. Worship <b>In-person and streaming</b>	5:30-6:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do	10 a.m. –noon TOPS	5:30-5:40 p.m. Facebook Children's Message 5:30-6:30 p.m. TKD	5:30-6:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do		
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
9 a.m. Worship <b>In-person and streaming</b> Family Camp Planning Meeting after worship	5:30-6:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do 6:30 p.m. Trustees	10 a.m. –10:30 TOPS	3:30-4:30 p.m. Missions 5:30-5:40 p.m. Facebook Children's Message 5:30-6:30 p.m. TKD	5:30-6:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do		
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**RUMMAGE SALE**

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3 p.m.  
8 a.m. to noon

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