

**2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
January 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Welcome All to Wesley United Methodist Church**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Tshishinen Mpoyo

***Call to Worship**

Randy Lovell

L: Come joyfully before the Lord!

P: God knows us and loves us!

L: Come prayerfully before the Lord!

P: God sees our concerns, our fears, our sins!

L: Come hopefully before the Lord!

P: Christ proclaimed God's love and forgiveness for all God's people!

L: Know throughout all of your being, that God absolutely loves you!

P: How precious and powerful that knowledge is! Thanks be to God! AMEN.

***Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*)

Randy Lovell

Awesome God, you have made all of creation and each cell of our bodies. You know our thoughts and you know our sins. We desperately try to hide our mistakes, our weaknesses, our embarrassments. But you know it all, and so we come before you now asking for your forgiveness. Even as you know the limits of our human capabilities, we know the unlimited power of your love. Forgive us, cleanse us, make us whole.

Silent Confession and Words of Assurance

Rev. Tshishinen Mpoyo

***Opening Hymn:**

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

UMH #714

Testimony:

Julie Wilke

PRAYERS

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Response

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

TFWS #2193

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Tshishinen Mpoyo

Anthem

"Praise God with Cymbals"

by Allen Pote

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Randy Lovell
Hymn Response	“Sanctuary”	TFWS #2164
*New Testament Lesson	John 1:43-51	Rev. Tshishinen Mpoyo
The Message	“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”	Rev. Tshishinen Mpoyo

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn	"Christ Beside Me”	TFWS #2166
*Benediction		Rev. Tshishinen Mpoyo
*Postlude		

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Events for the Week

January 17 - 24, 2021

- Jan. 17th /Sunday/9:00 a.m.:** Virtual Worship Service
- Jan. 20th/Wednesday/1:30:** Worship Committee Planning
- Jan. 20th/Wednesday/5:30 p.m.:** Children’s Message on Facebook
- Jan. 24th/Sunday/9:00 a.m.** Virtual Worship Service

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Celebrations for January 17-24, 2021

Happy Birthday!



- Jan. 18 – Lola Bathke
- Jan. 20 – Craig LaPoint
- Jan. 22 – Vicki Thomas
- Jan. 23 – Parker Schwister
- Jan. 24 – Randy Lovell



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

For January 18-23, 2021

Monday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

Tuesday: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Wednesday: Psalm 86

Thursday: 1 Samuel 15:10-31

Friday: Acts 5:1-11 and 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Saturday: Jonah 3:1-5, 10



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January's Mission Focus Day by Day Warming Shelter

Day by Day Warming Shelter collaboratively provides temporary shelter, individualizes services, and offers opportunities for self-sufficiency to empower the most vulnerable adults in our community.

Open nightly from October 15 – April 15 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

This is Oshkosh's only last resort shelter!

Their greatest needs are:

- Monetary donations
- Volunteers
- Warm coats, boots, clothing
- Fast food gift cards (Hardees, Jimmy Johns, Burger King)
- Personal hygiene and cleaning supplies
- Sponsor a bed



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Handmade greeting cards will be available for \$1.00 on the card table outside the church office when the office is "open." Place your donation in the basket provided. The proceeds will go toward January's Mission of the Month, the Day by Day Warming Shelter.

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Wesley's 2021 Giving Envelopes are Here!

Your envelopes are available to be picked up in the narthex/lobby outside Koeller Hall, the fellowship hall.

They may be picked up during Wesley UMC's office hours: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or call the office to make other arrangements.

Thank you for your patience and assistance in this matter.



Community Opportunities and Needs

(This information was shared at “The Common Grounds” meeting on January 13, 2021)

Knock ‘n Go

*Knock ‘n Go is a grassroots Oshkosh team delivering food to our Poorest Families. Knock ‘n Go was started by a local pastor, an unemployed mom, a man in a wheelchair and a handful of volunteers who reached out to the elderly and disabled on Covid lockdown, refugees, homeless and free-and-reduced lunch students in Oshkosh, and 3rd-shift working single parents without cars needing to sleep during limited open pantry hours. On average 2,000 lbs. of food is packed at the central Oshkosh Community food pantry and delivered, along with diapers and feminine products, by 12 volunteers on 8 delivery routes every Tuesday to 75 families.



VOLUNTEERS. We can always use additional food packers (8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays) and drivers (10-noon). Consider volunteering for a month, joining truly quality people who have a lot of fun doing it! Contact Todd Svanoe Knock ‘n Go Delivery Manager/ Volunteer Coordinator at 612-578-2292.

COTS, Inc



HOUSING

***COTS, Inc.** is a transitional shelter program for individuals experiencing homelessness. We have buildings in Oshkosh and the Fox Valley and assist single men, single women, single mothers with young children and a refugee home. COTS, Inc fills the housing gap by welcoming guests who may be cyclical in crisis and emergency shelter, but not yet ready to enter independent housing. A resident may stay at COTS up to 2 years and partakes in life skills programming to build self-sufficiency. Programming includes Rent Smart training, Financial Budgeting, and other various topics that are available. COTS, Inc partners with Riverview Gardens for residents to partake in the ServiceWorks® Job Training program, which teaches accountability, team building, etc. and gives a resident a job reference after completing a certain number of hours. The COTS team works with each resident on an individual basis to break through their specific barriers and work to get them into independent housing.

Referrals for residents to enter COTS come from a handful of various agencies as well as personal referrals. Residents can apply to the program by completing an application and are invited to interview. Each resident is responsible for 100% sobriety on the property and monthly program fees.

If anyone has questions, they are more than welcome to email Candice or Mike!

Candice: clane@appletoncots.org or Mike: mgreen@appletoncots.org

Transportation Survey for Planning

***East Central WI Regional Planning Commission** has partnered with **GO Transit**, **Valley Transit**, and UW Oshkosh on a study to better understand transportation service needs for community members, employees, and customers along the I-41 corridor, specifically from the Fox Cities to Oshkosh and vice versa. Both Valley Transit and GO Transit are considering new services to connect riders across communities and their two systems, and we are seeing feedback on what services and amenities are desired to meet the needs of commuters.



We are seeking your assistance in distributing this survey to your employees, customers, and/or students. It will take around ten (10) minutes to complete, and respondents who share their contact information will be entered into a raffle for a \$100 Amazon gift card. You may also share this in any newsletters or social media. **The survey is open until January 22, 2021.**

https://oshkosh.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6EDIJRbsgtJjYCV

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Kim Biedermann, Associate Transportation Planner, at kbiedermann@ecwrpc.org. We appreciate your assistance in completing and distributing this survey.

Human Relations Day

January 17, 2021

The United Methodist Church celebrates **Human Relations Day** to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach through Community Developers Programs, United Methodist Voluntary Services Programs, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. It is celebrated on the Sunday before the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. This offering was originally established in 1972 to fund Self-Determination Projects, The Black Community Developers and the Police-Community Relations Program. In 1988, the offering was designated to support ministries of social justice and outreach to at-risk youth. Specific ministries include the Community Developers Program, United Methodist Voluntary Services Program and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. The fund is administered by the General Board of Global Ministry and the General Board of Church and Society.

Your donation changes the world one life at a time. Checks can be made out to our church: Wesley UMC or a donation can be made online via credit/debit card at ResourceUMC.org/SSGive

Thank you!

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Thank You Members and Friends of Wesley!

Wesley UMC-Oshkosh, WI was able to pay our 2020 Apportionments in full! Your dedication and commitment to this connectional giving is very much appreciated.



“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7 (New Revised Standard Version)

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Wesley's Mission Statement:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by learning God's Word, teaching God's Word, and sharing God's love through worship, education, fellowship and compassionate service to those in need in our community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ.