

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Welcome All to Wesley United Methodist Church

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Tshishinen C. Mpoyo

***Call to Worship**

Mike LaPoint

L: We are all called to recognize and join God's mission of love.

P: We gather to become more like Jesus.

L: We learn how grace has met other lives.

P: We wait for God's empowering presence to open our eyes.

L: We engage our neighbors, online and in person.

P: And God's love, power, and justice help repair the world.

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

Mike LaPoint

We have sinned against you and one another, Lord.

We have not lived worshipfully.

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

Silence

We have not loved you wholly.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not lived worshipfully.

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

Silence

We have not denied ourselves and taken up our own cross daily.

We have not lived worshipfully.

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

Silence

We have not loved kindness, pursued justice, or walked humbly with you.

We have not lived worshipfully.

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

Silence

We have not shared the good news with our lips or in our lives.

We have not lived worshipfully.

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

Silence

The saying is sure: If we confess our sins, God is merciful and just and forgives us our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Christ, you/we are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen!

***Opening Hymn:**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

UMH #526

PRAYERS

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayers

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Response

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

TFWS #2193

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Tshishinen Mpoyo

Amen

Anthem

“I Wonder”

MUSIC: John Lee/WORDS: Bill Nichols

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 33:12-23

Mike LaPoint

Hymn

“Here I Am Lord”

UMH #593

*New Testament Lesson

1Thessalonians 1:1-10

Donna LaPoint

The Message

“If We Belong, We Are in a Place Where Everyone Knows Our Name”

Donna LaPoint

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn

“Lord, I Want to Be A Christian”

UMH #402

*Benediction

Rev. Tshishinen Mpoyo

*Postlude

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR October 19 - 24, 2020

Monday: Exodus 33:12-23

Tuesday: Isaiah 45:1-7

Wednesday: Psalm 99

Thursday: Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

Friday: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Saturday: Matthew 22: 34-46





Dates for the Week of Oct. 18-25, 2020

- Oct. 18th/Sunday/9:00 a.m.** -Virtual Worship Service
- Oct. 19th/Monday/11– 1 p.m.** -In Gathering
- Oct. 21st/Wednesday/11-1 p.m.** -In Gathering
- Oct. 21st /Wednesday/1:30 p.m.** -Worship meeting
- Oct. 21st/Wednesday/5:30 p.m.** -Children’s Message on Facebook
- Oct. 22nd/Thursday/2:30 p.m.** -Bible Study
- Oct. 23rd/Friday/5:30-7:30 p.m.** -In Gathering
- Oct. 25th/Sunday/9:00 a.m.** -Virtual Worship Service

Celebrations for Oct. 18-25, 2020

Happy Birthday!



Happy Anniversary!

- Oct 22 – Wayne Zimmerman, Julie Wilke,
Addison Otradovec
- Oct 23 – Corwin Bated
- Oct 25 – Vicki Krueger

Oct 22 – Tim & Sarah Bradley

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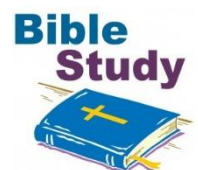


This Sunday is Laity Sunday. We definitely appreciate all of our lay leaders!
 Their efforts and guidance to our pastor in this “out of normal” time has been wonderful. Our virtual services excel and keep us united as the Wesley family.

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Bible Study

Thursday afternoon bible study class meets in Wesley’s Koeller Hall. Bring your bible. We sit following social distancing guidelines. The study will begin at **2:30 p.m.** We are currently reading the book of Isaiah. Join us on Thursday, **Oct. 22nd.**



Farm to Family Drive-Up Food Distribution: Fox Valley Region

FREE FOR THE OSHKOSH COMMUNITY

When: October 19 & 26
New Time: 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Location: Menominee Park, Oshkosh (Use Merritt St. Entrance)

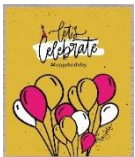


Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin has partnered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to distribute healthy food directly to high-need areas, free of charge. Quantities are limited and will be given away on a first come, first served basis. Limit ONE box per vehicle unless picking up on behalf of a homebound individual.

How it Works:

- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- Do not exit your vehicle at any time.
- Follow directions of posted signs.
- Have room in your vehicle's trunk or backseat to accommodate box of food.
- Please wait patiently while others are served.

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Handmade greeting cards will be available for \$1.00 on the card table outside the church office when office is "open." Place your donation in the basket provided. The proceeds will go toward October's Mission: Oshkosh Area Community Food Pantry.

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October's Mission focus is on Oshkosh Area Community Food Pantry

FUN FACTS:

In 2019

Total household visits were 17,420 (does not include community distribution)

Monthly average: 1,452

Total people reached: 42,809

Monthly average: 3,567

Total pounds distributed: 1,062,843 lbs.

Monthly average: 88,570

School & Community distribution: 35,673

Monthly average: 2,973

For every dollar that is donated, the OACP can buy 5 lbs of food from Feeding America via the cost of delivery and administration.

It takes around 16,000 volunteer hours a year to run the OACP, which is about 1333 volunteers a month.

These numbers are greatly underestimated as their recording process was in the development stage. The above program numbers are estimated to be 50% less than actual. Last year they served all of the schools in OASD.





Midwest Distribution Center is having an “Ingathering” drop off site here at Wesley UMC-Oshkosh. This needs to happen because the Wisconsin UMC Annual Conference is now virtual and will not be gathering donations at that location. Individuals are able to drop off their donations at this time, too.

Please note change in dates:

Oct. 19/Monday: 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Oct. 21/Wednesday: 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Oct. 23/Friday: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Dear Wesley United Methodist Church,

We at Midwest Mission hope that you are doing well during these trying times. We have been sharing God’s grace more than ever before. August was a record-breaking month, with shipments of almost \$1 million dollars’ worth of in-kind supplies and equipment. We have been staying busy with over 150 domestic and 10 international shipments leaving our facility so far this year.

Currently, we unfortunately are struggling with our in-kind donations due to the lack of the Annual Conferences and not having our regular missionary groups on-site. In addition, it has become extremely difficult to purchase hygiene and cleaning supplies in bulk due to the high demand during this pandemic. With Hurricane season being “extremely active” in 2020 we want to continue to prepare and replenish supplies for any future storms.

Therefore, we need your help! Midwest Mission, along with your Conference, has found churches to volunteer to become collection sites. Wesley UMC is one of the sites.

Our four most urgent needs are laundry detergent, dish soap, household cleaner, and toothpaste.

Please note, that any in-kind donations that go into our Midwest Mission Kits are welcomed at this time except for bikes and sewing machines. (We currently have a surplus of these two items due to the lack of missionaries onsite during this pandemic). If people are uncomfortable with shopping but still have the desire to donate, you may bring money to Wesley and mark it for Ingathering.

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Rebuilding Together Fox Valley provides critical home modifications and small home repairs to keep homeowners safe and healthy in their homes. We prioritize older adults, people with disabilities and veterans. **Typical modifications include** installing grab bars, ensuring dryer vents are properly vented, replacing toilets with comfort height toilets, etc. We serve Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet and Waupaca Counties. Our services are provided at no cost to homeowners. Anyone interested in our services can visit our website at www.rtfv.org. To apply for services, people can click the link here:



<https://rebuildingtogether-foxvalley.secure.force.com/HomeownerApplication/> or contact the office at info@rtfv.org or (920) 730-2156 and we can mail an application as well.

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Breathe Free Inc. is currently accepting donations, monetary, in kind, and service for a make it yourself laundry detergent that can save a family \$100's each year. They are looking for **empty wide mouth detergent bottles** which they can fill and distribute. They have enough product to begin assembly and distribution.



Wesley will collect laundry detergent bottles and they can be put in plastic tub under the coat rack. The parking lot door will be unlocked when the office is open, so you can drop bottles off.

Breathe Free Inc. is located at 400 N. Sawyer St., c/o ZLC, Oshkosh, WI 54902. They can be reached at (833)417-9334 for additional information.

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First United Methodist Church and **Zion Lutheran** are in the planning stages of creating virtual learning day support opportunities for families whose parents struggle with supporting their children's learning when at home. Boys and Girls Club does provide programming in Oshkosh, but space is limited and location and cost are a barrier for low-income families; language can also be a barrier for our ESOL families.

Would your congregation host or could people volunteer at either of these locations? Contact Kris Wood <mskriswood@gmail.com> or John Hobbins <jfhobbins@gmail.com> for more information.

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Pandemic Plea

Please read, pray, and act on letter from your church and one of its leaders. Randy explains the situation of Wesley UMC and what has happened financially since February of 2020.



We pray you are doing well and are watching our virtual service on Facebook or YouTube.

We miss seeing each of you during this stressful health crisis.

Don't forget to wear your mask, wash your hands frequently or use hand sanitizer, and social distance.

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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.