



Our 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.

Serving Us Today

Guest Speaker:	Rev. Dr. Kate Croskey Jones
Children's time:	Craig LaPoint
Greeter:	Sue Thomas
Ushers:	Linda, & Jim Fournier
Liturgist:	Randy Lovell
Projection/Sound Room:	Kyle Fournier, Mike LaPoint

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Office Hours

Monday – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Wesley United Methodist Church
Rev. Dr. Kate Croskey Jones, Guest speaker
September 19, 2021

**Welcome to the 17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021**

**Please stand as able, in praise of God*

Prelude

Opening Words:

Our Creator and sustainer, we confess that we are not always strong like the trees planted by the water's edge. Sometimes we are weak and indecisive. When the first big wind comes, we lean and break. We plot revenge instead of letting you fight our battles. By our silence and busyness, we let wickedness and ugliness fester and flourish. Today, Lord, forgive us when we covet and lie and when we get caught up in things that displease you. Heal us, direct our paths, and be for us the peace we so desperately crave. Amen.

Cynthia A. Bond Hopson, The Africana Worship Book for Year B (Discipleship Resources, 2007), 160.

Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Randy Lovell

L: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

P: We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

L: Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

P: We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

L: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

P: We long to live lives of holiness and light.

L: God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

Posted on Literature & Liturgy. <https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/> Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2018/09/call-to-worship-james-3-4.html>.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Liturgist: Randy Lovell

God of the gospel, the One who sends, the one who is sent and returns, the One who is sent and remains with the church, we declare our need of the wisdom that comes from above, pure, peace-loving, considerate, open to reason. We can be devious rather than straightforward, Hypocritical rather than sincere, Unforgiving rather than merciful, Cruel rather than kind. Forgive the bitter jealousy that leads to quarreling, the selfish ambition that destroys those who are in the way, the ungoverned passions that lead to disorder and evil of every kind. Temper your justice with mercy for the sake of your obedient Son, Jesus our peacemaker. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

L: Friends, hear the good news! God comes to those who welcome everyone in the name of Jesus.

P: We receive God when we receive Jesus and the people he loves.

L: Friends, believe the good news!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Opening Hymn**

“The Summons”

TFWS #2130

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral prayer/Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

“Cares Chorus”

TFWS #2215

Children's Time

Craig LaPoint

Old Testament Lesson:

Psalm 1

Liturgist: Randy Lovell

Anthem

“On Eagle's Wings”
Sung by The Summer Choir

by Michael Joncas

New Testament Lesson

James 3:13-4:2

Rev. Dr. Kate Croskery Jones

Hymn of Preparation

“God of Grace & God of Glory”

UMH #577

The Message “Grant us Wisdom, Grant us Courage” Rev. Dr. Kate Croskery Jones

Responsive Hymn

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

TFWS #2158

PRESENT TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Invitation

Doxology

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

Prayer Dedication

Announcements

***Closing Hymn**

“The Trees of the Field”

TFWS #2279 (sing twice)

Sending/Postlude

Message from Rev Francois Mukosa

Grace and peace to you all.

My name is Francois Mukosa I am a clergy in full connection, serving at St. Luke’s UMC in Crandon and Argonne UMC, in the Northeast District Wisconsin Annual Conference. I am married and we have 3 boys.

Today, I have a privilege to share with you a little bit of my journey from Africa University to Dallas Perkins School of Theology then landing in Wisconsin, and now serving in WAC.

First, I want to thank the Lord Jesus for His grace and love each day to us. Second, I would like to extend a big thanks to you all, for your deep love to me and my family which joined me in the United States of America two months ago.

I am a recipient of a scholarship at Africa University through your apportionment giving, and this scholarship allows me to pursue my first degree in humanity and social science at Africa University in Zimbabwe/Mutare. Without your sacrificial giving, I could not graduate from university. I always call it “FAITH THAT CHANGES LIVES.” Friends, you are so amazing.

I am so grateful for all your support, your goodness and kindness. I know you have things to care for, but you give sacrificially in support for Africa University students. I was blessed and able to study at Africa University because of your generosity. The good news is in 2011, I graduated from Africa University with a bachelor degree in humanity and social science. What an achievement!

I spent 6 to 7 years answering God’s call. I applied for a master’s degree at Perkins school of Theology in Dallas/Texas, and God is great! In 2020, during the Covid 19 pandemic season, I graduated from Perkins School of Theology and now I am serving the Lord in Wisconsin Annual Conference Northeast District.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, don’t stop the good work here. Today, I know several leaders who graduated from Africa University, who are serving in WAC, and I am one of them. What an amazing thing you have done for each and every one of us. Please keep up the good work and God will reward you. Thank you so much. Merci beaucoup, Aksante.



September 19 – 26, 2021

Sun. Sept. 19 th	Worship Rev. Dr. Kate Croskery Jones, guest speaker	9:30 AM
Tues. Sept. 21 st	Nomination meeting	4:30 PM
Wed. Sept. 22 nd	“What Does It Mean to be a Methodist” study group	6:30 PM
Sun. Sept. 26 th	Worship Women’s Sunday, Donna LaPoint, Lay Leader	9:30 AM

This Week’s Celebrations:



September 21 – Jane Vienola
September 22 – Heather Eckstein
September 23 – Jim Fournier



September 24th – Craig & Meghan LaPoint

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Are you aware that the roof over the sanctuary leaks? We have put some temporary fixes on it, so we can hold off until spring, when the roof will be replaced. The cost is \$26,000.00 and will need to raise this money by Spring. Please donate \$5, \$10, \$50 \$100 whatever you can afford. Any and all donations are appreciated. Just mark your envelope “roof fund”.



Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

A church usher serves a very important role in the church by creating a welcoming environment and setting the tone for every parishioner's personal experience with their church.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities of a Church Usher

- Stands at the church's entryway and greets church visitors as they arrive.
- Helps those who need special seating or accommodations.
- Collects offerings at the appointed time during the service.
- Distributes church bulletins as they arrive and/or as they depart.
- Arrives at least fifteen minutes before every service and remains after to help straighten up pews.
- Must enjoy initiating conversations with strangers and friends alike.
- Must know the organization of the church and be able to give directions to visitors to the Sunday School classrooms, nursery, and restrooms.
- Must be able to anticipate visitors' needs and do everything possible to meet them

Please consider signing up today to be an usher. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Sign-up sheet is on stand in narthex.

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Due to the increase in COVID numbers, the trustees would like to ask **everyone to please wear a mask** when they enter the building. This is for ALL people, those who were vaccinated and those who were not. These guidelines are in place to ensure the safety of everyone in our facilities, so please comply.

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Lost & Found

We have a few jackets that are hanging on the racks in the hallway. With Fall fast approaching, you may need these.

Also *we have dishes in the kitchen from the donated salads when we fed the MASA group.*

Please check to see if one of them might be yours.



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September's Mission Focus:

Africa University

International applicants are eligible to apply for enrollment. AU also provides several academic and non-academic facilities and services to students including a library, housing, sports facilities, financial aids and/or scholarships, study abroad and exchange programs, online courses and distance learning opportunities, as well as administrative services.

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Order your Sweet Potato Pies today at the table in the narthex. Cost is \$10.00 each. Pies can be picked up on Sunday, Oct. 3rd. Give to World Communion Sunday offering for seminaries and ethnic higher education and training.

Mary Bethune taught for a while and in 1904 opened a high school, hospital, and Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute for Negro Girls. The popularity of Daytona Normal led to its merging with the Methodist-run Cookman Institute for Men in Jacksonville in 1923, thus becoming the Bethune-Cookman College. She served as the merged college's first president from 1923 to 1943 and from 1946-1947.