

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

Welcome All to Wesley United Methodist Church

Psalm 98:1 O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Randy Lovell

L: We come with joy to this celebration of God's love!

P: Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your love.

L: We come with hope to this witness to God's power!

P: Challenge and encourage our spirits to serve you, Lord.

L: We come with a willingness to proclaim God's presence to all.

P: We thank God for this invitation to worship, witness and serve. AMEN.

***Opening Prayer (Unison)**

Liturgist: Randy Lovell

Jesus, friend and brother, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; you ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to fruition. We sometimes struggle to love the people in our lives as you have loved us. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again. Amen.

Silent Confession and Words of Assurance

***Opening Hymn:**

"To God Be the Glory"

UMH #98

DEDICATION OF NEW MEDIA EQUIPMENT

Prayer

Here in this place of worship we gather in the name of our God the Creator, the Redeemer and Sustainer.
Here we dedicate this video equipment to the service of God.

Let us pray:

Creating and Re-Creating God, we give thanks for the gifts of all who have gone before us. We give thanks for all who are here now and those who are at home. We give thanks for the promise of gifts that have yet to be shared. Today we give thanks for the gifts of video equipment to Wesley UMC. This equipment can enrich the life of this faith community and spread the good news of our Lord Jesus until the end of the world. May this equipment help to offer all who are part of this faith community a fuller worship experience even when they are not present in this sanctuary. Let this equipment and everyone who works with it be used to glorify You, O God; let it be devoted to Your service. May the people continue to praise and worship You in spirit and in truth as we consecrate ourselves this day to building your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

Prayer Response

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

TFWS #2193

Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *UMH #94*

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Tshishinen Mpoyo

Anthem "Sing a Joyful Song" by Stan Pethel
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 98 Liturgist: Randy Lovell

Hymn Response "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (Verses 1 & 2) *UMH #384*

***New Testament Lesson** John 15:9-17 Rev. Tshishinen Mpoyo

The Message "Abide in My Love" Rev. Tshishinen Mpoyo

Communion/Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn "Let Us Be Bread" (Verse 1) *TFWS #2260*

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** "Cry of My Heart" *TFWS #2165*

***Benediction** Rev. Tshishinen Mpoyo

***Postlude**

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Daily Scripture Readings
For May 10 – 15, 2021

- Monday:** Exodus 24:15-18
- Tuesday:** Deuteronomy 7:1-11
- Wednesday:** Psalm 93
- Thursday:** 1 John 5:1-6 & 1 Timothy 6:11-12
- Friday:** Revelation 1:9-18
- Saturday:** Luke 24:44-53



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May 23rd is "Pentecost,"

celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after His Ascension.

Please **wear** something **red** to the worship service on May 23rd.





Events for the Week of May 9 - 16, 2021

- May 9th/Sunday/9:00 a.m.: Worship Service with Communion
May 10th/Monday/6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
May 11th/Tuesday/6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
May 12th /Wednesday/6:30 p.m.: Children's Message on Facebook
May 16th /Sunday/9:00 a.m.: Worship Service

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Celebrations for May 9 -16, 2021

Happy Birthday!



Happy Anniversary!

- May 10 - Kathleen Mitchell
May 11 - Vernita Green, Vicente Flores
May 12 - Chris Hannis
May 13 - Mary Jane Andrashko
May - 15 - Dylan O'Laire

- May 12 - Scott & Rose Brownlea
May 15 - Robert & Jean Roe

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From Your Trustees:



It is wonderful to see everyone again! Spread the word that we are now OPEN!

Our services will be recorded and available virtually on line later in the day. Precautions are being taken for everyone's safety. Masks need to be worn, hand sanitizer dispensers are available by the entry doors, temperatures are being taken, every other pew are roped off, families can sit together, but groups should stay six feet apart. All hymnals, bibles & picture directories have been removed from the pews.

We are keeping an eye on Covid 19 and if things change, we will make adjustments.

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SCRIP Cards

SCRIP cards are now available for purchase in the church office during regular office hours or call to make other arrangements. Thanks for supporting this effort!



Pen Gift For "Mothers"

All women, please take a gift for the many caring things you do here at Wesley and in the community as a token of our appreciation.

Thank You!



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May's Mission Focus/Golden Cross

Why does poverty have such a large impact on families?

From a Child's Perspective

When my dad lost his job, we did not have enough money to have a house. We moved a lot and stayed with other people. I didn't have friends any more. I was scared. I had to wear my old shoes even though they were too little and they hurt my feet. My big brother stole a pair of shoes for me. He got in bad trouble.

Then my mom learned about Harbor House. They are kind to me. They help my mom learn to do many things. They found a place for us to live while my dad learns a new job. I am not afraid any more. God sure loves me.

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Please Note: The Oshkosh Area Food Pantry does **NOT** need egg cartons. If and when they do accept them, they do **NOT** want Styrofoam egg cartons.

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Drive-thru Mobile Food Pantry: Oshkosh West High School

Address: Oshkosh West High School, 375 N Eagle Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902

Wednesdays: May 12, 19, and 26 @ 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm---Free

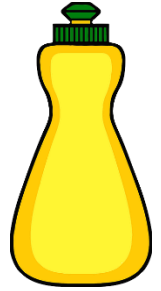


Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin has partnered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to distribute healthy food directly to high-need areas, free of charge.

*Quantities are limited and will be given away on a first come, first served basis.

Ingathering 2021

All churches are encouraged to begin gathering the supplies for Personal Dignity Kits and Homecare Kits. See the list of supplies below. Items can be put together in kit form as indicated, or they can be donated separately. Gathered supplies can be dropped off at Wesley at any time the office is open. There is a container under the coat racks.



Wesley is an official **drop-off site** for our area from Monday, June 14th – Monday, June 21st, during the week of the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth - No kitchen towels
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multipacks
- 1 Bar Soap – 3 - 4 oz.
- 1 Shampoo – 15 - 18 oz.
- 1 Deodorant – 2 - 3 oz. - stick, roll on, or pump
- Place items in a 1-gallon resealable plastic bag

Video at www.midwestmission.org



Homecare Kit

- 2 Liquid Household Cleaners 16 - 40 oz (no spray bottles)
- 2 Dish Soaps 16 - 34 oz
- 2 Liquid Laundry Detergents 32 - 64 oz
- 1 scrub brush with or without handle
- Place items into a 5-gallon resealable bucket with a resealable cover.

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“Walk with Ease”



Is arthritis pain keeping you from exercising? Do you want to start an exercise program, but don't know where to begin? Then “Walk with Ease” is the class for you! The Oshkosh Senior Center and Winnebago County Wellness Plus Collaboration are bringing The Arthritis foundation's “Walk with Ease” class to the senior center this May!

This class can teach you how to safely make physical activity part of your everyday life. A certified leader provides information, support, and the tools needed to help you set and reach your goals. This class will reduce the pain and discomfort of arthritis, increase balance and walking pace, build confidence, and improve overall health!

The class meets **May 10- June 16, Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-11am** in the south building of the Oshkosh Seniors Center. It is just \$15 for the entire class and includes a workbook. To register, contact the Oshkosh Seniors Center at 920-232-5300.

5 Things Your Visitors are Thinking but Won't Ask

With Jason Moore



It's been said that every church wants to grow. If that statement is true, are we really poised for it in the way we treat and attend to our new visitors?

While you might not think it, guest readiness is one of the most important issues facing the church today.

Without really meaning to, the majority of churches are blind to the things that visitors consider when deciding whether or not to return for future visits.

No matter how good/powerful worship is, it's only half the battle. Insider language, unspoken rituals, confusing signage and unpreparedness are all huge factors in why visitors don't come back to participate in our faith communities.

5 Things will include instruction on how to develop and train a more intentional/welcoming hospitality team, how to/why to develop a formal child check-in procedure, how to conduct a signage audit, and what to do with your existing space. All of these things and so much more will help you recognize the things that you may have been missing for years.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- TOP WEBSITE PRIORITIES
- BEST PRACTICES FOR SIGNAGE
- HOW TO DEVELOP A CHILD CHECK-IN
- VISITOR WELCOME DO'S AND DON'TS
- TOP 10 THINGS THAT PREVENT VISITORS FROM RETURNING
 - HOW TO AVOID UNSPOKEN RITUALS
- THE 4 THINGS THAT SHOULD HAPPEN EVERY SUNDAY
 - HOW TO SECRET WORSHIP
- HOW TO CONDUCT A GUEST READINESS TRAINING IN YOUR CHURCH
 - MUCH MORE!

We have access to the recording of this webinar at this time. If you want the link sent to you, please contact the church office. If you would prefer to view it at Wesley, we can arrange that, too.

As we plan to reopen, we want to put our best foot forward. Hope you will participate in this effort.

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Office Hours (Monday's hours are different.)

Monday the office will be open 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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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.