

October 2025



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Pastor Chuck Emery

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.*

Notes from the Pastor

While Christians worldwide grapple with devastating hurricanes, wildfires, and floods that seem to arrive with increasing frequency, the anniversary of the Nicene Creed offers profound wisdom for our environmental crisis. This year marks 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea gathered in 325 CE—and its ancient affirmation creed provides the essential theological foundation for a new movement taking shape across global Christianity.

The 1700th anniversary of Nicaea provides more than historical context for creation care—it offers the Trinitarian theology that makes the emerging Feast of Creation not merely environmental activism, but authentic Christian worship of the creating and sustaining God. So what does the Council of Nicaea, or its creed, have to do with a Feast of Creation? When the Council affirmed that Christ is “true Good from

true God” through whom “all things were made,” It established that creation care isn’t optional Christian ethics but flows from core of our relationship with God.

A Feast of Creation celebrates God, not just creatures, but the One creating. With a Feast of Creation, God, creator of all things, is celebrated not just in the past tense, but in God’s continued presence and loving relationship with all creation.

“I believe in on God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.” This Nicene affirmation that God is “maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, see and unseen” becomes not ancient doctrine but urgent contemporary truth.

In addition to participating in the international ecumenical plans for an annual Feast of Creation, Methodists lift up our emphasis on the stewardship of creation and call for ecological

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Dates to Remember

Wed Oct. 1
Membership Care
2:00 p.m.

Sat, October 11
Pork Chop Dinner
4:15 p.m. Pick Up
5:00 p.m. Dine In

Mon, October 13
Trustees Meeting
6:30 p.m.

Tues, October 21
Church Council
1:30 p.m.

Wed, Oct. 22
Worship Meeting
6:30 p.m.

Sat, October 25
Trunk or Treat
2:00—4:00 p.m.

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justice in our Social Creed and Social Principles.

“We affirm the natural world as God’s handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.” From the Social Creed of the United Methodist Church.

John and Charles Wesley reflected intentionally on the creation in ways that highlight the nature of God, including the mystery and the experience of all creation’s relationship to God. Charles Wesley captures this beautifully in one of those hymns: “Father in whom we live, In whom we are and move, The glory, power and praise receive of thy creating love.”



BIRTHDAYS

3	Jacob Vienola	22	Wayne* Zimmerman
8	Jeff Roe		
	Jacquie Reeves	23	Corwin Bates
11	Lynne Moeller	25	Victoria Krueger
14	Marlin Wege	27	Dennis Bradley
16	Peter Uecker	30	Tracey Lovell
17	Jim* LaPoint	31	Anthony Colantonio

ANNIVERSARIES

4	Bryan & Candi Fournier
9	Dennis & Cathy Bradley
12	Randal* & Linda Pribek



October is Pastor Appreciation Month.
Thank you, Pastor Chuck!

Trunk or Treat

When: Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Where: Wesley United Methodist Church

761 Florida St, Oshkosh, WI

What: Trick or Treating out of decorated car trunks in the safety of the church parking lot. There will also be the annual family friendly Haunted Hallway provided by Oshkosh Martial Arts.

Cost: Donation of a canned food item for the Oshkosh Food Pantry

Donation: We are looking for donation of candy. Please place it in the bin located in the Narthex. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are handing out candy from your trunk.



Potluck Sundays

Save the date for upcoming Sunday Potlucks:

- **October 26:** Pizza Party Potluck
- **November 16:** Packer Party Potluck

For the Pizza Party Potluck, pizza will be provided by Wesley. We are asking everyone else to bring a dish to pass and sign-up the number of attendees for your family. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



WOW—Women of Wesley—Bread Baking

On Saturday, November 8, we will be making bread to be sold at church on Sunday. We will be making Pumpkin and Cranberry breads. We will meet in the church kitchen at 8:00 a.m. This is a great time to talk with others and make some delicious bread. Please plan to attend. If you have any questions, contact Betty Croninger at 920-410-5796.

Bread Sales

On Sunday, November 9, we will be selling Holiday Breads after the church service. The breads will be baked the day before. We will have Pumpkin and Cranberry Breads available. They freeze well and could be used for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas.



Newsletter Sponsorship

The sponsor for the October newsletter is Sally Roe. Your contribution helps defray part of the cost of the publication and is an extra gift of support to our expenses.

In 2024, OACP distributed over 3 millions pounds of food and served over 2,500 families facing food insecurity in our community each month. This volume of distribution is only possible with the support of OACP partners, donors, and volunteers.

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS

Oshkosh Area Community Food Pantry

OACP serves our neighbors in southern Winnebago county from all walks of life, of all ages and stages. In 2024 OACP distributed over 218,000 snacks and over 25,300 pounds of fresh fruit to area students through its School Pantry Program partnership. Additionally, OACP welcomed 3,338 children into its Kids Corner shopping experience throughout the year.

The OACP mission and operation is 99% run by volunteers dedicated to ACP. From stocking and sorting, registration, and checkout, to delivering and picking up food, OACP volunteers are what allow OACP to make the impact it does in the Oshkosh area. In 2023 OACP volunteers dedicated 22,453 hours serving those in our community.

Here is a story that came directly from one of our guests:
“The Oshkosh Area Food Pantry has been a blessing to our family. The staff are kind, helpful and professional; even with all the volunteer staff. The food for our family has seriously been a saving grace during this time of inflation and uncertainty. I no longer wonder if we can purchase enough to feed our family. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our community.”



Adult Studies

There are three different adult studies available each week for you to attend.

1. Sunday morning adult bible study class meets after church each week for a Lectionary Study.
2. Wednesday morning class meets each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.. They are discussing lectionary each week, but are looking into a possible book study. Stay tuned for more information.
3. Thursday afternoon class meets from 2:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m. each week. This class will be a Bible study on the book of Revelation. This study will offer more details than just causal reading.



UMC Wesley CORNER

The United Methodist Church is a connectional church. Churches join together to do those things that can be done best by a large number of churches. Missions is where connectionism works so well.

The Wisconsin Board of Global Ministries is the missional instrument of the United Methodist Church. As disciples of Christ, members of the Wisconsin Board of Global Ministries and its committees are challenged to inspire and educate districts, circuits, local churches, and individuals about the many mission opportunities available. The Board also recommends ministries to be funded through Conference apportionment dollars and designated funds. The Mission Motivation Team is one of those committees. One of its responsibilities is to recommend ministries to be designated as Advance Specials.

On Saturday, November 15th the Mission Motivation team is offering a training filled with information to help churches plan their Outreach/Mission opportunities. Guest speakers will share information about the Mosaic Covenant (formerly Rainbow Covenant), Ingathering and Midwest Mission, palm mats for disaster relief, itinerant missionaries traveling in Wisconsin that could come to your church, Volunteers in Mission and Wisconsin Conference projects, local and national missions and our sister program with Bolivia.

Two churches in each of the five districts will act as hosts. Speakers will be speaking over zoom after each speaker a time is set aside for conversation among the people at each site. The time frame is registration at 9:00 a.m. with the first speaker at 9:30 a.m. The session will close at 12:30 p.m. Snacks will be available. No meal will be served.

A highlight of these sessions is the opportunity for people on mission team and anyone else from the local church to have a chance to get acquainted and possibly learn how they can connect through missions. Any person can go to any site. They are all held on the same day, Saturday, November 15th.

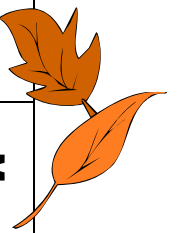
The cost is \$25/church or charge and for us will be paid by Wesley. In our Northeast District, the meetings will be held at First United Methodist Church in Oshkosh and Wausau First UMC. This is a great opportunity and we do not need to travel far.

Register through the church office, with Shirley our mission chair, or on the clipboard in the Narthex. If you need a ride, indicate that when you register. We want you to come! **See you there....Saturday November 15th from 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.!**

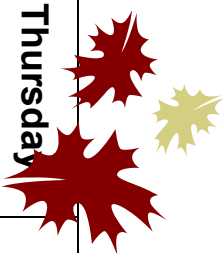
Save the Date

All Saints Day will be on November 2, 2025.





October 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
World Communion Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45-a.m.—noon Lectionary Study	6 5:30 p.m. MA 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	7 10:00 a.m. TOPS 1:00 p.m. Mat Making	8 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MA 6:30p.m. MG 7:15 p.m. CC	9 2:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MA	10	11 Pork Chop Supper 4:15 p.m. – Pick Up 5:00 p.m.—Eat Here
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