

July 2023



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.*

Office: 235-3070

Pastor Chuck Emery

Notes from the Pastor

"It is said that
before entering the sea
a river trembles with fear.

She looks back at the path she
has traveled,
from the peaks of the
mountains,
the long winding road crossing
forests and villages.

And in front of her,
she sees an ocean so vast,
that to enter
there seems nothing more than
to disappear forever.

But there is no other way.
The river can not go back.

Nobody can go back.
To go back is impossible in
existence.

The river needs to take the risk
of entering the ocean
because only then will fear
disappear, because that's where
the river will know it's not
about disappearing into the
ocean, but of becoming the
ocean." ~

Kahlil Gibran

As I age, I am more and more
tempted to live in my past. It is
reassuring, though sometimes
painful, to look back on where
and what I have been. And
looking forward is somewhat
scary. Like the river looking at
the ocean, I fear getting lost in
a world filled with technology.
I see people who seem different
both externally and internally
from me. I fear I will be lost.

Then it comes to me that I have
always been a part of the
ocean. And it is then that Jesus'
words remind me that as lost as
I may feel, God knows and
loves me more than I do.

"Aren't five sparrows sold for
two small coins? Yet not one of
them is overlooked by God.
Even the hairs on your head are
all counted. Don't be afraid.
You are worth more than many
sparrows." Luke.12:6-7 (CEB)



Wednesday, July 5
Prayer in Peace Garden
6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 14, &
Saturday, July 15
**Church Rummage and
Bake Sale**
8-3 and 8-noon

Sunday, July 23
JAARS Speaker
9:30 Worship

Thursday, July 27
MASA Meal
3-8 p.m.

Online Services still available to
view on
Facebook and YouTube. See page
3 for instructions on how to
subscribe to the Wesleyan
YouTube channel.

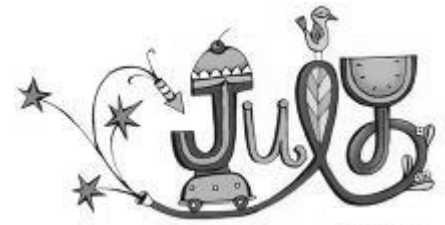
From Your Education Committee:

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! Rally Day for the kickoff of Sunday School in the fall will be Sunday 9/10. Watch the upcoming newsletters for details about exciting events being planned for the fall. Enjoy your summer!

From Your Trustees:

Our parking lot has been repaved and restriped! A great improvement! The next project we are looking at is replacing Door C off the parking lot. There is a problem with the lock slipping. Just like owning a home, there is always maintenance projects to be done.

A big **Thank You** to all who are helping restore and maintain our Prayer Garden. It is looking beautiful.



BIRTHDAYS

2	Chance Counts	15	Beth Kline
6	Ethan Wege	18	Dave Mummelthie
10	Jerry Krueger	19	Rose Brownlea
	Mike Smith	21	Sally Roe
11	Jennifer Wege		
12	Wally Dies	23	Scott Colantonio
14	Patty Michur	26	Logan Uecker
	Danielle Marco		

ANNIVERSARIES

3	Brian & Beth Kline
25	Roger & Janice Nitschke

Wednesday, July 5th
"Prayer in the Peace Garden"
at 6:30 p.m.

Wesley will be having our first special outdoor evening service. Come share scripture, music and fellowship while enjoying our beautiful Peace Garden (indoors if weather is bad) We hope to make this a monthly event and may include a cook-out (not July 5th), pet blessing, special music, etc...

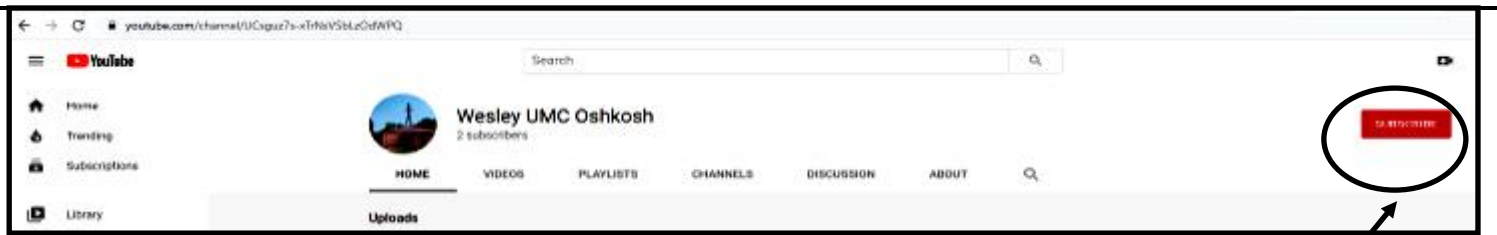
Bring lawn chairs.

Please join us as we grow our
faith & church!



Newsletter Sponsorship

The sponsor for the July newsletter is anonymous. Please consider being a sponsor for the August—December 2023 newsletters. Your contribution helps defray part of the cost of the publication and is an extra gift of support to our expenses. Please contact the church office (235-3070) to 'reserve' your chosen month for 2023.



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2. Click the Search button
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4. Press **Enter**
5. Click the **SUBSCRIBE** button when you first view this YouTube site.

Sunday, July 23rd Speaker: JAARS Chuck Daly

Chuck and Chris Daly met in Tucson while Chuck was completing his aviation training at Cochise College in Douglas, AZ. They were married in 1987 and first went overseas in 1992. Chuck served as a pilot in Papua New Guinea, Cameroon, and Peru supporting Bible translators living in remote jungle and mountain areas. He also served as a flight instructor, chief pilot, and in leadership roles at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw, North Carolina. Chuck is currently a FlightSpan™ Subscriber Support Specialist, a JAARS software product that provides tools covering all aspects of flight—beginning to end: the flight request, through the flight itself, to the recording and billing.

Chris had the privilege of homeschooling their three children for thirteen years, while at the same time filling part-time roles such as typing manuscripts for Bible translators; coordinating email prayer requests in Peru, giving tours of the JAARS Center to help visitors understand how JAARS supports Bible translation; serving as a small group facilitator for the intercultural Communications Course; and is now on the prayer team for the Learning and Development department.

They work with JAARS remotely from Durham, NC and enjoy their three children and three grandchildren.

A Little Bit about JAARS: From our earliest days 75 years ago, our passion has been to reach the unreached—both spiritually and practically. Our founder, Cameron Townsend, believed that all people should have God's Word in their heart language. He devoted his life to that big vision, trusting at every juncture that God would make the impossible possible. Just reaching and working in minority language communities—sometimes in the most remote, dangerous corners of the world—proved to be an early obstacle.



ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE AND BAKE SALE

JULY 14-15, 2023



It will soon be here! Please plan ahead. This year our proceeds will go to Wesley to help us continue our mission. Bring your household items, books, clothing, toys, puzzles, furniture, pictures and whatever you can donate to the church any time before the sale. Place them on designated tables or clothing racks. Bring a little each week to church with you and you will be cleaning your home as well as helping us out at Wesley.

Please try to have all clothing items separated into women's men's and children when you bring them in. All should be clean and in good condition.

Plan to bake now while the temperature is cooler. Put it in the freezer until the day before the sale. Bakery can be dropped off on Thursday, July 13th.

Are you any good at pricing items? We need you! We are always looking for people to help us price all of the donations.

Do you need your items picked up? Call the church office at 235-3070 so arrangements can be made.

Be a part of this wonderful event. We will need people to help set up, price, clean up, cashier, and work at the bake sale.

The fellowship during this time is so special, so put it on your calendar now!



Please contact Linda Fournier (410-1420) or Jenny Fournier (231-3926) to volunteer to help or for more information.

MASA stands for Mission Aviation Support Association.

Our church has been involved for the last six years offering a meal for the missionary pilots who attend the EAA Air Venture each summer.

Many of these pilots have been attending EAA Fly In (now called EAA Air Venture) for more than 30 years to make connections with the aviation community. They were fixing their own food and camping on the EAA grounds. A local citizen, also interested in mission aviation, learned of their need for hospitality in the Oshkosh area. A contact was made with local church leaders about the need and the hospitality ministry began.

The ministry continued to grow as the Missionary Aviation agencies and training schools learned of the opportunities at EAA Air Venture. Aviation Missionaries were featured in 2009 at the EAA Air Venture. That year hospitality was provided for approximately 400 missionaries including their family members. The current annual number of guests averages around 200.

God has assembled an incredible team of volunteers and local congregations cooperating as Christ's Church to provide finances, transportation, housing, food and public speaking opportunities. The aviation missionaries could not afford to attend EAA Air Venture without the help.

Our church will again be providing an evening meal during the EAA Air Venture. We will collect donations during the month of July so that we are able to purchase the items needed for the EAA Air Venture meal in July.

On Thursday, July 27, our congregation will be serving a dinner meal. We will be in need of volunteers to make salads and /or serve people on the EAA grounds.

MASA Meal Sign-Up

This year the MASA Meal we will serve at the EAA will take place on Thursday, July 27th. We need people to make salads, donate money for meal &/or volunteer to serve.

Sign-up NOW in the Narthex!





UMC Wesley CORNER

God is at work through Wesley

Excitement abounded in Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday, June 4. At least 20 people gathered to make up the kits for the Ingathering. Members and others had been bringing the items and filling up the table and all around it during the month of May. Seventy-nine complete personal dignity kits and two complete Home health kits were made plus bits and pieces of incomplete kits were taken to Annual Conference. Thanks to Debbie, Pastor and Vernita for taking the items to Annual Conference.

Thank you so much to the multitude of people at Wesley for your generosity as we collected items as part of the Ingathering for Midwest Mission and the gathering of sewing machines and money to buy sewing machines for the Bolivia Connection through the Wisconsin Conference. The results were breathtaking!

For the Bolivia Connection three sewing machines were donated by members of the church and we had an anonymous donation of 10 more sewing machines. Thanks to Brian Green and John Meyer for boxing all the sewing machines so they could more easily be packed on the truck. All thirteen sewing machines were sent to Midwest Mission for checking and cleaning and then will be distributed according to requests. Wesley also donated over a \$1000 which will be used to buy sewing machines for Bolivia.

An interesting finding learned is that Midwest Mission distributes only as **requests** come in. When asked why, they responded. When people are in an emergency or disaster situation, they need specific items. They do not need a bunch of stuff that someone wants to give them. Any extra “stuff” is a hindrance, another problem to solve. By being simple and specific and waiting for a request, **they are always helping and not hurting.**

For years the statement “When helping hurts” has been around. Midwest Mission is helping Wesley practice “real helping”.


For the Ingathering Wesley chose specifically to build personal dignity and home care kits. Information was received during that time that Midwest Mission also had need of empty laundry soap containers, blankets, and other items. Wesley members and friends brought in many empty soap containers, six blankets, a set of sheets and brooms. These were also taken to Annual Conference for the Ingathering.

The mission team also wants members to know that anything we received this year or extras from years past that could not be used by Midwest Mission have been distributed to the Salvation Army and Food Pantry. Our cupboards are bare.....as they were meant to be at the end of the month.



July 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion 10:45-a.m.—noon <i>Walking in Grace 2023</i>	5:30 p.m. MA		5:30 p.m. MA 6:30 p.m. Prayer in Peace Garden	10:30 a.m. Disciple Series-Christian Beliefs 5:30 p.m. MA		
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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