

November 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.*

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Pastor Chuck Emery

Notes from the Pastor

The people called Methodists have been actively involved in social and political matters from their founding in 18th century England. Methodists were among the primary advocates for the abolition of slavery across the British Empire, the organization of labor unions to protect workers from dangerous working conditions, the ending of the debtors prison system, and the creation of new systems of care for poor children. Given this heritage, Methodists have continued to advocate for other social or political issues since that time - women's suffrage, temperance, civil rights, health care and care for the environment, to name a few.

In 1908, Methodists enshrined the Wesleyan commitment to social holiness, forthright moral witness and ethical action by adopting the church's first Social Creed.

In 1972, the commission unveiled the new Social Principles. The General Conference wholeheartedly

embraced the new document. While not church law, the Social Principles are a set of public United Methodist statements that address what United Methodists have agreed for the most pressing social concerns in the world today. Over five decades, the Social Principles have been vital for United Methodist witness across the globe. Every four years, individual Social Principles are added, amended and updated.

Today our United Methodist Social Creed and Social Principles express our commitment to fully participate in building a more peaceful and just world.

The United Methodist Church acknowledges that we are responsible to God for our social, economic and political life. The Church regards political participation as the privilege and responsibility of citizens. So, we are expected to thoughtfully and prayerfully vote.

In our Social Principles and Resolutions, the Church asserts, "Scripture recognizes that

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Dates
to
Remember

Sun, November 3
Time Change 2 a.m.
All Saints Service
9:30 a.m.

Sun, November 10
Day By Day Meal 5:00 p.m.

Mon, November 11
Trustees 6:30 p.m.

Wed, November 13
Missions 1:00 p.m.
Membership Care 2:00 p.m.

Thurs, November 14
Education 6:30 p.m.

Tues, November 19
Church Council 6:30 p.m.

Wed, November 20
Worship 1:30 p.m.

Online Services still available to
view on Facebook

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faithfulness to God requires political engagement by the people of God” (Church-Government Relations). “The strength of a political system depends upon the full and willing participation of its citizens. The church should continually exert a strong ethical influence upon the state, supporting policies and programs deemed to be just and opposing policies and programs that are unjust” (The Political Community).

United Methodists rely on the same world-wide Social Principles and Resolutions for guidance about the interaction of church and politics. How the Church is engaged in politics varies across the regions where The United Methodist Church is present. Its response to the state will look quite different in the United States, the Philippines, Germany, Russia or Côte d'Ivoire.

The United Methodist Church also affirms an appropriate separation of church and state. United Methodists reject undue control or interference by either religious bodies or the state in the affairs of the other. “Separation of church and state means no organic union of the two, but it does permit interaction” (Church and State Relations).

As you prepare to cast your ballot you might want to understand where our Church stands on various issues that may affect your decision. The Social Creed and the Social Principles are contained in our guiding documents contained in the Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

The Resolutions are contained in a separate volume and are the particular expression of the United Methodist Church’s position on a abroad variety of current social issues throughout the United States and the world. You may access these materials either by purchasing them from Cokesbury or download them for free from the internet using www.resourceumc.org.



BIRTHDAYS

2	Holly Roe	18	Nala Monroe
6	Aria Tuttle	19	Kathy McAloon
11	Lilly Fournier	24	Susan Sapaula
17	Sally Counts	25	Hannah Heisler
	Gracie Thomas	27	Sandy Markech
18	Nala Monroe		

ANNIVERSARIES

5	Donna & Mike LaPoint
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Newsletter Sponsorship

The sponsor for the November newsletter is the Erne & Margeruite Mains family. Please consider being a sponsor for the December 2024 newsletter. 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 2024.

Church Conference will be on December 9, 2024. A dinner will be served starting at 5:00 p.m. at Algoma Methodist Church. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.



Sunday School News



Our children's choir sang on Laity Sunday/Children's Sabbath, October 20 during the worship service. Didn't they do a wonderful job! Thank you, Doris, and everyone who helped.

Trunk or Treat was Saturday October 26, 2024, thank you to all who donated candy and participated in the safe Halloween event for our church and neighborhood children. The Haunted Hallway was presented by Oshkosh Martial Arts and the collection of canned goods for the food pantry was again a huge success. A big thank you to them for making this possible.

The date has also been set for our children's Sunday School Christmas program. It will be on Sunday, December 15. They will be doing a presentation during the worship service. More details will soon be available.

Next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone is invited to join these meetings.



Everyone is invited to help decorate the Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary after the service on December 1.

Adult Sunday School Classes

1. Our Sunday morning adult bible study class that meets after church service has been faithfully meeting all summer and is well attended. Their study is focused on the book "Walking in Grace 2024".
2. Our Thursday morning class has chosen a book to study. It is "Holy Spirit" by Stanley Hauerwas & William H. Willimon. By reading and studying this book, you'll come to understand that the Holy Spirit is who God is and what God does as the Trinity. And you'll learn how to prayerfully embrace this gift that created the church and become empowered to live out holy love and friendship in the world. This class meets at 10:00 a.m.
3. Wayne Zimmerman's bible study class that meets at 2:30pm on Thursdays has finished the book of John and has moved on to the book of Acts.

Please feel free to drop in and enjoy one or all these classes at any time.

Wherever there is a need in Oshkosh, you'll find the Salvation Army

Salvation Army

For over 100 years countless individuals have relied on The Salvation Army to be a safe haven in the midst of strife. We're committed to touching lives and conveying hope. As Christ's servants, The Salvation Army marches into battle against poverty, fear, violence, abandonment, homelessness, addictions and many more enemies of mankind.

Whether it's providing boots and warm clothes to an impoverished child in winter months, reuniting a family torn apart by addictions or providing a meal to a person living on the streets, our mission is straightforward and the same, to meet human need in His name without discrimination.

Board members to the Salvation Army Oshkosh are community leaders who want to guide The Salvation Army Oshkosh toward its core vision of working collaboratively with community partners to build whole, strong families, a vibrant and effective community of faith and a civil and just society. Board members are:

Ellen Anderson	Tim Ryan
Karen Wedde	Brian Hamill
Anette Larie	Mark Neilsen
Jim Dempsey	Randy Davis
Kurt Maehl.	

Salvation Army Oshkosh services most of Winnebago County including Oshkosh, Pickett, Omro, Butte des Morts, and Winneconne. We manage a food pantry that provided emergency food support to nearly one in ten households in Oshkosh last year.

The Oshkosh corps also served approximately 30,000 meals to those in need and administers important seasonal holiday program like Angel Tree, Toys for Tots and Coats for Kids. It requires approximately 14,000 hours of volunteer time each year to support Salvation Army Oshkosh programming for the local community.

There is a worship and community center located at 417 Algoma Boulevard. The Salvation Army programs prove to have the highest performance rate at the lowest cost thanks to the hard work of our passionate volunteers. The use of volunteers allows the Salvation Army to use resources to better advantage by investing in facilities and services to meet the more comprehensive needs of our community.



Our Sunday Worship Service is held at 11 a.m. at 417 Algoma Boulevard...and you are invited. Our mission is "Doing the Most Good" in Oshkosh area. We can when we remember that we love because God first loved us. Please join us and find out how you can help. When you volunteer, please remember that before you can volunteer you must call our office and set up an interview appointment to complete the volunteer process. Please do not show up to volunteer without completing this first. Please contact 920-232-7600 ext. 13 to find out how you can help.



Poinsettia Order Form 2024

Would you like to sponsor a Poinsettia for the church sanctuary? You are welcome to take it home after the Christmas Eve Service.

The cost this year for each plant is **\$16.00** and you may designate it in honor of someone special or to celebrate an event.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND PLACE IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 22nd.

Circle the number of plants desired: 1 2 3 Paid ___ Yes ___ No

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ Envelope # _____

Your Name _____

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UMC Wesley CORNER

United Methodist Student Day is a Special Sunday celebrated by United Methodists on the last Sunday of November each year. In 2024, the official date is November 24.

United Methodist Student Day was originally founded by United Methodist Church Sunday Schools. The day provides scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.

This Special Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration focused on the value of education. We honor this day by giving generously to support scholarships. By supporting our students now, we contribute to community transformation and leadership empowerment, building future leaders.

Your gift is a practical expression of care, equipping students to shape a hopeful future. Supporting United Methodist students provides both financial and spiritual boosts, showing them the church's confidence in their potential. Contributions to the United Methodist Student Day offering send young leaders into the world with wisdom and understanding.

The General Conference of the UMC officially adopted the cross and flame symbol in 1968. The cross represents God's love for humanity, as shown by Jesus Christ. The flame represents the Holy Spirit and a reminder of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon people in the form of tongues of fire.

WOW: Women of Wesley

On Saturday, November 16, we will be making bread to be sold at the 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 breads. Please plan to attend. If you have any questions contact: Betty Croninger at 920-410-5796.



Feeding the Hungry


Sunday, Nov. 10th, Wesley is making and serving a meal at the Day by Day Warming Shelter. Our meal will consist of chili with all the fixings, salad and desserts.

Signup sheets are in the Narthex. We are blessed with enough servers, but could really use help with donations of the ingredients as well as donations of salads and desserts. Please consider picking up an extra item at the grocery store to help us out. Cash donations can also be given, just be sure to mark your envelope "Day by Day meal".



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MA = Martial Arts TOPS = Take Off Pounds Sensibly	MG = Morning Glory CC = Chancel Choir				1	2 Daylight Savings
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30 a.m. Worship All Saints Remembrance & Candle Lighting 10:45-a.m.—noon Walking in Grace 2023	5:30 p.m. MA 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	10:00 a.m. TOPS 1:p.m. Mat Making	5:30 p.m. MA 6:30 p.m. MG 7:15 p.m. CC	10:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study 2:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MA		
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