

June 2026



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

I don't know about you, but I am getting sick and tired of the raging hostility that seems to be the air we are breathing in the world these days. We are embroiled daily in political dispute just for the sake of dispute with no positive outcome in sight. People are killing others they don't even know just to tell us how angry they are. Children are being subject to senseless bullying by other children who are merely exercising their own anger and sense of powerlessness. Religious bigotry is rising as we seek to find some group to blame for the circumstances of our own lives. And we seem to be senselessly destroying this beautiful planet.

We need peacemakers. People who are willing to reach out, risk the slings and arrows, be available to listen and seek solutions to conflict, make peace. I came across these ten commandments of peacemaking and thought I would share them with you.

1. Learn to respect the "sacred" in every person, including ourselves, and all creation.
2. Accept myself, deeply, "who I am" with all my gifts and

richness, as well as my limitations, mistakes, errors, failings and weakness, and to recognize that I am loved by God as I am.

3. Recognize that what I resent and perhaps detest in another comes from difficulty in admitting that some it resides in me.
4. Reject "dualism" which creates we-they thinking. It divides us into "good people and bad people" and allows us to demonize the other. It is the basis of authoritarian behavior and exclusivist attitudes. It generates "racism" and leads to conflicts and wars.
5. To face fear and deal with it not only with courage but with love.
6. To acknowledge that the New Creation and Beloved Community are never a solo act but are carried forward with others.
7. To see ourselves as part of the whole creation which we respond to out of love not

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June 4-7
Annual Conference

Tuesday, June 16
Church Council
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17
Worship
1:30 p.m.

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mastery and that the destruction of our planet is not only a physical problem but a deeply spiritual one.

- 8. Be prepared to suffer, even with joy, if it serves to liberate the presence of God in others. This means to accept our place in history with its traumas and ambiguities.
- 9. Be prepared to celebrate when the presence of God is made manifest in others and accepted.
- 10. Slow down and be patient, planting the seeds of love and forgiveness in our lives and the lives of those around us. Slowly we will grow in love and compassion and the capacity to forgive.



BIRTHDAYS

6/1	Vincent Flores	6/14	John Meyer
6/3	Lawrence Edminster		Donna Thomas
6/4	Trisha Flores	6/15	Candi Fournier
6/5	Victoria Rens	6/17	Lynnda Stewart
6/6	Kenshin LaPoint	6/21	Sue Krueger
	Susan Tesch		Royann Peterson
6/7	Randy Christie		Chuck Emery
	Lucy Jewson	6/28	Nelson Fournier
6/12	Steve Karst	6/29	Natalie Adelmeyer

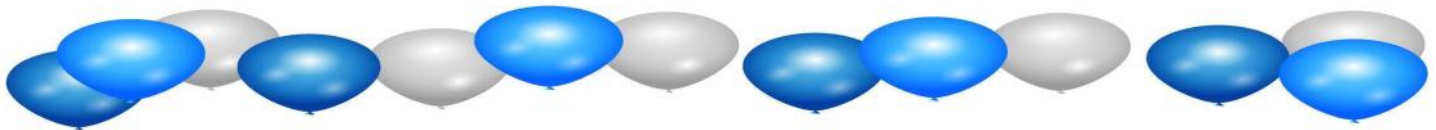
Wesley Office Hours Update

Wesley will have updated office hours starting on June 1, 2026. The office will no longer be open on Wednesdays. Our new office hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Candi will be working out of First United Methodist Church on Wednesdays to help with their Administrative Assistant needs. If something is needed, please contact her at 920-235-8430.

ANNIVERSARIES

6/03	Bob & Beverly Heisler
6/04	Marlin & Jennifer Wege
6/09	Greg & Sandy King
6/10	Wayne* & Deborah Zimmerman
	John* & Sue* Meyer
6/14	Lorry & Lynn Sallee
6/21	Jim & Linda Fournier
6/22	Vincent & Trisha Flores
6/24	Steven & Marsha Bathke



Quilt Tying for Rooted & Rising a Success!

Two quilts made by Mary McKeown and Kathy Krueger were tied using a quilt frame lent to us by Bev Heisler. The following women let their hand to complete the task: Janis Emery, Donna LaPoint, Susan Davies, Lucy Jewson and Linda Fournier. Historically, it was an efficient, utilitarian way to quickly create warm, heavy bedcovers but evolved into a communal social event and still is. We had a good time and accomplished our goal. Thank you everyone!!

Gideon Verdin's passion for Milwaukee runs deep. Since 2012, he worked on the city's biggest stories as a TMJ4 editor and photojournalist.

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS

Rooted & Rising

An article, "Feeding Hope: Rooted and Rising Pantry supports families in need", authored by Milwaukee County reporter Gideon Verdin said, "During the summer months when kids are out of school, local families often find it hard to consistently feed their children."

"In my search to find more positive stories on the north side, I discovered a food pantry in my neighborhood that is working to change that."

Rooted & Rising Community Food Pantry, located on 39th Street and Lisbon Avenue, provides free food assistance to individuals and families living in Milwaukee's 53208 and 53210 zip codes.

Nestled in a vibrant community, this pantry has become a beacon of hope and support for many struggling with food insecurity. "We serve anyone in need. We like to say all are welcome here at Rooted & Rising," says Bill Schmitt, the executive director. Residents can shop for free healthy food items, like fresh fruits, vegetables, canned goods, and milk. The neatly organized shelves are stocked with a variety of nutritious options, ensuring families can prepare balanced meals.



Women of Wesley (WOW)

Wesley ladies met on Saturday, May 9 for breakfast and made some plans for the summer. We are planning to attend the Oshkosh Garden Club Walk on Sunday July 12 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, so we are able to coordinate carpooling for this event. We plan to meet at the church at about 12:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$8.00 and go on sale June 1. Money for advance tickets can be given to Donna LaPoint .

A group of ladies volunteered to make homemade doggy treats on Tuesday, August 18 at 11:00 a.m. to be given out at the Pet Blessing Service on Wednesday, August 19.

We are also planning on attending a free event in Winneconne at the end of July or early August. This event is a musical about David; more information will be shared once it becomes available.

Other activities you could be involved with:

Mat Making: Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Assisting with Graden and Landscape maintenance

Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 29 at 9:30 a.m. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars for Camp ELM Tree VBS: Spy School! We will have many Special Operations and Convert ops to find trust, courage, bravery, and belief while investigating God's Word.

Date & Time: July 27th —July 30th , 4:30-7:30 PM (dinner provided!)

Location: Christ Our Savior, 1860 Wisconsin St.

Cost: FREE!

For kids entering 4K through 5th grade (with volunteer opportunities for all ages!)

We are working hard to prepare for the VBS Spy School. In order to keep costs down, we are looking for donations. Here is a list of items needed. You do not have to purchase all, just contribute what you can:

- 200—1 oz cups
- 800—9 oz drinking cups
- 700—8 inch coated paper plates
- 6—2 lb. boxes Penne pasta (or 12—1 lb. boxes)
- 4—boxes 2 lb. macaroni noodles (or 8—1 lb. boxes)
- 6—16 oz. ketchup

Here is the link to sign up to volunteer for VBS:

<https://www.campelmtree.org/volunteer-registration>

Here is the link to register children for VBS or use the QR Code:

<https://www.campelmtree.org/>

TOP SECRET Enrolling Now **VBS**
Goes to Spy School
July 27-30
4:30-7:30 pm
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Hosted By
Christ Our Savior
1860 Wisconsin St.
Oshkosh, WI 54901
Brought to you by:
Alma First United Methodist, All Saints Lutheran,
Calvary Lutheran, Christ Our Savior Lutheran,
First English Lutheran, First United Methodist,
Peace Lutheran, St. Andrew's Lutheran,
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ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE JULY 10-11th, 2026

This is our 26th year doing our annual rummage sale which was started by Pastor Mark. We have continued to do this mission work for the people in our community. Many of them come back each year to see us.

So, this means it is time again for us to start cleaning out our closets, cupboards, garages and homes.

BRING your household items, books, clothing, toys, puzzles, furniture, pictures, tools, appliances, bedding, knick-knacks, yard equipment, dishes and more. Place them on designated tables as they are made available. **Bring a little each week to church with you.** Please try to have all clothing separated into women's, men's and children's when you bring them in. All should be clean and in good condition. Sorry, we are not taking TV's or mattresses.

BAKE SALE: Plan to bake now. You can put it in the freezer until the day before the sale.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: We will also need people to help set up, price, clean up, cashier, and work at the bake sale.

***We will set up two nights a week to start organizing things sometime in June. Watch the weekly bulletin for more current information.



Rummage Sale Humor

One summer day, I was getting ready for a garage sale. Since it was so humid outside, I decided to stay inside my air conditioned house and mark the special stickers I had bought for my upcoming sale. Then, I would slap them on my blouse, run outside, stick them on the appropriate items and rush back into the house. I did this until every item was labeled. Later that day a UPS man came by my house with a delivery. I noticed that as I was signing for the package, he seemed ill at ease. It was only after he left I noticed there was one sticker still attached to the front of my blouse. It read "Make me an offer!"



UMC Wesley CORNER

Organization of the United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church has levels of organization internationally and nationally. Key to the structure is connectionism which helps the church remain accountable while being flexible enough to engage in ministry effectively at local, regional and global levels. An annual conference is a key part of the structure. Today we are going to focus on Wisconsin. The state of Wisconsin is on annual conference.

The Annual Conference as an organization is the primary body where clergy are ordained, assigned and to which they are accountable. It manages regional mission projects, sets budget and elects delegates to general and jurisdictional conferences. An annual conference is led by a Bishop. The annual conference is divided into smaller divisions which are led by District Superintendents. There are five in the Wisconsin Annual Conference. Wesley-Oshkosh is in the North East District and our District Superintendent is Rev. Park Hunter.

Each Annual Conference has a yearly meeting. We send our pastor and two lay members to represent Wesley. Ours runs from June 4-7. It is held this year at the Madison Marriott West Convention Center. The theme is "Practicing Hope" using Romans 5:3-5 as the basis of discussion. "Romans 5:3-5 says "Not only so, but rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."

The annual conference yearly meetings are not just business meetings; they are spiritual gatherings for worship, fellowship, and renewing shared mission to make disciples. It is to our Annual Conference meeting that we take our Ingathering collection each June.

The United Methodist Church organization is taken from John Wesley's model which links every local church to a larger network for shared strength, resources, and mission, allowing the church to do more together than alone.



Newsletter Sponsorship

There was no sponsor for the June 2026 newsletter. If you would like to sponsor a newsletter for 2026, November newsletter is still available to sponsor. Please contact the church office 920-235-3070.

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