

July 2026



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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

The spiritual gift of discernment (1 Corinthians 12:10) shows how seemingly good things can be recognized as sometimes bad things, and seemingly bad things can also be seen to bear some good fruit. Darn it! This kind of discernment invites people into yes/and thinking, rather than simplistic either/or thinking. This is the difference between merely having correct information and the true spiritual gift of wisdom (1 Corinthians 12:8).

Once we have learned to discern the real and disguised nature of both good and evil, we recognize that everything is broken and fallen, weak and poor—while still being the dwelling place of God: you and me, our countries, our children, our marriages, and even our churches, mosques, and synagogues. That is not a put-down of anybody or anything, but actually creates the freedom to love imperfect things. As Jesus told the rich young man,

“God alone is good” (Mark 10:18). We cannot wait for things to be totally perfect to fall in love with them, or we will never love anything. Now, instead, we can love everything!

Jesus uses a number of *mixture* images to illustrate the tension of our own mixture of good and evil. They seem to say this world is a mixture of different things, and unless we learn how to see, we don't know how to separate; we get lost in the weeds and can't see the wheat. In one parable, servants ask, “Should we pull out the weeds?” Jesus responds, “No. Let them both grow together until the harvest.” Then, at the end of time, he will decide what is wheat and what is weed (Matthew 13:24–30). But we are a mixture of weed and wheat, and we always will be. As Martin Luther put it, we are *simul justus et peccator* [at once justified and a sinner], each of us simultaneously saint

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**Dates
to
Remember**

Wednesday, July 8

Missions

1:00 p.m.

Friday, July 10, & Saturday,
July 11

**Church Rummage and Bake
Sale**

8-3 and 8-noon

Wednesday, July 15

Worship

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 23

MASA Meal

3-8 p.m.

Mon. July 27—Thurs. July 30

VBS

4:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m.

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and sinner. That's the mystery of holding weed and wheat together in our one field of life. It takes a lot more patience, compassion, forgiveness, and love than aiming for some illusory perfection that usually cannot see its own faults. The only true perfection available to us is the honest acceptance of our imperfection.

Lest you think John Wesley is wagging his finger at me for telling you to embrace your imperfection, remember that Wesley preached perfection in love, and that is always possible. But it begins with loving ourselves as Jesus said, and that means accepting the reality that we do not have to be perfect to be loved.

If we must have perfection to be happy with ourselves, we have only two choices. We can either ignore our own evil (deny the weeds) or we can give up in discouragement (deny the wheat). But if we put aside perfection and face the tension of having both, then we can hear the good news with open hearts.



BIRTHDAYS

6	Ethan Wege	18	Dave Mummelthie
10	Jerry Krueger	19	Rose Brownlea
11	Jennifer Wege	21	Sally Roe
12	Wally Dies		Janet Stein
14	Patty Michur	23	Scott Colantonio
15	Beth Kline	26	Logan Uecker



ANNIVERSARIES

3	Brian* & Beth Kline
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Newsletter Sponsorship

Steve Romberg is the sponsor for the July 2026 newsletter, in honor of his mother, Vivian Romberg. Your contribution helps defray part of the cost of the publication and is an extra gift of support to our expenses. Thank you for your continued support of the church newsletter as all spots for 2026 have been generously covered.



Mission Aviation Support Association (MASA)

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS

MASA

More than 30 years ago JAARS (Jungle Aviation and Radio Services) was coming to the EAA event to make connections with the aviation community.

They were fixing their own food and camping on the EAA grounds. One of our local citizens also interested in missionary aviation, learned of their need for hospitality, made contact with one of our local church leaders about the need and the hospitality ministry began. A few years later MAF joined the family and the Ministry was called the JAARS/MAF support team. The ministry continued to grow as more Missionary Aviation agencies and training schools learned of the opportunities at "Oshkosh". In 2009 the EAA Air Venture featured missionary aviation. The word got out and MASA provided hospitality for approximately 400 missionaries (including their families). The current member each year is about 200. Most missionaries could not afford to attend EAA without our help. We are blessed to be able to provide hospitality to these pilots and ground crew doing God's work!

We will be serving an evening meal on the EAA grounds on Thursday, July 23rd. We are in need of volunteers to make salads and for people to help serve the meal that evening. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex beginning June 28th. Financial donations are always welcome.

If you have any question, contact Mike Croninger at 920-420-4232.



MASA Meal Sign-Up

This year the MASA Meal we will serve at the EAA will take place on Thursday, July 23rd. We need people to make salads, donate money for meal &/or volunteer to serve.

Sign-up NOW in the Narthex!

Wally Dies Birthday Celebration

Wally Dies is turning "90" on July 12th. The Membership Care Team is planning a reception with cake and punch following the worship service on July 12th. We hope to see all of you there!



Vacation Bible School

This years theme is Spy School! We will have many Special Operations and Covert Ops to find trust, courage, bravery, and belief while investigating God's Word. Bible School runs July 27th – July 30th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for ages 3 & potty trained through 5th grade.

Date & Time: July 27-30, 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!)

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/>



We are starting to create specific lists of supplies needed. For now, here is what we know we need:

- 200—1 oz cups
- 4 –16 oz. ketchup
- 7 – Boxes of Yello Cake Mix
- 6 – Vanilla Whipped Frosting
- 1 – Bag of Licorice Rope
- 8 – Boxes of Brownie Mix
- 8 – 10 oz Bags of Mini Marshmallows
- 200 – Individually Wrapped String Cheese
- 2- 82oz Containers of Country Time Lemonade
- 3 – 2 Quart Boxes of Sugar Free Lemonade

Questions? Need assistance with registration? Contact Kathy McAloon at 920-279-0683

ANNUAL RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

First, we would like to thank Craig & Kenshin LaPoint, Kyle Fournier and our husbands for helping bring up our racks and help us set up the tables to get the sale ready. Their man power was very much appreciated.

Our annual Rummage Sale is coming soon! It will be July 10th—11th. Friday 8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Bring in your gently used items and put them in Koeller Hall. We have tables and racks set up for you to be able to put your items on the designated tables.



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

BAKE SALE: Plan to bake now. We love having lots of goodies to sell.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: We need people to help set up, price, clean up, cashier and work at the bake sale. Wally Dies birthday party is the following day, so we want it to be cleaned up and put back together. **Please help!**

New Church Directory – Picture Dates Scheduled

Many of you have turned in your church directory form and we thank you for completing those. We will be offering two separate dates for your family to come in and have your picture taken. The following dates and times will be offered:

Monday, June 29th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 19th after the church service

You are also welcome to stop in during office hours on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. If you are unable to make any of the times offered, please work with Candi Fournier for an alternative date and time. We are very excited to be working on this initiative and have updated picture directories for all. Thank you for your assistance in providing all information needed to complete this initiative.



UMC Wesley CORNER

UMChurch

The cross proclaims Jesus Christ as its foundation, and the two flames descending to one point celebrating its origin when two denominations become one, and affirming its readiness to go forth to the ends of the earth to all people to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, as the anointing of the Holy Spirit with “individual flames of fire” sent forth the apostles speaking the language of people whenever they went.

The United Methodist Church (UMC) emphasizes a theology of grace and to “love boldly” and “serve joyfully” while embracing people of all backgrounds.

Key Beliefs and Stances

- **Theological Foundation:** Core beliefs include the Trinity, the divinity of Jesus Christ, and salvation through faith.
- **Grace for All:** The UMC practices “open communion” inviting all people to receive Holy Communion, regardless of church membership.
- **Methodist Quadrilateral:** Doctrine is guided by Scripture, tradition, reason, and experience.
- **Social Principles:** The UMC focuses on peace, justice, and caring for the vulnerable. Following legislative changes, the church has removed language that penalizes LGBTQ clergy and now welcomes same-sex marriage ceremonies within its churches.
- **Ethical Focus:** Adheres to Wesleyan traditions: “Do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God.”

The UMC is characterized as a “big tent” denomination, allowing for diverse theological interpretations while maintaining a central focus on community service and discipleship.

Quilts

On Sunday, June 28, Mary McKeown and Janis Emery presented Bill Schmitt of Rooted and Rising with two quilts made especially for Rooted and Rising. Mary and Janis represented the eight women who gathered under the direction of Kathy Krueger to bring scraps of cloth donated by people of Wesley to make what was called ugly quilts. The name ugly refers to the fact that the fabric is fabric that was left-overs from other projects. The quilts actually look beautiful thanks to the sewers.

In reading about quilt ministry, we found it begun as a ministry where every stitch matters. The results have been ugly quilts bring people together to create handmade quilts from donated materials. The quilts offer warmth and encouragement to neighbors in need while building meaningful connections along the way.

The people of Wesley who worked on the quilts are Mary and Kathy, who are quilters, plus Janis Emery, Sue Davies, Lucy Jewson and Linda Fournier who came along beside them to finish the quilts. Bev Heisler lent us her quilt frame which made typing the quilts much easier. Our thanks to those people who represent the mission spirit of Wesley.

A Thank You Note



Members and Friends of Wesley UMC,

Janis and I thank you for the many gifts of friendship and love you have given us during my pastorate here.

After many years of retirement, you offered me the chance to serve God once again as your pastor. It was unexpected and somewhat scary, but you have graciously accepted me as I am, warts and all. These 4 years have been a gift for which I will be forever thankful.

Wesley is a storied congregation having served faithfully since 1856. It is my hope and wish that you will continue to go from strength to strength as an outpost of God's people here in Oshkosh.

Baseball Faith Day

Everyone is invited to the Timber Rattlers Faith and Family Day on August 2, 2026. Gates will open at 11:30 a.m. and the first pitch will be at 1:10 a.m. Tickets are \$17.50 plus tax by using the link below: gofevo.com/event/Oshkoshelca2026/ offer



Pastor Chuck Celebration

Please join us for a celebration send off on Sunday, July 26th for Pastor Chuck's last Sunday. La Sure's will be catering a meal after service. We hope to see everyone there!



For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

Romans 1:11-12

Members and Friends of Wesley United Methodist Church,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

As I prepare to begin serving alongside you, I find myself drawn to Paul's words in the first chapter of Romans: "I long to see you, so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith."

Those words capture much of what I am feeling as we begin our ministry together on August 1st. I am grateful for the opportunity to get to know you, to worship with you, and to discover the ways God is already at work among you. My prayer is that as we share in ministry together, we will strengthen one another's faith and grow together in our witness to Christ's love in our community.

My family and I have called Oshkosh home for many years. We moved to this area in 2011 when my wife Ann began her position as an English professor at Ripon College. Our son Julian will be a sophomore at Oshkosh West this Fall. Margaret, our daughter, will begin 6th Grade in the ALPS program at Tipler Middle School. Until my appointment last year at Oshkosh: First UMC I had been commuting and serving two United Methodist churches in Appleton (Emmanuel and St. James). As a family we enjoy music and theater. In fact, the four of us are all currently rehearsing for Jolly Jester's production of "Shrek" in Oshkosh this August!

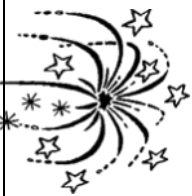
As we begin our relationship together, I want to thank Pastor Chuck and Janis for their ministry. I appreciate how Wesley has utilized your church building to create neighborhood spaces and meet new people. I pray that God continues to bless your spirit of openness and generosity.

I look forward to meeting you, hearing your stories, and discovering together where God is calling us next. Please know that I am already praying for you and for the ministry we will share in the days ahead.

Blessings,

Pastor Ben Morris





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MA= Martial Arts TOPS = Take Off Pounds Sensibly			1 5:30 p.m. MA	2 5:30 p.m. MA	3	4
						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45-a.m.—noon Lectionary Study	5:30 p.m. MA	10 a.m. TOPS	1:00 p.m. Missions 5:30 p.m. MA	5:30 p.m. MA	Annual Rummage and Bake Sale 8-3 on Friday & 8-noon on Saturday	
12—90th Wally Dies	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26-Pastor Chuck Celebration	27	28	29	30	31	
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