

January 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.*

**Notes from Pastor
Emery**

The Body of Christ, our spiritual family, is God's strategy. It is both medium and message. It is both beginning and end: "May they all be one . . . so that the world may believe it was you who sent me . . . that they may be one as we are one, with me in them and you in me" (John 17:21-23).

There is no other form for the Christian life except a common one. This may even be a matter of culture, if culture refers to something which is shared and passed on. In this sense, I am wondering if there is any other kind of Christianity except "cultural Christianity," for better and for worse.

Until and unless Christ is someone happening between people, the gospel remains largely an abstraction. Until Jesus Christ is passed on personally through faithfulness and forgiveness, through bonds of union, I

doubt whether he is passed on at all.

We are now paying the price for centuries in which the Church was narrowed from a full vision of peoplehood to an almost total preoccupation with private persons and their devotional needs. But history has shown that individuals who are confirmed in their individualism by the very character of our evangelism will never create church, except after the model of a service station: they will use it as a commodity like everything else. This is far cry from our "original participation" in the Body of Christ from the moment of our conception.

Certainly, we must deal with individuals. But the very nature of our lifestyle and our church teaching must say from the beginning what the goal is—the communion of saints, a shared life together as family, the trinitarian life of God, the kingdom—*here!*

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**January 5, Thursday
Pizza Orders Deadline**

**January 8, Sunday
9:30 a.m. Worship
Communion and Welcome
New Members**

**January 9, Monday
6:30 p.m.—Trustees**

**January 10, Tuesday
6:30 p.m.—Education**

**January 11, Wednesday
1:30 p.m.—Worship
2:30 p.m.—Membership**

**January 17, Tuesday
6:30 p.m.—Church Council**

**January 21, Saturday
8 a.m.—11:45 a.m.
Pizza Making**

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

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The prophet Haggai criticizes the Jews after the exile for dwelling comfortably in their “paneled houses” while the common walls of the temple lie in ruins (see Haggai 1:4, 9). His prophetic call is now and forever. We still think that we can work with the world’s agenda, where career and individual fulfillment are the basic building blocks of society. And we believe that we can build church from those well-educated and well-saved blocks. But God needs “living stones making a spiritual house” (1 Peter 2:5).

For Jesus, such teachings as forgiveness, healing, and justice are not just a spiritual test or obstacle course. They are quite simply the necessary requirements for a basic shared life. Peacemaking and reconciliation are not some kind of box seat tickets to heaven. They are the price of peoplehood. They express the truth in the heart of God, the truth that has been shared with us in the Holy Spirit, the union in Jesus the Christ who is reconciling all people to God, 2 Corinthians 5:18–19.



BIRTHDAYS

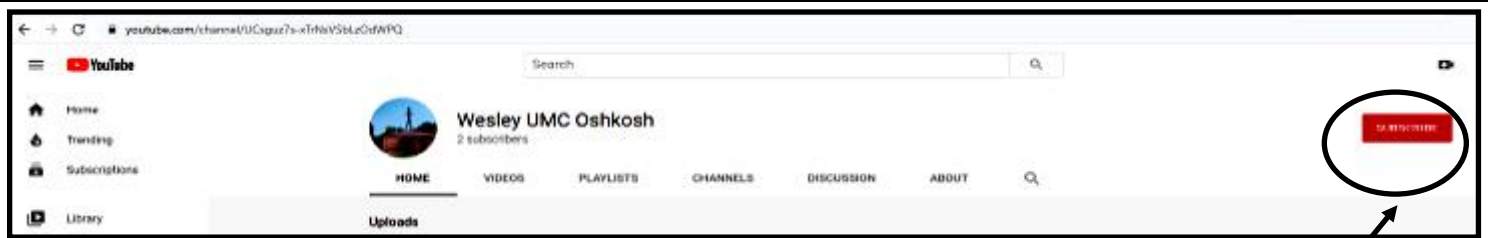
1	Treu Monroe	20	Craig LaPoint
2	Jerry Vienola	22	Vicki Thomas
5	Robert Roe	24	Randy Lovell
10	Lindsay Lovell	25	Brian Kline
11	Gray LaPoint	26	Michael LaPoint
17	Kathy Krueger		



News from the Trustees

A New year is upon us and Christmas is over, so let us look forward to welcoming Bethany United Church of Christ into our building. They will be starting their services come January 8th in room # 9 in our education wing. We feel this is an exciting time for us and big change and a transition time for Bethany UCC. I know all here at Wesley will make them feel welcome.

Thanks again,
Mike LaPoint, Trustee's Chair



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2. Click the Search button
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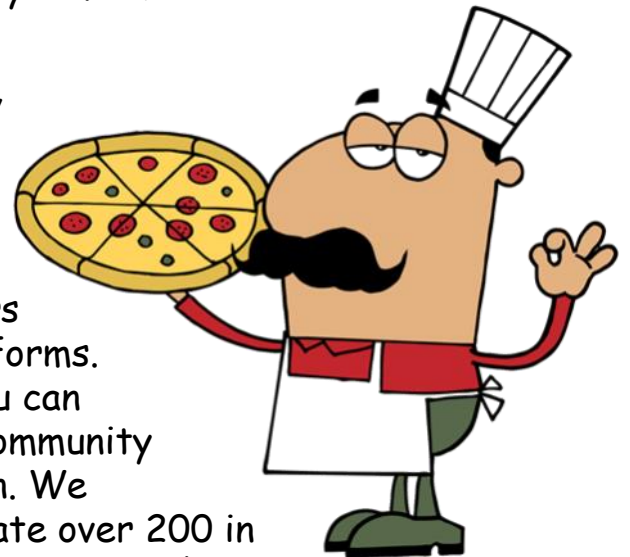
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PIZZA 2023

Wesley is back to selling and making pizzas. Last year, changes were made to make the event safe and streamlined for quicker assembly. There are 3 production lines instead of 5 lines, each devoted to one particular kind of pizza. There will not be 80 people in the assembly line, a smaller amount of people will be utilized. There are only three choices of pizzas, cheese, sausage and pepperoni. Pizzas sold and made will be 12-inch crust only and there will be no combination pizzas. Prices were increased just a little from last year to reflect the higher cost of ingredients. Please remember, this is a fundraiser, our largest fundraiser of the year. There will be no change in the taste or quality of the pizza.

Orders must be in by Thursday, January 5th, 2023. The date of making the pizzas is Saturday, January 21st. Pick up may be earlier. Some people may be notified that their pick up would be earlier than the designated 11:30 to 12:30 pick up. There is a sign-up sheet for workers for that day in the narthex along with the order forms. We encourage you to bring friends. Like 2022, you can donate money to supply pizzas for the Oshkosh Community Food Pantry. The order form gives you that option. We donated 150 pizzas in 2022 and our goal is to donate over 200 in 2023. You could also make a cash donation to help increase the profit in this fundraiser. So go forth and make your sales. Sell to your friends. Sell to your enemies. Buy and give to your friends, neighbors, enemies and relatives. Let's make this an all-church event. Don't be left out! See you on the 21st of January.



Randy Lovell - Pizza Ministry

FROM YOUR EDUCATION COMMITTEE!

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas!

A new book study for our Sunday morning adult study group will be starting in January. "Walking In Grace 2023, formerly Daily Guideposts. New name. There is a lot of interest shown in the book orders. All are welcome to join in the class at any time as well as any of the other studies currently offered. "The Daily Walk" bible study at 10am on Thursday mornings and the bible study on the book of Ezekiel led by Wayne Zimmerman at 2:30pm on Thursday afternoons.

No Sunday School for children on January 1. Class will resume on Sunday January 8.

The next meeting of the Education Committee will be Tuesday 1/10 at 6:30pm. We will be looking at possibilities for a Lenten study. We would be open to any suggestions anyone would have. Let me know.

Yours, In Faith,
Donna LaPoint, Education Chair



UMC CORNER

Human Relations Day Sunday is January 15, 2023

One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. On Human Relations Day, we join other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

Your giving on Human Relations Day help:
train over 125,000 volunteers?
at-risk youth and youth offenders?
support the U M Voluntary Services program with 33% of offering
support Community Developer Programs with 57% of offering

The United Methodist Church celebrates Human Relations Day to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth. It is celebrated on the Sunday before the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. This offering was originally established in 1972 to fund Self-Determination Projects, The Black Community Developers and the Police Community Relations Program. In 1988, the offering was designated to support ministries of social justice and outreach to at-risk youth. The fund is administered by the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Church and Society.

In recognizing Human Relations Day, we are called to make an impact in communities where people struggle because they don't have the tools or resources to reach their God-given potential. Our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens.

Newsletter Sponsorship

There sponsors for the January newsletter are Mike and Gloria Smith in honor of church friends and survivors. 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 months for 2023.

The Day by Day Warming Shelter has been serving Oshkosh and Winnebago County for over 10 years. The shelter is dedicated to serving the most vulnerable population in our community, successfully providing them shelter, basic needs, programs, and services with the goal of self-sustainability. We have been a critical provider of services, keeping our homeless off the streets, and moving them towards a better life. Each year over 200 people use our shelter and resources.

In the early years, the shelter's primary focus was simply providing shelter and a hot meal in the coldest months of the year. Today, in partnership with many local organizations, we provide programs for our guests primarily focused on life skills, to help them achieve an independent lifestyle, with the ability to care for themselves.

Day by Day serves an adult population (18 and over). We turn away no one (other than due to capacity) offering services and support to those who are veterans, have been incarcerated, battling addiction, have been abused, or suffering mental illness.

While we continue to provide programs and services to an increasing homeless population, our current location is no longer meeting the needs of the increasing services we provide and the needs of the homeless.

In opening a new location, we will be able to provide shelter and services 365 days of the year with a 50-bed capacity, turning away fewer people. Further, the new shelter will increase the programs and services we offer, thereby reaching more people to achieve self-sufficiency.

Over the next year, our goal is to raise over 4.5 million dollars in order to secure this new location. With your contribution to our capital campaign, Day by Day will be empowered to help more people out of homelessness. If you have interest in learning more about the campaign and receiving information call the Shelter.

Molly Yatso Butz
Executive Director

"There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return." ~ Nelson Mandela




MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS

Day-By-Day Warming Shelter



January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 a.m. Worship New Years Day Final Scripture discussion 10:45 a.m. Welcome 2023!	2	3	4	5 10:30 a.m. "The Daily Walk" Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MA PIZZA ORDERS DUE	6	7
8 9:30 a.m. Worship Communion and welcome new members.	9 5:30 p.m. MA 6:30 p.m. Trustees	10 10 a.m. TOPS 6:30 p.m. Education	11 5:30-6:30 p.m. MA 1:30 Worship 2:30 Membership	12 10:30 a.m.. "The Daily Walk" Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MA	13	14
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22 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45-11:45 a.m. Walking in Grace	23 5:30 p.m. MA	24 10 a.m. TOPS	25 5:30-6:30 p.m. MA	26	27	28
29 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45-11:45 a.m. Walking in Grace	30 5:30 p.m. MA	31 10 a.m. TOPS		MA—Martial Arts TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly		



WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 920-235-3070

Pizzas will be made January 21st at the church starting at 7:45 AM.

**Pick up your orders between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM that same day, Saturday, January 21st, 2023
 ORDERS MUST BE TO TRACEY LOVELL (920-589-5136) BY THURS. JANUARY 5th, 2023**

Pizzas of the same price maybe mixed when buying in groups of three

Name	Phone #	12" Cheese \$7.00 each Or 3/\$19.00	12" Sausage \$7.50 each Or 3/\$21.00	12" Pepperoni \$7.50 each Or 3/\$21.00	Total # of Pizzas	Total Due
TOTALS						
FOOD PANTRY DOLLAR DONATION FOR PIZZAS (DON'T NEED TO SELECT TYPE OF PIZZA)						
Total Amount Due						

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