

September 2022



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 SPRC

Dear Member and Friends of Wesley United Methodist Church,

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Bishop Hee-Soo Jung has appointed Pastor Charles "Chuck" Wilson Emery as our new pastor, effective September 1, 2022. This announcement follows weeks of preparation by your SPRC and the Bishop's cabinet on assessing the pastoral needs of our church and the cabinet finding the best possible match of a pastor to our needs. The SPRC has been working with our district superintendent on understanding our situation. Last week our committee met again with the superintendent and our new pastor.

In this introductory meeting, Pastor Chuck, spoke of his gifts and skills for ministry, his background and family. He is married to Janis Emery.

They have two daughters Meaghan Chaulot and Alyson Larson as well as numerous grandchildren.

Our committee believes that Pastor Charles Emery has the gifts that we need for our ministry. We look forward to building a healthy relationship with him beginning in September.

Please join our committee leaders in praying and working for a smooth transition of pastoral leadership, as we prepare to welcome Pastor Charles "Chuck" Emery into our congregation and community. His first service preaching here at Wesley will be on September 4th at 9:30 a.m. The official welcoming of Pastor Chuck, Janis and their family will be on September 11th as part of Rally Day and will include a post service reception.

Susan Sapaula, Chairperson,
SPRC

**Dates
to
Remember**

September 4
**Pastor Chuck Emery's
First Sunday at Wesley**
9:30 a.m. Worship &
Communion

September 11
RALLY DAY
**Welcome Pastor Chuck
& Roof Completion
Celebration with Ice
Cream Sundae
Reception**
10:30 a.m.

September 12
Trustees
6:30 p.m.

September 14
Church Council
6:30 p.m.

September 15
Education
6:30 p.m.

Online Services still available to
view on
Facebook and YouTube. See page 4
for instructions on how to subscribe
to the Wesley YouTube channel.

Meet Pastor Chuck Emery:

Married to Janis since 1968

Two daughters and seven grandchildren

Education

B.A. 1964 — St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN

M. Div 1968 — Garrett Evangelical Seminary, Evanston IL

J.D. 1976 — Loyola University, Chicago, IL

Ministry (retired 2008)

Ordained Elder 1968 Minnesota Annual Conference

Member of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference 1970 -

Long Point — Nigh Chapel Charge, Central Illinois Annual Conference 1965-1967

Logan Square Methodist Church/Grace UMC Logan Square 1967-1968

United Campus Ministry Winona State University, Winona, MN 1968-1970

Mt. Calvary UMC, Lombard, IL 1970-1973

1st UMC Lombard, IL 1973-1976

Minister to Society 1976- 1992 (Served several interim pastorates during this period)

Elmwood Park UMC ¹/₂ time 1991-1992

North Shore UMC, Glencoe, IL 1992-1995

Calvary UMC, Villa Park, IL 1995-2008

Other Roles

Attorney (retired)

President Board of Directors of Lexington Life Care, a 300 unit retirement community, for 25 years,

Hobbies

Painting, poetry, golf, cello, hiking and backpacking, journaling



BIRTHDAYS

6	Jennifer Fournier	22	Heather Eckstein
7	Roger Nitschke	23	Jim Fournier
12	Terri* West	27	Delores Berger
14	Austin Fournier	28	Marsha Bathke
	Janice Nitschke		Steve LaPoint
17	Jon Uecker	29	Denise Strange
21	Jane Vienola		

ANNIVERSARIES

5	Janet & Robert Stein	18	Jane & Gerald Vienola
17	Tracey & Randy Lovell	24	Meghan & Craig LaPoint



From your Education Committee:



*****RALLY DAY*****SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11,
2022*****RALLY DAY*****

Our kickoff for the Sunday school year is Sunday September 11, 2022!!!! Registration forms have been sent out to our Sunday school families. If you have not received one, a form can be filled out on your first day of Sunday school. There will be balloons!!! We have will story time, games, refreshments.

Our church worship service will be 9:30 a.m. We'd like to see all of our Sunday School families there. The Sunday School students will be dismissed to their class after Children's Time in the worship service. Sunday School will end usually between 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. We will be serving ice cream sundaes to everyone in Koeller Hall following the church service on Rally Day to celebrate the start of our new school year. We are still monitoring Covid numbers and will be in compliance with Oshkosh Public Schools guidelines. As of right now, no masks will be required. We want to provide a safe and healthy environment for our children.

Wesley offers several opportunities for adult bible study classes. Our Sunday morning adult bible study class that meets after church service has been faithfully meeting all summer and is well attended. There is a Thursday morning Daily Walk Bible study at 10:30 a.m. and Wayne Zimmerman will be leading a study on Ezekiel starting Thursday September 15 at 2:30 p.m.

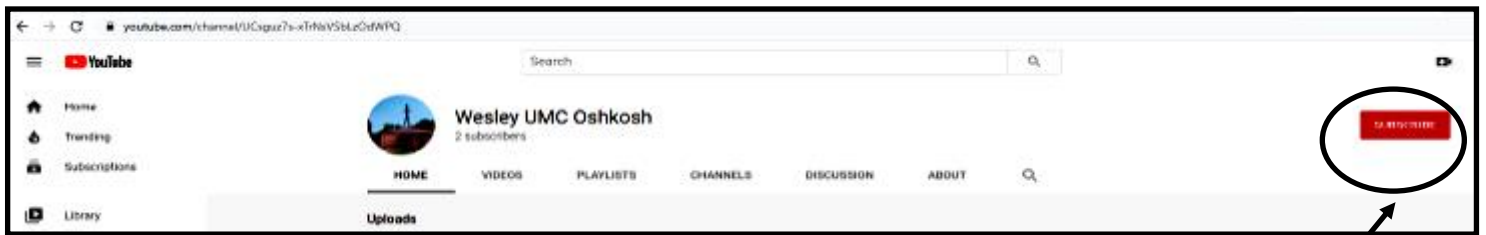
Doris Thomas is planning on leading a music moment during Sunday School once or twice a month starting September 18.

Trunk or Treat will happen this year. The committee set the date as Saturday October 29 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. In addition to the trunk or treating outside, the Oshkosh United Marshal Arts have offered to do a haunted hallway in our Sunday school wing. We are asking that everyone bring a canned food item to be donated to the Oshkosh Food Pantry. Another way to support this Sunday school event would be to donate candy for the trunk or treaters to give out. Let's start thinking about decorating your car trunks!

We look forward to a fun and educational year.

Our next education committee meeting is Thursday September 15 at 6:30pm.

Submitted by Donna LaPoint, Education Committee Chair



1. Open **YouTube.com**
2. Click the Search button
3. Key **Wesley UMC Oshkosh**



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

UPDATE* New Member Class

Watch the upcoming bulletins, newsletters or call the office for updates.

Potluck Packer Party (before the game)

October 2, 2022

10:45 a.m. after morning worship service

Wear your favorite sports clothing

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy some great food with great company.

More details to follow in the weekly bulletins and October newsletter.





The best response to a disaster begins long before bad weather hits. A note from the UMCOR disaster relief group.

I think that is so true in so many areas of our life whether it speaks of teaching our children, preparing for a disaster, keeping our bodies as fit as possible, learning to do many tasks.....it all fits.



NOW:

We need liturgist, ushers and greeters! Please contact the office if you are able to help in these roles.

Newsletter Sponsorship

The sponsor for the September newsletter is Donna Thomas in loving memory of Myron, Kathleen, Wellington, and John. Please consider being a sponsor for the December 2022 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 2022.



PORK CHOP SUPPER

Saturday, October 22

Details Coming

UMC CORNER

Bread for the body Food for the soul

By supporting Global Ministries missionaries, you are there connecting people in need with God's abundant love.

Every day, Global Ministries' gifted and godly missionaries bring hope and dignity to people in need around the world. When you support Global Ministries, you are there as missionaries treat the sick in hospitals and village clinics. You are there as they minister in churches and refugee camps. And you are there as they feed the poor, displaced, and disenfranchised with bread for the body and food for the soul.

Africa University celebrates its 28th commencement

June 22, 2022 | MUTARE, Zimbabwe (UM News)

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS

AFRICA UNIVERSITY



On June 11, the academic achievements of 712 graduates from 18 African countries were recognized as they garnered degrees and top honors at Africa University's 28th graduation ceremony.

The event, held at the main campus in Mutare, focused on the theme, "Celebrating 30 Years of Excellence and Leadership Transformation in Africa." The class represented the following nations: Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Eswatini, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The Rev. Peter Mageto, vice chancellor and professor, congratulated the graduates and their families, applauding the discipline and determination that brought them to this point. He encouraged them to continue with the same spirit as they leave the university.

Dr. Amon Murwira stressed the importance of leadership, especially understanding how to lead Africa. He is a professor and the minister of higher and tertiary education, innovation, science and technology development.

"It is the quest to restore dignity to African peoples," Murwira said, "that gives Africa University such importance and value. Correct educational designs are critical in this effort. To inspire leadership transformation on the continent and the direction it will take lies in understanding its history: from freedom to domination through colonialism, to the struggle for liberation, and now the journey toward economic freedom of the continent.

"We cannot use the colonial design for the emancipation of the continent or its transformation," he added. "We must distinguish between knowledge and memory. The former allows us to create."

Dr. Shingai Mutasa was the guest of honor and keynote speaker. His message to the graduating class was underpinned by lessons in history, individual purpose, and the collective responsibility of Africans to develop and further the aspirations of the continent.

"I am an African," Mutasa said. "Let me tell you what this means to me. In the book of Genesis, after God had finished creating the world, he instructed humans as follows: 'You have custodianship of the land. You must look after this world and its resources. You must nurture each other and multiply.'

"I was blessed by God to have custodianship of this continent, and I fully embrace this responsibility. As an African, I fully accept the legacy of the past, as well as the responsibility for the present and the future. The success or failure of our continent is determined by our actions. Its future is also our responsibility."

Experience Missions from August 2022

Day by Day Warming Shelter (August 4)—We had a short tour of the current facility on High Avenue. They are building a new Warming Shelter on Ceape Avenue and hope to move into the facility in the fall of 2023. We experienced different parts of their operation and learned where we can be of help in the

future to help meet their needs. Some of us sorted clothing and hung it on hangers, some washed and folded laundry, others wiped down tables. We also learned some of our rummage sale items can be donated to help them out. Guests are allowed to come into the shelter from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. to have snacks and a place to get a shower, have their clothes cleaned, and meet with counselors as needed. The shelter helps people find jobs and a place to live, besides just giving them a place to sleep during October 15-April 15. Another way that we can help is to serve an evening meal to guests. We have signed up for Sunday, November 27. We will need donations for a meal and about 5-10 people to serve. More information will follow in the coming months.



DAY BY DAY
warming shelter



Oshkosh Food Pantry (August 9)—Our tour to the Oshkosh Community Pantry was very enjoyable and informative. Changes have been made to make shopping there more accessible to more people. Instead of being able to go only once a month, they can go twice and Carl said they want to increase that number. The point system was replaced with an open choice system. Instead of having to budget their points, the guests now have no limit except for some food items that aren't in constant supply. Produce items are sorted with any unusable fruit or veggies disposed of but not throwing out a whole box or bag of the item for one bad piece so there is much less waste. Volunteers and donations are always welcome.

Salvation Army Mission Experience (August 16)—seven of us gathered at the Salvation Army on Algoma Boulevard in Oshkosh. We were given a tour of the newly remodeled facility which includes a new chapel, an expanded cafeteria and food pantry, a meeting room, new rest rooms, and additional office space. We helped with food preparation for the noon meal and then served it to about 80 guests. The meal is available, 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to anyone who has a need. On Sunday, a sack lunch is available to those who come to the worship service. We were all impressed by the new facility and how it is being used to provide services to those in our community who need it the most. The Salvation Army provides many other programs besides the daily meal for the needy in our area, so there are many volunteer opportunities. Contact the local corps to find the best place for you to serve!



Oshkosh Habitat Restore (August 25)—we visited the Oshkosh Habitat Restore. We had a very informative discussion with Liz, the Restore manager. The profits from the Restore go to Habitat for Humanity to help build houses for families in need of a decent, affordable home. In order to qualify for a home, the families must pay a small down payment, put in 250 sweat equity hours, have a job and be able to make the payments. They get an interest free loan through Habitat. So far, Habitat for Humanity has built 40 homes in Oshkosh. The best way to support the Restore is to

donate any furniture, tools, building materials or other household items that you no longer need. To find out more about what to donate, donation hours, and how to schedule a free donation pick-up, check the Oshkosh Restore website. If you still have questions, call the Restore at 920-230-3535 and speak with an associate. If you have not been to the Restore, you may want to check it out. They have many useful items at affordable prices. They have lots of very nice furniture. We found that out when we were dusting it. When you donate or purchase from the Restore, you are helping some families in Oshkosh to have a much better place to live.

Connectional Giving. What is it?

A simple explanation is a group of people pooling their resources to achieve something greater than themselves. Through their connectional gifts, members of The United Methodist Church support specific funds, projects, and mission.

Connectional giving is the lifeblood of ministry, and it allows us to share the concerns of many individuals. This concept is founded on a desire to address the needs of all of God's people, and it stems from our urge to give in order to be spiritually healthy and whole children of God.

The particular giving structure of the United Methodist Church ensures that your contribution blesses as many people as possible in a long-term, strategic way. When you give toward one of the six Special Sundays you enable vital ministries that change the world, one life at a time. As United Methodists, we also support critical ministries and missionaries through The Advance – an accountable voluntary giving platform that supports the worldwide mission of the UMC. No administrative costs are deducted, and 100% of your gift goes directly to the need.

Our individual gifts of support make us a better church for the sake of God's world. Why do we participate in connectional giving? We are called to give. Jesus asked us to do so to be able to share his love everywhere. Giving is one way we worship, and when we give for the benefit of someone else, we are following the scripture to love one another as Jesus has loved us.

The reason connectional giving of The United Methodist Church works is our local churches. If we have a local church in a certain area that needs help, we help through that local church. It's such a wonderful thing to know that the little amount that I am able to give is multiplied to do so much.

It is overwhelming when you speak about the connection and how it is changing lives. We support ministries that offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, feed the hungry and give shelter to those in need, provide scholarships to those who would never normally receive them, develop communities and teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency."

Our big and small efforts in our local churches are amplified when we combine them, and there is no way we could achieve all of this without each other. We all benefit from the love of Christ, and we amplify that love when we give together.



What do United Methodist Believe - Book of Discipline: 2016

Article IV — The Holy Bible

We believe the Holy Bible, Old and New Testaments, reveals the Word of God so far as it is necessary for our salvation. It is to be received through the Holy Spirit as the true rule and guide for faith and practice. Whatever is not revealed in or established by the Holy Scriptures is not to be made an article of faith nor is it to be taught as essential to salvation.


Article V — The Church

We believe the Christian Church is the community of all true believers under the Lordship of Christ. We believe it is one, holy, apostolic and catholic. It is the redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached by men divinely called, and the sacraments are duly administered according to Christ's own appointment. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit the Church exists for the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers and the redemption of the world.



September 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:30 a.m. "The Daily Walk" Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MA	2	3
4 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45-11:45 a.m. . The scripture reading discussion	5	6 10 a.m. TOPS	7 5:30-6:30 p.m. MA	8 10:30 a.m. "The Daily Walk" Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MA	9	10
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