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Pastor's Column

Greetings Members and Friends of Wesley United Methodist Church,

It's hard to believe it's been a month already! And yet it's hard to believe it's only been a month because we have done so much together! I am so thankful that God has brought me, Hannah, and Haylee to Wesley UMC for this time. We have been welcomed with love every step of the way!

It would be hard to count all of the amazing moments from the past month! Here are just a few of my highlights from the past month...worship, visits in your homes, one on one conversations, small group gatherings, children participating in worship, leading funerals as we celebrated the lives of Wesley members with their friends and families, building a crash test car with my girls, conversations with leaders in the church and community! It has been a busy and blessed first month together.

I also spent 8 days at Holy Wisdom Monastery outside of Madison, Wisconsin with 17 other clergy from various denominations. Our primary purpose together was to fall into the rhythms of the Benedictine lifestyle that make lots of space for silence and contemplation with the hope that we would be renewed for the work that God has in store. While at Holy Wisdom, I sat in contemplative silence, I participated in liturgy of the hours, I walked some of the 140 acres of prairie, I ate two meals a day prepared by an amazing kitchen staff, I read, I slept, I laughed, I cried, and I was renewed. One of the things that stood out for me in those 8 days is that silence and stillness are gifts. And yet, the way that noise and busyness are celebrated in our culture make it hard for us to find spaces to be still and silent. So, I am sharing the message that I heard loud and clear while on my retreat, "stillness and silence are good! Make time for silence! Make time to be still! Time to listen to yourself, God, and others is essential for our wellness!"

May we be still! May we make time to be silent. May we listen for God's still, small voice in the quiet and still moments we create. Amen!

Blessings,

Pastor Tammy Scott



Worship

When we allow ourselves to be open to new experiences and new encounters, we may find that we are invited into new relationships and new ways of living out our faith. Join us at Wesley UMC this summer as we practice being open so that we can hear and respond to invitations to love and be loved, to follow and lead, to dream and be inspired, to be the church, and more!

August 13— Open to Vulnerability (Invited to Trust) John 13:1-20 Washing the Disciples Feet

August 20 — Open to Change (Invited to be Transformed) Romans 12:1-8 Many Parts/One Body;
Backpack Blessing Sunday!

Sabbath (August 27-September 3)

As the summer winds down and our focus shifts to fall: back to school, harvest, time change, and more, let's take a couple of weeks and focus our thoughts on SABBATH! We will consider the commandment for Sabbath (Yes...it's one of the 10!) and the benefits to us individually and as a community!

August 27 — Sabbath for Self Genesis 2:1-3 Creation Story

September 3 — Sabbath for Community Leviticus 25:1-17 The Jubilee Year

Welcome Reception

Al Benson snapped these photos at the welcome reception following Pastor Tammy's first Sunday with us on July 2nd. Welcome to Tammy, Hannah, Haylee and Tom and Joan!



Art & Soul Camp



Thank you to our volunteers for donating their time, funds and supplies to our Art & Soul Camp! We had a great experience meeting our neighborhood friends and learning the art of self-love together. If you missed our camp recap during service on July 16th, you can watch it [here](#).

Science Night Recap

We had a great night at our Family Science Night on July 26th. Families showed up to create a car that would protect an egg during a crash test simulation. Many eggs survived the crash test with only a couple of clean-ups needed! Thanks to all who came out. This event was for all ages and all ages participated! It was fun to see the parents get involved as well. Thank you to Jim Merk for leading the event. Join us for our next family event to come soon!



Bad Girls Christmas Tea



Bad Girls Book Study

The Bad Girls Book Study met on July 26th at Carol Stoffel's home to discuss *Twisted Tea Christmas* by Laura Childs. Thanks to Emmy and Lynn for setting up and cleaning up and to Emmy for bringing samples of and information on many different teas!

Outreach



Mutual Ground School Supplies

Thank you to all who donated backpacks, supplies and monetary gifts to our school supplies drive for Mutual Ground residents! They were delivered on July 28th.



Girl Scout Creator's League

Beginning in September, one of Wesley's former preschool rooms will be the site of a new Girl Scout Creator's League.

The program is open for up to 20 girls in grades 6-12 that will meet twice a month. Participants will be instructed in art history and art techniques, as well as create their own works of arts and crafts in various mediums. The intention of this small group is to provide a place for teenage girls to de-stress from the pressures of being in middle and high school through the therapeutic benefits of creating art. In addition, the group will be going on occasional field trips to experience art at the Art Institute of Chicago and other museums and cultural institutions in the Chicago and the Aurora area. The group will also continue the Girl Scout tradition of doing community service projects through art, such as workshops for younger children, decorations for senior citizen centers, and a Spring Hands-On Art Fair. The group hopes to display their art works at a public showing once a year.

To join, parents will be required to register their daughters as members of Girl Scouts of the USA and pay a \$25 fee so that they are covered by insurance. Financial assistance is available from the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois to cover this fee and the \$25 group dues to help with the cost of supplies. The group will also be involved in Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois' Fall Product and Cookie Sales to raise funds needed for art supplies and field trips.

Kick Off/Registration Event—Saturday, August 12th 1-2:30pm

Meetings on 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month from 1-4pm beginning in September

August Birthdays

Bill Nelson 8/10

Fred Neumann 8/11

Vicki Clarke 8/25

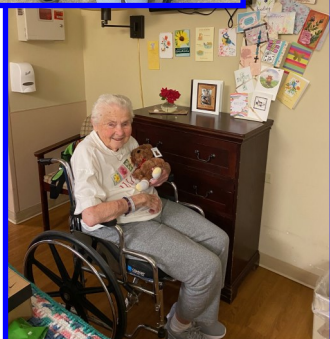
Phyllis Starke 8/29

Bill Frazier 8/29

Member Visits



Carol Stoffel chose a beautiful day to visit Ruth Ann Little at the Tillers in Oswego. She had a pretty flower top on to match the beautiful hydrangeas



Ruth Ann says thank you for all the beautiful cards and to Ella for her bear!! Ella brought yellow socks for the bear to wear like the pair Ruth Ann always wore in bed.

Discipleship

Mug Club



Enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. This is a social group of men with lots to talk about and too much time on our hands. We have not had too many solutions, but we've had lots of fellowship. We invite you to join us! For more details call or email Rich Brown at 630-881-7931 or rwb7247@gmail.com.

Every Thursday at 9am at Sugar Grove Café, 1942 Rte. 30, Sugar Grove

Bad Girls Bible/Book Study

Bad Girls will be meeting Wednesday, September 13, details as yet to be determined. As always, we will enjoy food, fellowship and conversation, as well as a discussion of the book we will choose. If you have any good books you are reading or have read, you can share those with the group. If you are interested in joining us, contact Meredith Lindgren, 630-788-6911 or psalmmom418@gmail.com.

Let's Go Adult Fellowship—ALL ARE WELCOME!

Let's Go is a social group open to all adult members and friends of Wesley. All Are Welcome! Summer is here and we will be on hiatus until fall. If anyone would like to host a get-together, or if you have any ideas for get-togethers, please contact me. If you are interested in attending future Let's Go functions and aren't on the list, please contact Meredith Lindgren, 630-788-6911 or psalmmom418@gmail.com. I will gladly add you to the list!

Wesley Garden Club

Calling all gardeners! Our Wesley gardens are still in need of some TLC during the summer and fall months. Please consider helping out with weeding and watering. You can call Jenny and let her know you will be stopping by to do some garden work. She has a key for the faucet by the garden. There is a hose and a sprinkler available. You need the key to turn on the water. Jenny works until noon, so plan to stop by in the morning if you plan to water. You will also need to bring a craft bag for yard waste. With many hands we can keep our gardens in beautiful shape to welcome people as they enter our church building. If you have questions, please call Meredith Lindgren at 630-788-6911, or email me at psalmmom418@gmail.com.

NDY (Not Dead Yet) Group

Remember this group is NOT just for Wesley members. We normally meet for lunch the last Friday of each month. All are welcome! Contact Lynn Burnett at le.burnett@yahoo.com for details on our next meeting.

Financial Update

	1/1– 7/15/23	Annual Budget for 2023
Pledge and Non-Pledge Giving	156,045.10	280,899.96
Other Income	113,373.77	188,979.12
	Expenses	
Worship	4,574.94	8,049.96
Discipleship	807.73	4,350.00
Outreach	3,310.69	3,500.00
Operating Costs	97,897.42	127,009.12
Salaries & Benefits	152,656.46	288,244.80
Apportionments	1,000.00	37,000.00

Questions? Please contact Jennifer Pawlowski, Financial Secretary, at jennifer.wumc@gmail.com.

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