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Pastor's Column

Greetings Members and Friends of Wesley UMC,

It's hard to believe it's October! October is one of my favorite months of the year...the temperatures get cooler which means I get to wear my favorite hoodies and snuggle on the couch with my girls and a cozy blanket! I love watching the colors of the leaves as they slowly transform the world around us from green to beautiful reds, oranges, and yellows. Fall colors remind me that change can be beautiful...even when we want to resist change!

This month in worship we will continue to gather around the campfire and journey through God's story hearing about Moses' birth, Moses' receiving the 10 commandments, Ruth and Naomi, and parts of David's story. It is my hope that as we continue moving through the narrative of God's story that we will see how our stories (individually and collectively) intertwine with God's story. God's story as told in the Bible is not the entire story...together we continue to live and write God's story today!

On World Communion Sunday, October 1st, we will join one another around tables as we celebrate with people around the world in the ritual of breaking bread as Jesus' did with his disciples. But that is not the only time we will gather at tables with one another. On Sunday, October 15th, following worship (Noon-2pm) we will be together in the Gathering Place for a pot-luck, spend some time listening as I share what I heard in the Listening Sessions, celebrate who Wesley is and dream together about what is next for Wesley! More information on page <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BAAAF2AA1FFC70-44867652-wesley> of The Wesleyan. (If you are unable to be present on October 15th, I will be recording my "State of the Church Address" and sending it out via email.)

On Sunday, September 24th, we had an unexpected protest outside our church. One man stood on the sidewalk near the Galena Blvd entrance with an old fashioned megaphone shouting against Wesley's clear and strong position that ALL are welcome. I will not repeat what this man shouted, but I will say that as I stood outside greeting people as they arrived I was reminded of what a great church this is! Having someone shout their beliefs that are so contradictory to our belief that God created us all, that God loves us all, and that all are welcome in this place, reminded me (and I think many of those in attendance) that our fight is not over and that our inclusive/welcoming voice needs to be heard on the streets of Aurora. How will you intentionally be the presence of Christ in a loving, welcoming, and inclusive way this month? Who will you share God's love with?

And one last note about the unexpected protestor on Sunday...if you arrive at church and he (or others) are gathered at the Galena entrance, drive around the block and enter off New York. The less attention we give to these kinds of protestors, the less accomplished they feel. That being said, this person and others have the right of free speech and can speak what they like as long as they remain on the sidewalk/easement...ignoring him/them is our best course of action.

Blessings,

Rev. Tammy Scott

Worship

Campfire Stories (September 10-October 29)

When was the last time you sat around a campfire telling stories? Have you ever thought about how the stories in the Bible were originally shared? I imagine many of them were shared person to person, family to family sitting around a table, campfire, or other common gathering place. So, let's hear some of those familiar and not-so familiar Old Testament stories to deepen our understanding of "Our Story" and how it impacts our faith today.

October 1 – I Am

Exodus 1:8-14; 2:1-10; 3:1-15 – Moses & God's Name

World Communion Sunday

October 8 – Rules to Follow

Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9 – 10 Commandments & Shema

October 15 – Commitment to Family

Ruth 1:1-17 [4:13-17] – Ruth

October 22 – Music for the Lord

2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150 – David Anointed King

October 29 – Seeking Advice

1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29 – Kingdom Divided

United Women In Faith



September 10, 2023 United Women
In Faith Hosted a get to know our
new Pastor.

Member Visits



Nedra is pictured here. She will be turning 100 years young on Jan 11, 2024. She is presently our oldest Wesleyan.

Nedra was at her daughter's (Pat) house after her hair appointment in Aurora. She has a standing appointment every Friday.

Ruth Ann Little , Ella, and Adam are pictured here.



Herb John of Wesley UMC, Aurora, Receives UM Men Award

Herb John of Wesley United Methodist Church in Aurora has won the Jean Bush Award from the Northern Illinois Conference's United Methodist Men.

The annual award is presented to an individual who has inspired leadership and growth in NIC men's ministries. John received the award at the conference UMM's Spiritual Congress on Sept. 16.

George Groves, president of conference group, said John has been a leader in his local UMM unit at Wesley UMC for many years. In 2008 he joined the Aurora District UMM executive committee as treasurer and later became vice president. During this time, John became a men's ministry specialist. In 2016, he was elected Aurora District president and became a member of the NICUMM executive committee. John stepped down from his role as district president and is now a UMM prayer advocate and the jurisdiction UMM prayer advocate.

A longtime supporter of Boy Scouts of America, he received the Silver Beaver Award in 2018 from the St. Charles-based Three Fires Council of BSA. The award recognizes a registered Scouter of exceptional character who has made an impact on the lives of youth through service given at the council level.

Groves added, "In the many hours we have spent together over past years, it was easy for me to recognize his passion for teaching the boys in his scout troops. Herb was a Scouter for decades."



Wednesday Night Gathering

October 4th 6-8pm
October 18th 6-8pm

Come out to Wednesday Night Gatherings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. On October 4th, we will have a taco dinner followed by a bonfire if the weather is good! On October 18th, we will have Chili followed by pumpkin painting and a Halloween movie. These gatherings are open to Wesley and the community. This is a multigenerational event, so feel free to bring friends of all ages!





TRUNK OR TREAT - October 29th, 12:30pm - 2:30pm (Volunteers needed 12pm - 3pm)

Sunday, October 29th please come out for a family-friendly Trunk-or-Treat. Food, games, and candy are provided!

We are in need of volunteers to display trunks for trunk or treat. Wesley and the community are excited to provide a fun family event for children in our area. We cannot provide trunk or treat without your help. Sign up Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA5A62AA3FEC61-37947763-trunk>

United Women in Faith

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Hannah Circle members met September 19 at the home of Lois Scott. Before the program given by Emmy Lou John, we all enjoyed a piece of delicious apple pie. Hannah Circle will not meet in October. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 1:30pm at the home of Sharon Livingston. Susanna Circle met on the 19th too. Our next meeting will be October 17, 2023 at 7:00pm Lynnette Singh will be sending an Evite with the meeting information. Watch for it and RSVP please.



Crafters



The Crafters will be hosting WORLD CARD MAKING DAY on Oct. 7 from 10 am to 12 noon. This event is open to the community. It's free for all.

October Birthdays



Dave Studdard 10/1

Ruth Ann Little 10/16

Nadjate Yacoubou 10/1

Isabella Rigaud 10/25

Pastor Tammy Scott 10/5

Joseph Rigaud 10/26

Keith Smith 10/7

Bruce Covalt 10/12

Discipleship

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! Our next event will be Saturday, October 14 at the home of Wally and Paula Loague. The theme is Masques, in celebration of both Halloween and not having to wear masks all the time! The party starts at 6:30 pm. Costumes are optional, but masques are strongly encouraged! Be creative and have some fun with your masques! You can do a Mardi Gras theme, a Halloween mask, or Carnival. Let your imagination soar! As always, bring a savory or sweet dish to share and, if you like, your favorite beverage. The Loagues will provide a variety of beverages, as well. 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

Bad Girls Bible/Book Study

Women of Wesley and friends, do you love to read? Are you looking for a group of people with whom to discuss really good books? Then check out the Bad Girls Bible/Book Study! We have read some great books over the past many years and our discussions are quite lively! Bad Girls will be meeting Wednesday, October 11, at the home of Meredith Lindgren. We will meet at 6 pm for a soup and salad dinner, provided by Meredith and Paula, with dessert provided by Laurel. Discussion of our book begins at 7 pm. We are currently reading "The Making of Biblical Womanhood: How the Subjugation of Women Became Gospel Truth" by Beth Allison Barr. We will be discussing chapter 2 and the discussion promises to be lively! Our next meeting will be October 25 at The Holmstad with Susan Clark. More details on that meeting will be provided after we meet on October 11. If you are interested in joining us, contact Meredith Lindgren, 630-788-6911 or psalmmom418@gmail.com.



WANTED: READERS AND GREETERS!

Are you looking for ways to serve at Wesley? Do you like to read? Are you friendly and welcoming? Then I have a job for you! I could use more readers for Sunday worship and for the online service, and I would love to have a few more greeters to welcome friends and guests each Sunday. I provide the readings each week for the readers, along with instructions on recording for the online service. Help is available for those who don't know how to record. Readers need to be at church on their assigned Sunday by 10:10 to go over details and do a sound check. It's that simple! Greeters are stationed near the doors to welcome people as they come in and offer any assistance that is needed. For those visiting our church for the first time, it is so helpful to be greeted by a friendly face! Greeters need to be at church by 10 to greet and direct people to worship. If you are interested in one or both of these ministries, please contact Meredith Lindgren at 630-788-6911, or psalmmom418@gmail.com. Or see me at church on Sundays!

Financial Update

	1/1 – 09/15/23	Annual Budget for 2023
Pledge and Non-Pledge Giving	200,817.06	280,899.96
Other Income	190,252.08	188,979.12
	Expenses	
Worship	6,563.88	8,049.96
Discipleship	1,857.08	4,350.00
Outreach	3,935.41	3,500.00
Operating Costs	117,455.51	127,009.12
Salaries & Benefits	213,055.62	288,244.80
Apportionments	2,000.00	37,000.00

Questions? Please contact Courtney Kimble , Financial Secretary, at Courtney.wumc@gmail.com

Thank
you 

Dear Friends at Wesley UMC,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and calls. The offers for rides to take me where I needed to go. Thank you for the delicious meals that were sent over, after my knee surgery.

Blessing to all Mari Curless

YOU'RE INVITED



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023 • NOON - 2PM • WESLEY UMC'S GATHERING PLACE

All are welcome Sunday, October 15th from Noon-2pm

*for a Potluck Lunch,
State of the Church address from Rev. Tammy Scott,
a kids breakout session, and more*

*Sandwiches &
drinks provided*

Potluck Suggestions:

A-F Salad
G-M Vegetable
N-Z Dessert

**okay to come without a dish too,
there is always enough!*

Please R.S.V.P by Sunday October 8th

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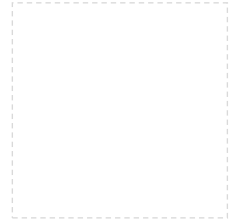
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