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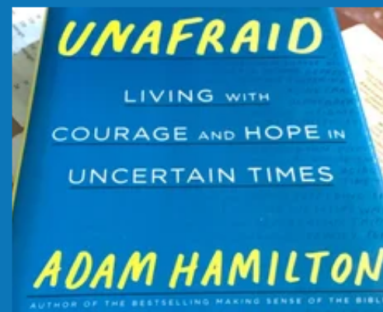
*October 27th-November 24th*

Online worship @ 9:30am

In person Worship @ 10:30am



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# Pastor's Column

Greetings Members and Friends of Wesley United Methodist Church,

As we enter the month of November, a season used by many for reflection and gratitude, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for each of you. In a world that often feels overwhelming, it is a blessing to belong to a community that supports and uplifts one another.

This year has brought its challenges, but through it all, I have seen the remarkable ways in which our church family has come together. Whether it was through our worship services, Wednesday Night Gatherings, community outreach, or simple acts of kindness, your commitment to living out our faith has been inspiring. Each of you contributes to the warmth and spirit of our congregation, and for that, I am truly grateful.

I encourage you to take time in the month of November to reflect on your own blessings and the ways you can share gratitude with others. Consider reaching out to someone who has made a difference in your life or participating in acts of service that spread joy and kindness within our community. Send a thank you note (by mail or email or text each day). Post a Gratitude Moment each day on social media. Intentionally make time and space to reflect on the ways in which you are grateful this month!

Thank you for being a vital part of our church family. Together, let us continue to cultivate a spirit of thankfulness in all we do.

With gratitude and love,



Pastor Tammy Scott



# Worship

## WANTED: READERS, GREETERS, AND BREAD BAKERS!

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. And if you love to bake bread, Wesley can use your skills for communion Sundays! 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. Bread bakers supply the bread for communion on the first Sunday of each month, unless otherwise noted. Also, if possible, you will be asked to assist Pastor Tammy with communion, which would entail serving your bread as people come forward. If you are interested in any of these ministries, please contact Meredith Lindgren at 630-788-6911, or [psalmmom418@gmail.com](mailto:psalmmom418@gmail.com). Or see me at church on Sundays!



Pastor & Staff Appreciation was celebrated on October 27th.

We enjoyed a soup and bread lunch on Consecration Sunday on October 20th.

# Towing Signs

You may have noticed the new towing signs in the parking lot. We have continued to experience neighbors taking advantage of Wesley's parking lot. Recently neighbors have even begun to store disabled vehicles in the church parking lot. While we have tried to be hospitable neighbors in the past, the issue has become a real problem.

We have arranged with Green Machine Towing to service our parking lot at no cost to Wesley. We will always give a warning to any unauthorized vehicle and no vehicle will be towed unless Wesley staff or trustees personally call about it.

# Gardens

On October 23rd, over 10 more pounds of fresh produce was harvested and delivered to Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry. That's the end of our 2024 harvest as OLI Gardens has cleared out the beds. Thanks to OLI Gardens, Jim Merk and the Girl Scouts for their help, especially Kelly McCleary!



# Craft Fair & BBQ Recap

We hosted a Fall Craft Fair on Saturday, October 19th and brought in \$680 in funds for Wesley's general operating expenses and found a lot of neat items for gift buying season! Additionally, we held our Fall 5B's BBQ Fundraiser on Tuesday, October 22nd and raised over \$941.69 for Wesley's ministries! Thank you so much for your help with volunteering and attending these events!





# November Birthdays

Happy Birthday!



Carol Stoffel 11/1

Brigitta Neumann 11/2

Cheryl Thompson 11/12

Inti Smith 11/13

Isaiah Burnett 11/15

Vincent Escobedo 11/8

Joe Janavicius 11/19

Genevieve Akyea 11/20

Jerry Livingston 11/21

Jim Merk 11/30

## Wednesday Night Gathering

You're invited to Wednesday Night Gatherings this month on November 6th and 20th from 6-8pm. Dinner will be served both nights from 6-7pm and intergenerational activities from 7-8pm. All ages are encouraged to participate!

### November 6th:

Dinner - Baked Potato Bar

Activity - Sandwich Making for the Community Fridge

### November 20th:

Dinner - Thanksgiving potluck

*Wesley will provide the meat and gravy, so please bring a side to share!*

Activity - Gratitude Time with Amy Jackson from The Perch



# Member Visits

Carol Stoffel enjoyed a visit with Sharon and Jerry Livingston at their home on October 14th.



Ruth Ann Little received a lot of visitors who came to celebrate her 92nd birthday with her!



From L to R: Amy Karl, Ruth Ann Little, Ella Karl, Adam Karl and Lynn Burnett



Carol Stoffel, Jenny Pawlowski and Ruth Ann's friend Deana shared lunch and a cake with Ruth Ann. Carol made a book of Ruth Ann's birthday cards with photos of the card givers enclosed.

# United Women in Faith

## Save the Dates!

Save the date for the first Sunday in December for our unit meeting at Lekha's home.

We will be having our famous & delicious Cookie Walk on December 7th! We need to have at least 20 bakers willing to make seven dozen cookies. Please let Emmy Lou know if you can make cookies for our fundraiser. Thank you!

Seven Hannah Circle members met on Thursday, October 17th at Wesley. Carol Stoffel brought us a great dessert. Judy Brown presented a program, " Food of the Earth" from the Women of Faith program book. We welcomed Woody Geeting back thanks to our new lift! Circles in November will focus on World Thank Offering and will meet on Tuesday, November 19th with Hannah Circle at 1:30pm and Susanna Circle at 7pm.



## 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! Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13 at 6pm, at The Holmstad, hosted by Susan Clark. We will be discussing chapters 3 and 4 of the book 'Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men' by Caroline Criado Perez. This



book is a #1 International Bestseller and winner of the Financial Times and McKinsey Business Book of the Year Award. Here is an overview: "Data is fundamental to the modern world. From economic development to health care to education and public policy, we rely on numbers to allocate resources and make crucial decisions. But because so much data fails to take into account gender, because it treats men as the default and women as atypical, bias and discrimination are baked into our systems. And women pay tremendous costs for this insidious bias: in time, in money, and often with their lives. Celebrated feminist advocate Caroline Criado Perez investigates this shocking root cause of gender inequality in Invisible Women." If you are interested in joining us, contact Meredith Lindgren, 630-788-6911 or [psalmmom418@gmail.com](mailto:psalmmom418@gmail.com).

# Church Calendar

## **Saturday, November 2nd**

Wellness Fair 10am-2:30pm

## **Sunday, November 3rd**

Worship: 9:30am online

Worship: 10:30am in-person

## **Monday, November 4th**

Election Set Up in GP & Parlor

BSA (Gym, Youth Rm, Kitchen): 5:30pm

Faithlink (Zoom): 7pm

## **Tuesday, November 5th**

### **Election Day**

Office Hours: 9am-2pm

## **Wednesday, November 6th**

Office Hours: 9am-12pm

Wednesday Night Gathering: 6pm

## **Thursday, November 7th**

Office Hours: 9am-2pm

Mug Club (Sugar Grove Café): 9am

## **Saturday, November 9th**

Martha Griffith Funeral: 11am

GS Creators League: 1-4pm

LV Cares Feast of Hope: (GP) 3-9pm

## **Sunday, November 10th**

Worship: 9:30am online

Worship: 10:30am in-person

Generations Together (Parlor): 11:45am

Daisy Troop: 1:30pm

## **Monday, November 11th**

### **Veterans Day**

Yoga (Gathering Place): 4:30pm

GS Unit Meeting: 5:30pm

BSA (GP, Gym, Youth Rm, Kitchen): 7pm

Fox Valley Garden Club (Chapel): 7pm

Faithlink (Zoom): 7pm

## **Tuesday, November 12th**

Office Hours: 9am-2pm

GS Troop 1426: 6:30pm

Tuesday Crafters (Parlor): 7pm

## **Wednesday, November 13th**

Office Hours: 9am-12pm

Bad Girls Book Study: 6pm

## **Thursday, November 14th**

Office Hours: 9am-2pm

Mug Club (Sugar Grove Café): 9am

Cub Scout (K-3 Den): 6pm

## **Saturday, November 16th**

Let's Go Italian Dinner at Wesley 6pm

## **Sunday, November 17th**

Worship: 9:30am online

Worship: 10:30am in-person

Generations Together (Parlor): 11:45am

## **Monday, November 18th**

Yoga (Gathering Place): 4:30pm

BSA (GP, Gym, Youth Rm, Kitchen): 7pm

Faithlink (Zoom): 7pm

## **Tuesday, November 19th**

Office Hours: 9am-2pm

Hannah Circle: 1:30pm

DCFS YAB (GP): 6pm

Governing Board: 6:30pm

Susanna Circle: 7pm

## **Wednesday, November 20th**

Office Hours: 9am-12pm

Wednesday Night Gathering: 6pm

## **Thursday, November 21st**

Office Hours: 9am-2pm

Mug Club (Sugar Grove Café): 9am

Rollingwood Colony Board (Parlor): 6-9pm

## **Saturday, November 23rd**

GS Creators League: 1-4pm

## **Sunday, November 24th**

### **UM Student Day**

### **Guest Pastor: Pat Fish**

Worship: 9:30am online

Worship: 10:30am in-person

Hanging of the Greens: 11:45am-12:15pm

Daisy Troop: 1:30pm

Interfaith Thanksgiving at New England:  
3pm

## **Monday, November 25th**

Yoga (Gathering Place): 4:30pm

BSA (GP, Gym, Youth Rm., Kitchen): 7pm

Faithlink (Zoom): 7pm

## **Tuesday, November 26th**

Office Hours: 9am-2pm

GS Troop 1426: 6:30pm

## **Wednesday, November 27th**

Office Closed

## **Thursday, November 28th -**

### **Thanksgiving**

Office Closed

## **Friday, November 29th**

NDY (Mothers): 12pm



# 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](mailto:rwb7247@gmail.com). *Every Thursday at 9am at Sugar Grove Café, 1942 Rte. 30, Sugar Grove*

## 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 Spooky Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 26 was spooky fun! We shared delicious savory and sweet treats and enjoyed checking out the costumes and Halloween shirts worn by attendees. Our next event will be November 16 at Wesley UMC, hosted by Sandy and Bill Roberts. We will be enjoying an Italian Dinner and making sandwiches for the community fridge located at Fresh Start Community Church.



Keep Saturday, December 14 on your calendars for our annual Christmas Party/White Elephant gift exchange. Details on other events are still being worked out, so stay tuned! 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](mailto:psalmmom418@gmail.com). I will gladly add you to the list!

## Faithlink/Monday Night Bible Study

This is a "Sunday School" discussion group that meets via Zoom on Monday nights at 7 to 8 pm. We are continuing a video series entitled "The Matrix of Jesus" by John Dominic Crossan. He is an Irish-American New Testament scholar, historian of early Christianity and former Catholic priest who was a prominent member of the Jesus Seminar, and emeritus professor at DePaul University.

## 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 at noon at Mother's Pancake House on Galena Blvd but, in the summer, we'll sometimes meet for a picnic at Wesley on the New York St. lawn. All are welcome! Contact Lynn Burnett at [le.burnett@yahoo.com](mailto:le.burnett@yahoo.com) for details on our next meeting.

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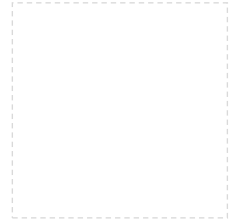
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