

Wesley United Methodist Church
4600-60th Street
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**Love God
Welcome All
Serve Everyone**

**The People of the
United Methodist Church
FEBRUARY 2023**

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GoodNews

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Grace Notes

Heart month? OR Heart 2023?

I can't believe it's February 2023 already!!!! I'm still getting used to writing **2023!** But here it is. AND, come February 22, we observe ASH WEDNESDAY, which begins our LENTEN Journey!

We humans prefer to have time markers to guide our daily lives—to help us dress according to what is ahead of us (like coats and boots for a snow day or not go out of the house at all!), as well as prepare our psyches or our souls to “armor up” for what’s to come (like meeting with your boss, your in-laws, your doctor). It helps us function and not be so overwhelmed with the barrage of stimuli coming at us all at once.

Valentine’s Day started as a romantic special day to let a loved one know how much they are loved. And now, the day has morphed into expressing love for all kinds of relationships—like parent/child, best friends, grandparents/grandchildren, adoptive relatives, and the like. Love that melts the heart goes beyond romance and acknowledges the deep love between families, friends, communities.

Likewise, Ash Wednesday that begins our Lenten journey is our time to open our hearts to express our love for God. It is our corporate time as a faith community to invoke the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Living God, to fall afresh on us. It is our time to open our hearts to melt, to be molded, to be filled, to be used by God.

God invites us to open our hearts for love to be experienced together—for the world to see God in us through our actions, our words, our meditations, our prayers, our gifts, our service as a community grounded in Christ’s teachings.

Now more than ever, I am convicted that Christianity is faith practiced by a group of people seeking love, justice, and mercy together, beginning on how we are Christ to each other. And that we need our hearts to be part of the equation of proclaiming our faith. And together, we grow and evolve and learn to be faithful in new ways. Because each day is a new day with new challenges and new lessons.

May you feel safe enough and brave enough to open your hearts for the whole journey of life lived as redeemed children of God. Together. At Wesley. You are loved. You are needed. You are part of the heart of Wesley United Methodist Church.



Pastor Grace

Kairos Outside Ministry Program

Kairos Outside Ministry is a Christian program, although no religious affiliation is necessary to be a guest. Any 20-year old or older female whose life has been impacted by the incarceration of a loved one, or a woman who was unable to attend the Kairos Inside program while in prison, is eligible to attend Kairos Outside. The Kairos Outside weekend is a 2 1/2 day program based on a series of talks by volunteers designed to address the pain of enduring separation from the person inside and the judgment of the others from their community. Guests hear the talks in small "family" groups. The program is interspersed with music, prayer, and fun activities. This program helps women impacted by incarceration by providing a safe place to share; by offering unconditional love and acceptance in a Christian setting; by fostering spiritual growth and community; by promoting participation in small groups; by creating an opportunity for a relationship with God; and by women journeying together in small groups through SWAP (Share, Witness, Account & Pray) and reunion meetings after the weekend.

Wesley UMC has the opportunity to help with this ministry for the upcoming Kairos Outside Weekend #6 which will be held from Friday, April 21 - Sunday, April 23, 2023 at Spencer Lake Christian Center in Waupaca, WI:

* Purchase a meal ticket for \$10.00. The signed meal card will be placed at the place setting of a guest to show her that real people care about her. This is a great way to show her the love Christ has for her.

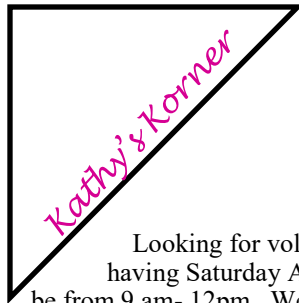
* Sponsor a guest for \$125.00. This signed room card will be placed on the door of the room where she will be staying to let her know you care. It will also show her just how much she matters and is loved by Christ.

* Color our Agape logo and write out a prayer or piece of scripture on it with just your first name on it to be posted all over the community room of the retreat so the guests will know they are being prayed for.

* Place a prayer and/or scripture on a strip of construction paper with just your first name on it. This will be added to many others that will be linked together into a prayer chain for the guests that will be in the community room.

One other way of supporting this ministry is by volunteering to serve on the team. Both women and men can serve on the support team in the kitchen, however, only women can serve on the team that is in the community room with the guests. If you are interested in serving on the team, please contact Mary Borckardt (she is the team leader for this weekend) and she will answer all of your questions. There are 5 training meetings prior to the weekend that will teach you the ropes.

Mary Borckardt has placed zip lock baggies on a Kairos Prison Ministry Table in the Narthex that has all of this information. She has included a self addressed envelope so you can mail the items to her. Checks should be made out to Kairos Outside of Eastern Wisconsin. You may contact her with any questions that you may have at (214) 714-6028 or at maryborckardt@gmail.com. Please find it in your hearts to help in at least one of these opportunities to show the love of Christ to others who may not know Him.



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CONFIRMATION RETREAT

All confirmands need to attend this retreat.

Below is the link to the retreat I would like for your children to attend as part of confirmation. It is March 3-4 and the cost is \$75.00 per youth and \$40.00 for an adult chaperone.

Please let the church know if you need assistance for the registration fee. We don't want that to be a hindrance to our youth in experiencing a fellowship with other youth going on their journey of faith. It is important that they meet other youth from other United Methodist churches.

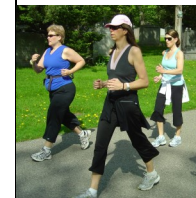
<https://wiumcamps.org/retreat/march-3-4-2023-wesleyan-heritage-confirmation-retreat/>



Dodie Smith
Virginia Roders
Brandon Trumbo
Ellen Shuemate
Mary Brehm
Jason Adam Patterson

Melodies of Compassion
go to Special Olympics of Wisconsin.

To keep our list updated, we will remove names after 30 days. Please notify the office to place or keep a name on the list. Thank you for your help with this ministry.



Monday Walks With Mary Borckardt

Why not start your year with a walk?!

Inside the church!

No matter the weather you can commit to getting fit!

Walks with Mary takes place each Monday at noon. Read the Nurture Bulletin Board for complete details or just show up at church on any Monday at noon. You can also contact Mary for more.



February

18 Grace Cajimat & Chris Herigstad
19 Felicia & Carlton Gaines



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Ava Hansen
6 Janie Khoury
10 Charli Valentine
11 Virginia Westman
13 Candice Briscoe
14 Felicia Gaines
18 Martha Mock
21 Denise Shircel
22 Ellen Shuemate
23 Brandon Trumbo
24 Ri Witer
28 Renee White



7 Kris Trumbo
8 Elise Hansen
11 Richard Boris
11 Lennie Hill
17 Ruth Callan
19 James Mulroy
21 Kali Kugler
22 Michelle Gerdes
24 Gary Dreyer
24 Karen Lindsey
27 Eleda Winther
28 Alan Mulroy
28 Kelli Prim

The Faithful Pig Keeper Stewardship at Wesley

Giving is Love and Love is Giving

*The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver**. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)*

“God loves a cheerful giver.” Why do you give? Why do you put money in the plate? Why did you sign up for EFT? Is it to keep the lights on? Is it out of obligation? Is it because “it is just the thing you do”?

In this month of February, when consumer products turn red, chocolate, and velvety, society asks us to think about love. We give gifts to others because we love them. Could it be that we give in church (online) because of **Love**? We are called to give to God because God **loves us**. We are called to give to God because we **love God**. We are called to give, not begrudgingly, but cheerfully! When we give, we are saying, “I love you God!” We are not saying, “Fine, here you go God.”

Why do you give? Look inside of yourself right now. Be honest. Why do you give? When the plate passes you, what goes through your mind? In this time of online giving, has your giving changed? Have you been giving more or less? More or less often? Why? Always remember, you cannot out give God! **God loves us and has, does, and will do so much for us. So, in response, we give back to the Lord. We give out of LOVE.**

Rev. Krystal Goodger, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Financial Facts: December 2022

Monetary Gifts and Other Income---\$14927.07
Expenses---\$10,073.61
Net Funds---\$4,853.46

Important News about AmazonSmile



Bill Peche has alerted Wesley that the nice profit we received from AmazonSmile will be stopping as of Feb. 20, 2023. Part of their comment follows:

To help charities that have been a part of the AmazonSmile program with this transition, we will be providing them with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program, and they will also be able to accrue additional donations until the program officially closes in February. Once AmazonSmile closes, charities will still be able to seek support from Amazon customers by creating their own wish lists.

Any information that we get as far as how, or if, Amazon is going to give us “free money”, we will pass that along. Thank you for supporting this while it was available.. Every little bit helps.



FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE SHALOM CENTER FOOD PANTRY

Bob and Sandy Petersen delivered 99 pounds of food to the Shalom Center Food Pantry. Thank you for all of your donations. We continue to collect non-perishable items. You may drop them off anytime the office is open: Monday—Friday 8—noon. Thank you!



Hospitality



Feb. 5 Joy Buttke, Crystal Tuchalski
Feb. 12 Scouts
Feb. 19 Alice Hill
Feb. 26 Heather Briscoe

Counters



Feb. 5 Tom Shaughnessy, Jennifer Rose
Feb. 12 Lana Frank-Krause, Jean Thompson, Margaret Christian training
Feb. 19 Lana Frank-Krause, Bob Dorsey training
Feb. 26 Arnold Parise, Patti Sloca

New Liturgist Training Feb. 5 after the service with Bill Peche

Wesley Knit/Crochet

February 2 at 6:30 pm
February 9 at 10 am



UWF

Our next meeting for UWF, Elizabeth Circle will be on Tuesday, February 7th, 2023 at 9:30a.m

