

November 2022

GoodNews

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Cookie Drive~Thru

It's Christmas cookie baking time! This year we will again have a drive thru cookie pick-up . All cookies will be pre-packaged in 1 pound boxes and ready to sell. We will set up in the parking lot and cars can drive in to purchase the boxes.

We need many about **200 dozen** cookies to make this event successful. If everyone could make many batches of your favorite Christmas cookie, it would be wonderful! Start your baking early and freeze your cookies. This is a great way to be able to contribute generous amounts to our church fundraiser. Brightly colored Christmas cookies are always a favorite!

The Wesley Cookie Drive Thru is
Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Happy Baking!
Mary Brehm - Cookie Walk Chair



GRACE NOTE

A Life of Gratitude

As I reflect on November's article title, the options were between "A Month of Thanksgiving" or "A Season of Thanks," with November all about the Thanksgiving Holiday. We do look forward to that week where we plan for a feast anchored in a roasted turkey and all the fixins', and family coming "home" to eat and watch football on TV and wait for Black Friday shopping.

In the life of a Jesus follower in the US, those happen because it's the culture of the US. Our added identity as a Jesus follower calls us to a life of gratitude beyond the month of November, and beyond the season of Thanksgiving. Jesus teaches us to be receptive to what life gives us in the spirit of gratitude, be it a positive experience where we are gifted with good things, or a pained experience where we are gifted with lessons of reliance on God and our faith, and the lessons of growth as a fully living and open soul, learning from the heartache and strengthened by love.

Gratitude isn't about positive thinking or prosperity seeking. Gratitude is a mindset and heart set way of seeing and receiving life. That we are given the opportunities to grow in stature, confident that God is within each one of us and accompanied by God's presence in our journey. The invitation to live and give may be out of abundance or out of sacrifice, but always out of generosity.

We just celebrated being debt free from doing renovations to our sanctuary because of your investment in God's presence through Wesley. Thank you for your generosity, your commitment, your faith in making the reign of God happen through Wesley's presence.

I ask you now to continue to trust that God is using us to be instruments of radical inclusion, of wonderful worship, of discipleship drive to be agents of change—good and graceful change.

I ask you to invest in us as a faith community with your financial giving, be it as a pledge or a tithe, so we may know that we can count on each other to continue God's ministries through Wesley.

Gratefully yours,

Pastor Grace





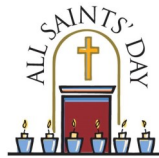
Sylvia Bahling
 Brandon Trumbo
 Virginia Roders
 Jason Adam Patterson

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

MEMORIAL SUNDAY
November 6, 2022

If you would like to remember your loved one who passed away, please send the name, and birth and death dates along with a jpeg photo to the office. We will be honoring all who wish to be remembered.

jmowry@kenoshawesley.org



Wesley Day at the Soup Kitchen

Saturday, Dec. 4

Wesley provides 5—6 helpers each month. With winter comes people flocking to warmer climates, so if you are available the first Saturday of each month, please help out. You are needed from about 4:30—6:30 pm



- 6 Joy Buttke & Crystal Tuchalski
- 13 UWF Ladies
- 20
- 27

COUNTERS



- 6 Patti Sloca & Arnold Parise
- 13 Lana Frank-Krause, Jean Thompson & Kris Trumbo
- 20 Jennifer Rose & Arnold Parise
- 27 Tom Shaughnessy & Bob Petersen



Hangin' of the Greens

Sunday, November 20th

You are invited to help decorate for Christmas ... we will start right after worship.

The Faithful Pig Keeper

Stewardship at Wesley

Some things are simply a matter of perspective. We can be reminded often how words can be used to skew the truth. For instance, an interoffice softball game was held every year between the marketing department and support staff of one company. The day of the game, as hard as the marketers tried, the support staff whipped the marketing department soundly.

In its best tradition, the marketing department decided to find the best “spin” they could on the dismal result. They showed how they earn their keep by posting this memo on the bulletin board after the game: “The marketing department is pleased to announce that for the recently completed softball season, we came in second place, having lost but one game all year. The support department, however, had a rather dismal season, as they won only one game all year.”

On the other hand, hidden beauty can also be found by looking at a situation in a different way. A little girl named Lauren (age 5) reports, “I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.”

I think Lauren is on to something. Our entire lives can be shaped by perspective. How would I approach money, “stuff,” and giving if I knew that God had already given me everything I need, rather than seeing all of the things I “need” in the store windows? How would I treat others if I focused on the ways I could serve, rather than making sure everyone respected my rights? How would my marriage change if it were based on being one another’s servant rather than a struggle for power? What would my attitude be toward work be if I saw it as my God-given vocation rather than someplace I had to go to earn a paycheck? What if I saw Sunday as a true Sabbath . . . a time for connecting with God and family and rest . . . rather than a day to run the kids to more activities and the last day I have to get things done at home before I go to work?

Sometimes we need God to help us see the world differently before we can live differently in it.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation



Financial Facts: September 2022

Monetary Gifts and Other Income---\$14,899.67

Expenses---\$12,777.91

Net Funds—\$2,121.76

CUSH FUNDRAISER



CUSH (Congregations United to Serve Humanity) is having an Upside Down Breakfast Fundraiser on Nov 13 from 4:30-7pm. What a fun way to help support a good cause! Please plan to attend.

Christmas Bazaar

Wesley is having a *Christmas Bazaar!*

This will take place on **Sat. Nov. 19th from 9am to 3pm** in our narthex. If you knit, crochet or love making Christmas crafts, please consider donating to our bazaar. More importantly though, tell all your friends! Make an adventure out of shopping the Bazaar!

Get gifts for the whole family! Support your church!

If you have any questions, contact Margie Kugler 262-945-1122.

See you there!

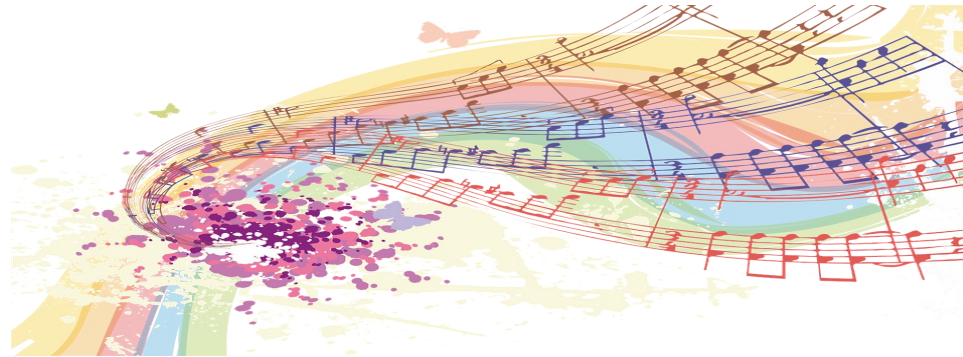
Christmas Concert

Calling all singers who can offer their voices for Christmas Lessons and Carols for

Saturday, December 10, at 6:30.



We will prepare a number of anthems in addition to singing carols. Rehearsals will be at 6:30 Tuesdays until the concert. We want to make sure we can be heard throughout the neighborhood, so please let the office know that you can raise your voice and sing glad tidings!



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.

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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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Sunday Schedule Worship 9:00			
		1 UWF 9:30 am	2
6 Memorial Sunday Council Meeting Scrip Sunday Disciple Bible Study	7	 8	9 UWF 6:30 pm
13 Disciple Bible Study	14	15	16
20 UNDIE Sunday! Hang of the Greens! Disciple Bible Study	21	22	23
27 1st Sunday of Advent Disciple Bible Study	28	29	30

MBER



Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

2	3 Knit/Crochet 6:30 pm	4	5 Wesley Day at the Soup Kitchen 4 pm—6 pm 
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16	17	18	19 Christmas Bazaar 9 am-3 pm
23	24  Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
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SHALOM FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Thank you Arnold for months of delivering all the donations to the Shalom Center!

Arnold Parise brought 126 lbs. of food to the Shalom Center Food Pantry. We continue to collect nonperishable items for the pantry. You may drop them off at the church from 8-noon, Monday through Friday or on Sunday morning . As always, thank you for your generosity!



As Advent approaches—the 1st Sunday of Advent is Nov 27—you might want to think

about your relationship with Jesus and his Father. The Elizabeth Circle of the UWF have been working on their lending library .

They have renewed the cart and it now has books in many categories to strengthen your personal faith journey and books that address the social justice issues of our times.

You are welcome to choose any of the books you want to read, just bring it back when you are done. If something really hits you while you are reading, write about it on a piece of paper and slip it into the book so the next person who reads it will gain more from your reflection. Please feel free to visit our cart—it's in the back of the church, just past the beautiful stained glass windows, and choose a book!



- 2 Sylvia Bahling
- 7 Trisha Cannon
- 8 Abigail Ricchio
- 11 Dina Daniel
- 14 Terry Miller
- 16 Brianna Sloca
- 22 Stella Guadalupe



DECEMBER

- 1 Marge Pellizzi
- 5 Patti Sloca
- 6 Margie Kugler
- 8 Bill Thurau
- 9 Jen Bara
- 10 Alicia Holliday
- 14 Maria Dugan
- 16 Kingston Gaines
- 16 Sapphira Holliday



Elizabeth Circle of the UWF will be meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 9:30a.m. Please join us as we prepare for our UWF Sunday, November 13th, 2022.

The next Deborah Circle meeting will be November 9 at 6:30 pm

WINTER OUTERWEAR COLLECTION FOR CURTIS STRANGE

We have several opportunities to help the children at the school our community partner.

We will be collecting snowpants, mittens and hats for the students. These can be gently used with no wear or holes in them. We will be collecting them now through December but will be brought to the school as they come in. With this recent cold snap, the hats and mittens are already needed for the children.

They are also in need of underwear for both boys and girls for sizes 4-10 and clothes 4-10 also they have been having children with accidents/spills etc. and need to change their clothes at school. We will be having an **UNDIE SUNDAY** on Nov. 20 to collect these items. Please only new underwear.

We will also be looking for some volunteers for mentoring students. The commitment for this would be 1 hr a week usually during their lunch hour, during the school year. Please let Kathy Mulroy know if you are interested in volunteering at 262-942-1744.

 Looking Ahead:

Christmas Concert

Dec. 10 at
6:30 pm



Knitting and Crochet group will meet

Thursday Nov. 3 at 6:30 pm
Thursday Nov. 10 at 10:00 am

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Welcome All
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The People of the
United Methodist Church
NOVEMBER 2022**

Sunday Worship: 9:00
Livestream 9:00 also available anytime
Hospitality: 8:00-10:30
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