

October 2023

GoodNews

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TRUNK OR TREAT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28th

12:00 noon— 2:00 pm

Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday Oct 28 from 12-2 Please join us with your cars in the parking lot at least 15-20 minutes early as the parking lot will be closed for the safety of the children. If you can not join us that day to pass out treats to the youth, think about donating bags of candy for others to pass out. Everyone is encouraged to decorate your cars and come in costumes, please nothing too scary for the little ones. Be as elaborate as you want or as plain as you want.

All are encouraged to help with this outreach to our community.



GRACE NOTE

The Many Hats We Each Wear

Living life these days discovers many identities or “hats” we need to pull out of our selves to encounter or respond to the external workings of community. Be it a tutor to your children, a shuttle driver to your children, a singer for church, a fundraiser for church or school or social club, a listener/counselor to your friends or family members, a mother or father, a daughter or son, a spouse, a caregiver, a teacher, a student, a worker bee, a knitter/crocheter, a speaker, a leader. I could go on and on and all these “hats” are all in each of us! We are made of many identities. Another way of saying it is we wear many hats! Sometimes we like them, sometimes we need them.

Many times, we enjoy the task or event. Many times, we need to do the needful even when it’s not our cup of tea. This is how it is to be part of a community. That community I raise to you is us—Wesley, the church/the faith community we work with to live out our relationship with God and our faith.

That’s what October 8th is about—finding the many hats we wear in order for heaven to happen on earth through the ministries and mission of Wesley.

That’s what my change in focus is about these coming months. I’m still serving you as your pastor, but also need to step into the role of music director for the Christmas Concert we will have on Saturday, December 16, at 6:30 PM. I am a professional musician, but that is not why I am here. I am appointed to you to practice word, order, and sacrament.

But! Wesley has had a Christmas Concert that has been one of the ministries of this church and a gift to the community. When the music director resigned and our finances changed, we could not afford to employ another one. That’s where I come in to fill that gap. Being a music director is a full time job for me. With the help of Tom Shaughnessy, a choir was recruited. I have to spend hours to find music suitable for the choir and orchestra. I have to contact musicians to play and have them recruit their students for community hours. I had to find a pianist to accompany. I have to learn the music and practice as well. I have to design a program, both literature and printed bulletin. In other words, there are a whole lot of details that need to be ironed out to give our best to God and community.

That’s where members of this church are stepping into the role of preacher as I focus my energy on the music that is now expected of Wesley.

Wesley needs each one of us to wear hats we like and need to wear, in order for us to make a positive impact on the world. That’s Christ’s commission to us as his disciples—witnessing God’s love for the transformation for the good of the world. What hats will you wear?

Pastor Grace



Alicia Holliday
Lana Frank-Krause
Virginia Rodgers
Ellen Shuemate

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.



Arnold Parise delivered 59 pounds of your donated food to the Shalom Center Food Pantry for September. Let's do more for October



World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another.

On World Communion Sunday - United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday. The United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are in a time of transition. Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to extend healing and hope which will guide us to becoming a new creation in Christ.



Mini-Photo Shoots

By



Esther Roberts and Wesley UMC are offering Saturday mini-photo shoots in Washington Park. The first two Saturdays in October will be set aside for the families of Wesley to take pictures for our new church directory. The third Saturday will be open to all for the opportunity to get the perfect Christmas card or family portrait that you will be proud to display!

When: The First Three Saturdays of October (7th, 14th, and 21st)

Rain Date will be October 28th

Where: Washington Park (near the velodrome)

1901 Washington Road

Kenosha, WI 53140

What: Mini-Photo shoots by Esther Roberts! For \$75, Esther will spend about 15 minutes to obtain a wonderful photo of your family to include in our church directory. You will receive a thumb drive with your photos so that you can share or print as you like! Pets and stuffed friends welcome!

Why: Wesley has not updated our church directory since 2017. The proceeds from the photo shoots will pay for Esther to develop the church directory with our contact information. The Saturday open to the community will be used as a fundraiser for Wesley!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cyndi Wolf at 785.764.1474 or she-wolf_811@yahoo.com. Wesley will be collecting the money for Esther. You may pay Cyndi directly or drop your money off in the office with a note that it is for the mini-photo shoots. Thank you!

COMMITTEE FAIR

Is there a committee at Wesley for you? What is the responsibility of each committee? What talents do you have that would enhance a committee? What are you passionate about? Well, come to the committee fair following service on Sunday October 8th. Each committee chair will share information about what their committee is responsible for. You can learn information, sign up, or inquire for additional details/information. Not interested in a committee.....well, then come for the free breakfast! . We hope to see you there!

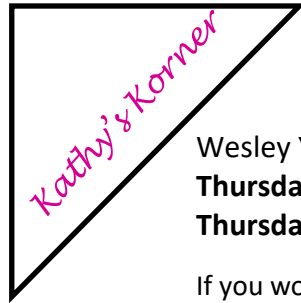


Modern Apothecary will be here at our Committee Fair to hold a Flu Shot Clinic. They will administer flu shots and if they are available—the latest Covid vaccination.

Please refer to the bulletin insert or the email to sign up for your yearly flu shot and potentially the latest Covid vaccine. There is a QR code to use or go to :

<https://tinyURL.com/WesleyFluClinic>

The government is again offering free test kits for covid. Go to :
<https://www.covid.gov/tests>



WESLEY YARNERS

Wesley Yarners will meet
Thursday Oct. 5 at 10:30 am and
Thursday Oct. 12 at 10:30 am



If you would like to join us or learn how to crochet or knit and cannot make it to one of these dates, please let Kathy Mulroy know, and we could possibly add another date and time to the schedule.

Last month we learned about the health benefits of knitting. This month I will give you 7 health benefits of crochet, so being part of the Wesley Yarners has definite health benefits so please think about joining us.

1. *Crocheting helps with insomnia:* By focusing on something that's easy, repetitive, and soothing, like crochet projects, you can calm down your mind and body enough to let you fall asleep. So the next time you're tossing and turning in the middle of the night, don't get frustrated, just pick up a work in progress!
2. *Crocheting reduces stress and anxiety:* When you're feeling stressed or anxious in your daily life, take some time for yourself, pick up some yarn and your hook (or your needles), and spend some time being creative. By crocheting and allowing yourself to be creative, you're taking your mind off of whatever's been nagging you. By focusing on the repetitive motions of individual stitches and counting rows, your mind is able to be more relaxed and free from anxious ideas and thoughts.
3. *Crocheting helps ease or relieve depression:* When we do something we like, our brains release dopamine, a chemical that affects our emotions and functions like a natural anti-depressant. Scientists now believe that crafts, such as crocheting, can help stimulate that dopamine release to allow us to feel happier and better about ourselves.
4. *Crocheting reduces the risk of Alzheimer's by 30-50%:* By engaging in cognitive exercises and stimulating your mind, you can slow down or even prevent memory loss. Whether you plan on challenging your memory by learning a new stitch or technique or simply by reading and working up a pattern, by getting a little crafty, you'll be helping preserve your memories.
5. *Crocheting builds your self-esteem:* We all want to feel productive and useful, and by working up a project to give as a gift or sell at a craft fair, we can do just that. Though we don't craft just for the compliments, a little bit of external validation by someone buying your finished item or your gift recipient wearing that crochet hat you made all winter long can truly give us the self-esteem boosts we need.

6. *Crochet acts like group therapy:* For those who seek therapy benefits in group settings, crocheting can be supremely beneficial. By placing the focus off of the patient and only the crochet project itself, it provides all of the previously mentioned health benefits of crocheting plus a sense of community and togetherness. By working in a craft, those in a group can immediately have some way of relating to the other group members, and it may help function as an ice breaker for more serious conversations. Even if you aren't actively seeking therapy, you can benefit from the sense of community that crocheting can bring.

7. *Crocheting puts you in control:* Whether you feel helpless as a caregiver watching someone struggle or you're the one struggling with your own illness or problems, crocheting is a way to put the control back into your own hands – literally. By choosing to craft, you are in full control of everything, from the type of project you'll be making, the color and type of yarn and even the type of crochet hooks to work with, and that makes a difference in feeling like you have a say again.

So please join us for your health both knitting and Crochet will benefit you and benefit our community.



Winter outer wear for Curtis Strange will start to be collected from November 5- December 10. We ask for new or gently use snowpants, coats, hats, mittens, scarves, and boots, for the youth at Curtis Strange. KUSD policy states that no child can play in the snow unless they have snowpants and boots on. By collecting these items, they are either provided to a student who cannot afford them or sometimes lend the gear to children to play in the snow during recess if they forgot them at home. Please help a child enjoy our Wisconsin winter weather.

CURTIS STRANGE NEWS

Saturday Academy will not be held this October, Curtis Strange staff will not be ready to lead their portion of it. Please continue to make plans as we will need it for the March Saturday Academy. It takes approximately 500-700 bags to make 1 mat for the homeless. We have an average of 20 youth joining us every year, last year we had 60 children, however there will be a cap to the number of children as 60 was a lot for the teachers and us to help and make the learning experience more intimate and for us (the teachers and Wesleyans) to get to know the students better. Please look for ways to help the families of Curtis Strange in the next few months.

KAIROS MINISTRIES

Kairos Outside Weekend #7 will be Friday, November, 17, through Sunday, November 19, 2023, at Spencer Lake Christian Center in Waupaca, WI. This is a special weekend for women who are impacted by having a loved one who is incarcerated. It is a free weekend for these women as a form of Agape (God's Love delivered by God's people). Agape is a tangible example of our Lord's love as we have been commanded to "Love One Another".

There are various ways that you can provide agape for these special ladies:

1. Providing a room for our guests to sleep in. The cost of a room for each guest is \$125.00 per person. We do not ask our guests to pay for the weekend. It is a gift to them.
2. Purchasing a meal. Each meal costs \$10.00 per person. We will be providing each guest with 6 meals throughout the weekend. A meal ticket is put at each guest's place at the table to show that her meal was provided as a gift.
3. Coloring a weekend logo. After coloring the logo, please sign it with your first name only and where you live. These logos will be put on the walls of the conference room where our guests will be learning about our best friend, Jesus, and the unconditional love that He has for each one of us.
4. Personal Agape from the Christian community. These items are placed on the beds of our guests to demonstrate how much God cares for our guests. These are simple gifts that provide a profound message of God's love.
5. Prayer Chain. Using strips of colored construction paper we will build a prayer chain just like the simple paper chains that children make for Christmas trees. We ask that you write a blessing on a strip of paper, sign your first name, and where you live so that when the prayer chain is brought into the conference room, our guests will know that there are people who do not know them that are praying for them throughout the weekend. We hope to have a prayer chain long enough to wrap around the conference room.
6. Financial support. If you would like to go above and beyond, we are asking for financial support to not only underwrite the cost of the Kairos Outside Weekend, but also to provide you with the opportunity to respond to Christ's call to all Christians.
7. Attend the "Walking in Love" Service on Saturday, October 18th.

Please check out the Kairos Prison Ministry International display table in the church's narthex. The room slips, meal tickets, weekend logos, and prayer chain strips will be on the table. If you would like to provide personal agape, we are asking for 30 items, one for each guest (we are praying to have 30 guests for this weekend). The cost of these items is to be kept minimal (ie: 30 bookmarks, 30 handmade items, 30 fidgets, etc). These items should be identical.

If you have any questions, please contact me
at maryborckardt@gmail.com, or at (214) 714-6028.

Blessings to each and every one of you!

Mary Borckardt, Chair of the Nurture Committee

Agape Chair for Kairos Outside Weekend #7 - Kairos Outside of Eastern Wisconsin

*Changing Hearts
Transforming Lives
Impacting the World*

The Nurture Committee will be meeting directly after the 9 am service on
Sunday, November 12, 2023.

SHALOM FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION



Arnold Parise has brought 59 lbs. of donations to the Food Pantry. We continue to collect nonperishable items for the pantry. And we will continue until there is no more need. 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!

Melodies of Compassion

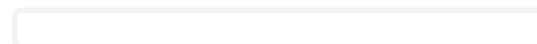
The 4th quarter Melodies of Compassion is Kairos Ministries, our own Mary Borckardt is involved with this great organization. **Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. (Kairos)** is a Christian faith based ministry which addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth, and their families. By sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, Kairos hopes to change hearts, transform lives and impact the world. Kairos sprang from the Cursillo movement and is supported by volunteers from the 4th Day movements such as Cursillo, National Episcopal Cursillo, Presbyterian Cursillo, Lutheran Via de Cristo, The Upper Room's Walk To Emmaus, and independently ecumenical Tres Dias as well as volunteers from independent and non-denominational churches. As a ministry, Kairos embraces a diverse group of volunteers working together to fulfill Christ's call to action in Matthew 25:36.

Kairos **Vision** is a community spiritually freed from the effects of imprisonment reaching all impacted by incarceration, through the love, hope, and faith found in Jesus Christ.

The **Mission** of Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

Kairos of Wisconsin will be holding an outside weekend on Friday November 17-Sunday November 19 2023 at Spencer Lake Christian Center in Waupaca, WI. This is a special weekend for women who are impacted by having a loved one who is incarcerated. It is a free weekend for these women as a form of Agape (God's love delivered by God's people) Agape is a tangible example of our Lord's love as we have been commanded to "Love one another".

Please check out the Kairos Prison Ministry International display table in the church's narthex. There is information on the table to help with this Weekend in November. For our 4th quarter melodies any loose change in the collection plate goes to help Kairos and their mission to spread God's love to others. If you would like to give more than loose change, you may use an offering envelope and write melodies on it and the monies will go toward Kairos. Let's try and help sponsor a weekend and show that God's love is for everyone

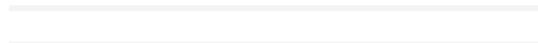


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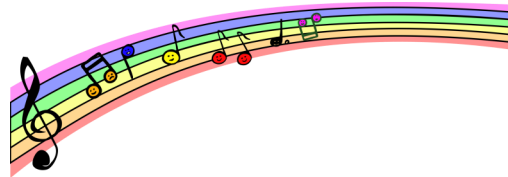
**Kairos Prison Ministry
International**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Cookie Walk We will be having a Our Cookie Walk this year. —watch for details on that.

Feed My Starving Children: We are planning on a trip to Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville, IL on November 11. If we have enough volunteers, we plan on getting a bus and having a pizza party afterwards back at Wesley. We are looking into the 4:30-6:15 pm time slot. Please invite your friends and family to join us. All are welcome and there is a job for all ages from 5 and up. There are even sit-down jobs for those who can't stand for long periods of time. Please let Michelle Christensen know as soon as possible so we can reserve a spot for you. Let's have a grand Wesley Showing.



Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert will be December 16.

We invite all to sing or play together to make a beautiful sound. Please let the office know if you would like to participate. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings at 6:30. We will prepare a number of anthems in addition to singing carols. Student musicians are encouraged to join in. Please let us know which instrument you play and your grade level.

There are many things upcoming that Spirit Alive! Is inviting all of Wesley to participate in. As we coordinate our calendars more and more events will be presented for everyone to join.

Keep watching for ways you can partake of.

The Faithful Pig Keeper

Stewardship at Wesley

A Spirituality of Fundraising--Love

When we give ourselves to planting and nurturing love here on earth, our efforts will reach out beyond our own chronological existence. Indeed, if we raise funds for the creation of a community of love, we are helping build the reign of God.

I invite you to join me in reimagining fundraising by announcing to the universe that our deepest desire is to be people who love deeply and who see fundraising as a way of living out that purpose and mission.

Jesus calls us to love—the gritty, unsentimental kind that he lived and taught. This kind of love fulfills our deep human need to bring hope, justice, wholeness, and healing into the world.

Let us create a community of love as Jesus has called us to do.

-A Spirituality of Fundraising



Financial Facts: July 2023

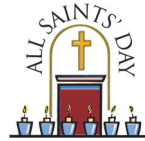
Monetary Gifts and Other Income---\$11,740.91

Expenses---\$11,087.33

Net Funds---\$653.58



On October 11th @ 6:00 will have an SPRC meeting



MEMORIAL SUNDAY

October 29, 2023

Remembering our loved ones who have passed away this past year. Please notify the office and send a picture as well as date of birth and death so we can memorialize them with a candle lighting.

Send jpeg picture and information to jmowry@kenoshawesley.org

Those who have had loved ones pass in previous years will then have the opportunity to come forward and mention them by name and light a candle also.



Please sign up on the calendar on the fridge if you would like to bring the snack.

Counters

- 1 Lana Frank-Krause & Jean Thompson
- 8 Jen Rose & Tom Shaughnessy
- 15 Arnold Parise & Patti Sloca
- 22 Kris Trumbo & Bob Dorsey
- 29 Lana Frank-Krause & Jean Thompson

Happy Birthday!



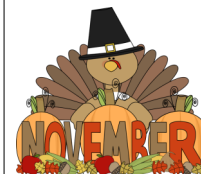
- 8 Kinsley Christensen-Bara
- 15 Chris Ivy
- 22 Jean Thompson
- 26 Sandy Petersen
- 29 Marge Pias



Happy 47th Anniversary on the 9h to
Bob & Sandy Petersen!!

and

Happy 26th Anniversary on the 18h to
Gale & Jean Thompson!!



- 8 Abigail Ricchio
- 11 Dina Daniel
- 14 Terry Miller
- 16 Brianna Sloca
- 22 Stella Guadalupe



United
Women in
Faith

**The Elizabeth Circle of UWF Meeting will be Tuesday,
October 3rd, at 9:30a.m**

Everyone is invited.

Deborah Circle will be meeting on Wed, Oct 18th at 6:30 pm.



Wesley Day at the Soup Kitchen

Wesley Day at the Soup Kitchen is on
Saturday, October 7.

The sign-up sheet is on the Outreach bulletin board. Or you can contact Andrew Hansen at 262.705.5775 to let him know you will be there, or if you have any questions.

Wesley United Methodist Church
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Kenosha, WI 53144



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Welcome All
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The People of the
United Methodist
Church*
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COME WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday Worship: 9:00
Livestream 9:00 also available anytime
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