

August 2021

GoodNews

Love God · Welcome All · Serve Everyone

CELEBRATION COOK-OUT

AUGUST 15, 2021

The Outreach Committee has declared Sunday, August 15th as a day of celebration and thanksgiving. Even though the pandemic is still raging in some areas, we want to bring neighbors and members together for a meal. We want to have a simple meal, but a generous one. We will grill hotdogs and hamburgers, the Hansen family will provide the burgers, with Wesley members supplying the rest of the meal. We will eat outside and have some activities for the kids. Let us know if you are able to attend and if you can volunteer either time on the 15th or if you can donate part of the meal.

Please feel free to invite members of the community as well as your family. We will be outside and maintain social distancing to remain as safe as we can.

Any questions please contact the office or Christie Hansen at 847-571-3731



A VIEW FROM THE PEW

God's Beauty and Grace is a Balm for our Souls

by Margie Kugler

“Be like a flower and turn your faces to the sun”. These words by Kahlil Gibran come to mind as I think of feeling God’s presence within me. As I feel the warmth of the sun’s rays, I liken it to God’s love and grace seeping into my pores. It’s an incredible feeling knowing God’s benevolent affections can be “soaked up” if you can open yourself up to receiving Him and enjoying His wondrous gifts to mankind.

This simple act can be so calming and peaceful, and yet, I think there are so many of us that don’t take the time to stop and take note of all the extraordinary beauty and joy that can be found all around, and above us, if we take a moment to see, really see, the beauty and feel His presence. In today’s world we need this just as a wilting plant needs water!

It’s too easy to focus on all the hate and violence that surrounds us each day. I am certainly guilty of allowing this to happen to me as well. It’s no wonder that people all over the world rely on anti-depressants and tranquilizers to calm and relax to carry on in this world. There are so many days that we are bombarded by these negative forces. If we allow these outside forces to press in on us, the world can be a gray and gloomy place.

Those of us who are believers of God, and allow His presence to come into our lives, can be calmed and fulfilled when we allow ourselves to receive His presence. It is as simple as “turning our faces to the sun”. As Christians, we must be aware of these outside forces, and it is a challenging act to practice love and social justice, while so much negativity is present each day. However, we can’t let the hate and violence consume us, especially when God’s love and beauty is all around us. We just need to take the time to really see it and feel it.

This month, God’s bounty is on full display. The trees are so green and lush as their branches reach high up to gorgeous blue skies. Lake Michigan shines with such splendid colors of aqua, teal, and deep blue. The sun sparkles off its waters and captivates our senses.

We can watch gardens grow from tiny seeds and enjoy midsummer’s bounty. The deep green plants producing tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and zucchini. There are flowering plants blooming around us with vibrant reds, yellows, oranges, and purple hues. God’s work on full display for us to enjoy. How lucky are we that our eyes can feast on the beauties? Early morning walks while dew still clings make everything more magical. Sunrises and sunsets offer colors of hope. All we have to do is open our doors and step outside to feel God’s love and grace embrace us. Don’t forget to take some deep cleansing breaths to bring in all of His goodness.



Prayer Requests

Bob Callan
Ruth Callan
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.

Melodies of Compassion (loose change offering) to Saturday Academy for Curtis Strange.

Because of your continued generosity, Wesley was able to write a check for \$382.84 for the Grace Sharing Center! I know they will be thrilled to receive it and have no problem finding great places to help those who need the help,.

Thanks again for showing what it means to be a good neighbor!

YOU'RE THE BEST, WESLEY!!



SCRIP ORDERS GO IN August 1

SCRIP orders are placed the 1st Sunday of each month. Fill out an order form and send it to the church office with your payment or give it to Beth Brooks on Sunday.

If you need help or have questions contact Beth Brooks 847-344-1312



SHALOM FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Gale and Jean Thompson dropped off **123 pounds of food** this month to the food pantry. **Thank you for your donations!** 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 .

Items needed at this time:

Jelly, individually wrapped cookies or chips, snack, fruit cups, meat & cheese sticks, juice boxes, sandwich Ziploc bags, brown lunch bags.

As always, thank you for your generosity!

Phil Atkinson Memorial Service

Phil's Memorial Service will be Friday, August 27th at noon at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove. A celebration meal will be served at the Atkinson home immediately after returning from the cemetery. Weather permitting, we will be eating outside. Those who have already signed up to be there will get an email with further details.

A BIG

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO

Dodie Smith who's birthday was July 31!!

Her name was inadvertently cut off from last months birthday list for July!

We'd never forget you Dodie!



Happy Birthday!



- 2 Colton White
- 3 Elijah Fegley
- 5 Estellia Barrientos
- 6 Mike Cannon
- 7 Evette Wint
- 12 Jenna Cannon
- 16 Eli Krystowiak
- 19 Cecil Barrett
- 20 Gorman Dugan
- 20 Elaine Rust
- 21 Donna Jones
- 22 Bob Dorsey
- 28 Sue Cooper
- 31 Russ Maxwell



- S 2 Lana Frank-Krause
- E 3 Heather Briscoe
- P 3 Tom Shaughnessy
- T 5 Leila Valentine
- T 7 Ashley Daniel
- E 12 Sandy Clausen
- E 12 Crystal Tuchalski
- M 14 Jody Sekas
- M 17 Gail Voigt
- B 19 Luanne Lindow
- E 24 Julie Brouton
- E 27 Janice Mowry
- R 29 Cyndi Wolf



United
Methodist
Women

United Methodist Women

The Vision of United Methodist Women

Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

Living the Vision

We provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.

We are organized for growth, with flexible structures leading to effective witness and action.

We equip women and girls around the world to be leaders in communities, agencies, workplaces, governments and churches.

We work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems.

We provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.

Requirements for joining the UMW

1. Be a woman
2. Have a desire to join

It's that easy, and that important. Notice there is no age restriction.

Please join us Tuesday August 3 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall in church.

If you still aren't sure you want to be part of this awesome group of women, here is a website you can go to:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-do>

Just type it into your browser and find out all the incredible things that happen because a group of women got together to make a difference.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

Disciple Bible Study is a program of intensive, disciplined Bible study. Each study group is made up of 12-14 participants led by one or two facilitators. Groups meet weekly for 1.5 – 2 hours for 34 weeks. Disciple I, the prerequisite for all other Disciple Bible Studies, covers the entire Biblical story, from Genesis to Revelation.

Books are required for the participants, and will cost \$16, but if money is any sort of obstacle, please let me know- I'm not going to let cost be a barrier to anyone.

We are checking to see if there is interest in *starting this session in September* on Sunday evenings at the church. Sessions will run 90 minutes to two hours, and we would meet weekly. This is a very in-depth and intense course and will require a good deal of reading between classes.

If you are interested, please let us know. If you have any questions, please ask Alan Mulroy

DATES IN AUGUST



Sunday 8/1	SCRIP Orders taken
Monday 8/3	UMW 9:30 am
Thurs 8/5	Knitting/Crocheting 6:30 pm
Sunday 8/8	Church Council Mtg 10:15
Thurs 8/12	Knitting/Crocheting 10:00 am
Sunday 8/15	Celebration Cook-Out
Fri 8/27	Phil Atkinson Memorial Noon



OUTREACH

Reaching out

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are collecting school supplies for Curtis Strange Elementary school through the month of August. Curtis Strange is always in need of school supplies. You may go to the KUSD website if you want detailed lists, but general supplies are always good.

You may drop off your items on Sunday morning or Monday-Friday 8:00-noon during office hours.

Wesley Knitting Group

All levels of experience are welcome!

I am willing to teach anyone who wants to learn. If you are interested, or if you have questions, please contact me, Kathy Mulroy (amulroy@wi.rr.com).



First Thursday session will be in the evening, starting at 6:30 pm.

Second Thursday will be in the morning, starting at 10:00 am.

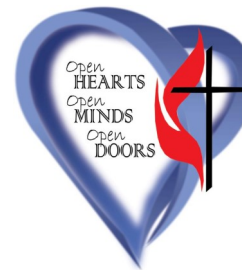
Put it on your calendar now:

Thursday, August 5 6:30 pm

Thursday, August 12 10:00 am

Wesley United Methodist Church
4600-60th Street
Kenosha, WI 53144

Ministers: All members and friends
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Grace Cajiuat
gcajiuat@kenoshawesley.org
Lay Leader: Alan Mulroy
amulroy@wi.rr.com
Administrative Assistant: Janice Mowry
jmowry@kenoshawesley.org
Custodian: Jean Thompson
gnjthom@wi.rr.com
Treasurer: Nancy Mix
nancymix@gmail.com
Visitation Ministers:
Sylvia Bahling slbahling@milwpc.com
Bob Dorsey wildor7@aol.com
Alyceann Stevenson
stevensonalyceann@gmail.com
Margie Kugler margie.kugler@yahoo.com



**Love God
Welcome All
Serve Everyone**

**The People of the
United Methodist
Church
AUGUST 2021**

Sunday Worship: 9:00
Sunday Adult Studies: 8:00 Hospitality: 8:00-10:30

Phone: (262)-654-8122
Email: wesleyumc@kenoshawesley.org
Web Site: www.kenoshawesley.org
www.facebook.com/kenoshawesley