

January 2021

GoodNews

Love God · Welcome All · Serve Everyone

Cookie Drive~Thru

Was a HUGE Success!!!!

Thank you to everyone who took part. Whether you baked, packaged, helped sell, or bought—we couldn't have done it without you!

We turned what could have been just another disappointing event cancellation into a great, memorable fund raiser. It just shows the power of what a group of people with determination can do!

We brought in \$1675!!

GREAT JOB WESLEY!!!!

But, next year, hopefully we'll be back to normal.

Mary Brehm - Cookie Walk Chair

GRACE NOTE

With Gratitude

Thank you so much for your cards and your gifts to me and Chris. I feel loved. John and Janie Khoury gifted me with a paperweight with Mother Teresa's words, "You are greater than you know." Thank you, John and Janie, for the gift, but also for capturing what Wesley has been doing and continues to be and do in these unprecedented times.

Thank you for continuing to be relevant to the community. Even without our regular way of gathering on Sundays to worship and celebrate God, you continue to worship God with each other through the livestreaming.

Thank you for your continued commitment to give your gifts and pledges to sustain our presence and ministries. Your commitment impacts our communal life greater than you know.

Thank you for your continued engagement in the different ministry teams and committees. Your leadership has kept the everyday running of the church smoothly. I especially want to thank Elaine Rust for being at the forefront of keeping Wesley safe and relevant.

Thank you for gifting Wesley with your gifts to the families of Curtis Strange Elementary School. I can't tell you how much that makes a difference to these families. Guidance counselor Diana Trammell relayed how one mother sobbed when she found out someone was taking care of the whole family! "You are greater than you know."

Thank you for donating candies for the Trunk or Treat and cookies for the Cookie Walk. Not only did we bring sugar overdose, but more importantly, we brought a little "normalcy" to our community life in Kenosha.

Thank you for reaching out to each other to stay connected with phone calls, cards, emails, letters, prayers. Your thoughtfulness and outreach affect people more than you'll ever know.

Your presence, your discipleship, your faithfulness are greater than you'll ever know. Because of you, Wesley remains relevant to the lives of all who God placed in our care.

I look forward with hope on what is to come in the new year. I am confident that Wesley is up to the task of being God's hands and feet, because we are greater than we know!

Happy New Year!

Pastor Grace

PRAYER *Requests*

Roger Smith
Bob Callan
Bob Steele
Karen Steege

Melodies of Compassion in January
will be given to

Grace Welcome Center

*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.*

WARMEST THANKS

We thank Andrew Hansen and his father
for installing blinds in the library. As
warm and lovely as the sun is, it is so
much nicer to have the ability to 'turn it
down'. They look great and add a
touch of class to our library.



Dear Wesley,

Thank you to everyone who planned and
participated in my Retirement Recognition
Sunday. I can't even begin to tell you how
overwhelmed I was with all your good
wishes, cards, and gifts. Thank you to all
who "drove by" to say good bye on a very
cold day. Thank you to Margie and Michelle
for their very touching words and to Pastor
Grace for the beautiful blessing.

I have been blessed and honored to serve
as your secretary for these past 22 years.

My dear people of Wesley will always
remain close to my heart and I will
continue to cherish the friendships I have
made.

Sincerely,

Renee Brown





SHALOM FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Thank you for your donations!
Wesley has a basket in the coat room for any donations you would like to bring. Winter can be a very challenging time for those in need. Let's try to be as generous as we can.



SCRIP ORDERS January 5

SCRIP Cards can be ordered on Sunday, January 5th. The opportunities to use SCRIP are endless and very convenient and you help Wesley financially at the same time.

Questions?

Talk to Beth Brooks. She would be happy to help you.



Thank You Wesley!!!

Thanks to your generosity, 6 Curtis Strange families were gifted with presents for over 30 children!!! The school and parents are so very appreciative of your support. I heard of a mom who was so happy she burst into tears when she found out she could choose gifts for all her kids. That is what this collaboration is all about. Warming the hearts of our friends and neighbors. Well done.

WINTER COLLECTION

FOR

Grace Welcome Center

We will be collecting long Underwear (sizes L, XL and XXL) and sleeping bags. The sleeping bags should be good for weather to zero degrees. We would like to distribute them by mid-January. As with all donations, you can bring them to the church office Monday through Friday 8—noon.



AMAZON SMILE

Bill Peche has reminded all of us that donating to your favorite cause (Wesley) is absolutely painless. With a program called "Amazon Smile", you are encouraged to add Wesley United Methodist Church when you buy anything through Amazon. Last quarter, Wesley received \$39.09 by doing nothing except choosing Wesley as your charity of choice.

On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization (Wesley) to start making donations from your eligible purchases before you begin shopping.

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization (Wesley) every time you shop, at no cost to you. Click on smile.amazon.com on your web browser and that's all it takes. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice (Wesley).

Wesley's Amazon Smile link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1383982>



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- 3 Joan Hall
- 5 Kim O'Brien
- 9 RJ Barrientos
- 10 James O'Brien
- 12 Bill Ricchio
- 14 Deon Frieri
- 14 Marion Jester
- 14 Kathy Mulroy
- 15 Sid Brooks
- 18 Mary Brehm
- 18 Bill Peche
- 23 Christie Hansen
- 25 Lauren Kugler
- 25 Leigh Kugler
- 30 Carol Wilkins

MELODIES OF COMPASSION

GRACE WELCOME CENTER

Mission

Grace Welcome Center strengthens families by supporting children and adults through offering hope, shelter, food, companionship, and resources.

History

In March of 2017 the idea of a **Welcome Center** was born. Pastor Jonathan Barker invited the community to join him for a nice hot breakfast at Grace Lutheran Church located in Kenosha's Uptown area at 2006 – 60th Street. He remembers bringing one dozen eggs. From that humble start with the assistance of members and many community groups the **Welcome Center** has experienced amazing growth. It started with six employees and four volunteers. There was \$50 in its account. Members raised over \$3,000 by holding a huge bake sale. Harborside Academy's staff and students raised \$2,000 by putting on a benefit concert. These students also painted colorful artwork to brighten the cafeteria that has dark wood paneling. Pastor Barker says that *this low barrier program offers a peaceful, non-judgmental environment; and a place for people to flourish.*

Volunteers have come from Lutheran churches such as St. John's, Holy Nativity, and St. Mary's, Catholic churches including St. Anne's and St. Anthony's, as well as St. Matthews Episcopal Church. Schools such as Bradford High School and UW-Parkside University also volunteer.

Current Needs

Since the Welcome Center serves many of the homeless in Kenosha they need to provide essential supplies for folks who live outside on the streets. Pastor Barker stated that currently two things are needed desperately since winter weather has arrived. Wesley will be collecting these new items to donate:

Men's long underwear in sizes **L – XL – 2XL**;

Sleeping bags that are rated for **0 degree** weather.

Pastor Barker reminds us that *"It's been amazing to see all of the different groups come together. In Kenosha we all come from different backgrounds, live in different neighborhoods, have different races, religions, and genders but we're all totally dependent on each other*

WINTER WORD SEARCH



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WORDS TO FIND:

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COLD
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SNOW
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BOOTS
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PINETREE
SNOWBALL
SNOWSUIT

CHILLY
FROSTY
GLOVES
HOTCHOCOLATE
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**The People of the
United Methodist
Church**

JANUARY 2021

Sunday Worship: 9:00
Sunday School: 10:15-11:00
Sunday Adult Studies: 8:00 & 10:15
Hospitality: 8:00-10:30
Wednesday Evening Prayer 6:30 pm

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