



September 2017

# News Of Wesley



## Hurricane Harvey Assistance

It is a disaster - a disaster like no other - and we feel helpless. How can we go on with our routine lives while there are so many who have lost everything and are stranded in record-setting flood waters? By reaching out. UMCOR is here to help. UMCOR, the United Methodist



Committee on Relief, is in high gear getting much needed supplies and aid to Texas and surrounding states. We can help immediately by donating directly to them:

- put checks in our offering plate made payable to Wesley UMC, with a note in the memo section for "Hurricane Harvey"
- give through our Wesley website - [www.wesley-umc.com/give](http://www.wesley-umc.com/give)
- text a donation to UMCOR at 309-822-4442

These funds will be sent to the conference office for UMCOR with the appropriate designation. [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org)

*Hand in Hand Delivering God's Grace*



**Midwest Mission**  
N E C H O D I A H U P I A N P E N T E R

Wesley and UMCOR also provide the ability to contribute to disaster "Cleaning Buckets" that consist of practical, sturdy buckets full of much needed cleaning supplies to help at disaster sites. Buckets are assembled in Chatham, IL. Collection of buckets and contents will be in the **Wesley hallway box outside the Garden Room**. To learn more and donate this way, please go online at [www.midwestmissiondc.org](http://www.midwestmissiondc.org) and click on "Cleaning Bucket Kit" to find the list of accepted items.

## The Wilds of Wisconsin A Mission Like No Other

August 6th - August 11th - the Christian Discipleship Farm in Sullivan, Wisconsin. Learn more inside!



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Sunday Services - 9:00 & 11:15 AM • Christian Education - 10:15 AM  
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# Living Our Values

## Time to Be Bold - Love is Strength

Like many of you, the news from Charlottesville has been much in the forefront for me in recent days. By now, we all know the story. Neo-Nazis and Klansmen marched openly, and in the ensuing confrontation with those protesting their march, a woman was killed by one of the White Supremacists. As painful as those events were, they were made more painful for many, including me, by the President's attempt to parcel blame between the hate-groups and those confronting them, arguing that both sides were in some measure morally responsible for the violent consequences that ensued. "There were good people and there were violent people on both sides", he said.

I was unsettled by that to say the least, and as the day went on, I found myself thinking of the one person in my family tree who had possessed the courage to directly confront Nazi hatred in a first-hand way. That person was my great uncle James Cole, who as an infantryman in World War II was among the many waves of US Marines to land on the beaches of Anzio in 1944.

He was shot in the battle, but survived, and eventually came home to live a quiet and reclusive life as a filling station attendant in central Indiana. In our family, it was quietly known that James' reclusiveness was in large part due to "Shell Shock" from his wartime experience. PTSD was something no one knew about in those days.

I couldn't stop thinking about my Uncle James, his lonely life, and the fact that he had paid a heavy price to confront what he recognized as a hate-filled world view that could not go unchallenged.

Bishop Ough, Chairperson of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, in a letter sent out to the general church earlier this week said some things that have helped me think more deeply about all this. It read in part:

"...Let there be no excuses or political justification for the evil that was on full display in Charlottesville last Saturday. Nor, let us forget that many such displays of white supremacy, racism and hatred go un-reported or under-reported in many places. White supremacist and neo-Nazi ideologies are abhorrent and entirely inconsistent with the Christian faith.

Jesus called his followers to "love your neighbor." It is clear this key spiritual imperative means all neighbors without regard to race, color, religion or national origin. And, Paul taught that "enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions and factions" are among many works of the flesh that are antithetical to the kingdom of God. "By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5: 19-23) These works of the Spirit lead to peace-making and the kingdom of God....

We share collective responsibility, as followers of the Prince of Peace, to create non-violent communities where people with different political and religious views respect each other. We share responsibility to articulate the vision of the Beloved Community where no person feels endangered on account of their social, racial or cultural identity.

This collective responsibility begins by each of us examining our own hearts for the prejudice that contributes to attitudes of supremacy or hatred, or to violence, or silence or fear. Peacemaking and reconciliation always begins within.

This is the moment for The United Methodist Church and all peoples of faith to be bold in our witness against racism and white supremacy. The vision of the Beloved Community lies not behind us, but before us. I urge us to pray for the Holy Spirit to break through and work through The United Methodist Church to heal our broken world and make tangible, visible the kingdom on earth as it is in heaven."

**Now is a good time to hold our church, communities, and great nation in prayer, that we might truly live up to values we can be proud of.**

Peace, Vaughn



## Wesley Financial Update

General fund receipts as of 7/31/17	\$ 779,582
General fund expenses as of 7/31/17	743,024
Surplus	\$ 36,558

As you can tell from the articles in this month's newsletter, this fall is promising to be a busy time around Wesley! Beginning with the kick-off event in the Wesley West parking area, we move right into fall classes, a return of Wesley's Bright Beginnings preschool children, Wednesday night meals, choir practices and activities, and thoughts of new ministry opportunities. Even with this busy schedule, it is also the time when staff begins budgeting for 2018. In order to have a budget in place by year-end, we set goals in the early fall, then ask you, the congregation, to make a financial faith commitment so we can measure how closely those goals can be met. Watch for more information about Commitment Sunday on October 22 in the next couple issues of the newsletter.

- Myrna Simpson

## Wesley's New Organist Welcome Andrew Johnson

After an extensive search and interview process, Wesley has a new organist, Andrew Johnson. Andrew is currently a music major at Illinois Wesleyan University studying voice and organ. He is also a student piano accompanist at IWU and music director for the Sigma chapter of Delta Omicron. He is a member of the IWU Collegiate Choir, an ensemble that tours nationally each year. Andrew has taught private piano lessons since 2014. As a church musician, he has served as organist and pianist for several area churches. In addition to performing, he also enjoys arranging and composing his own original works. His parents, two sisters, and brother all live in Bloomington with their dogs, Chili and Baxter. Andrew is eager to share his music at Wesley United Methodist Church and looks forward to working with the staff and getting to know the congregation.

Answers to some questions I asked -

### Major at IWU?

- Vocal Performance major, organ minor at IWU Class of 2020

### When did you start playing the organ?

- I started piano lessons when I was 15 and organ lessons when I was 16.

### What brought you to Wesley?

- I heard such wonderful things about the staff and congregation at Wesley. I was also aware of their strong music ministry and beautiful Austin organ.

### Do you go by Andrew? Andy? AJ?

- I go by Andrew. :)

### How would you like to grow at Wesley?

- As organist at Wesley, I would like to introduce a variety of organ repertoire to the congregation and lead and inspire strong congregation singing.

## Celebrate 90

Our mom, Mary Rosebraugh turns 90 on September 17th. She would so appreciate birthday cards from her church family you would like to reach out. Her address is:

Mary Rosebraugh  
430 East 19th St.  
Annex Room 226  
Gibson City, IL 60936

Many thanks,  
Marcia Haytaian

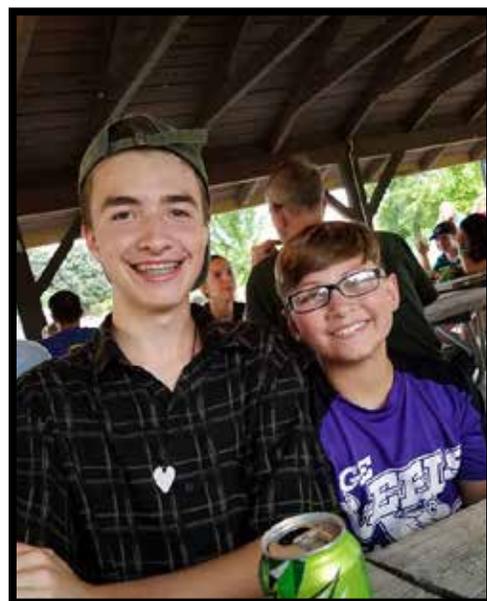
## Thank You Wesley

Dear Wesley Church,

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks for the many cards and kindnesses given in response to Lori's mother's passing. What a blessing it is to be part of such a loving church family.

With appreciation and love,

Lori and Vaughn Hoffman and family



# The Wilds of Wisconsin A Mission Like No Other

Wesley Junior Highers headed north to Wisconsin to work with children and teens with special needs at the Christian Discipleship Farm in Sullivan, Wisconsin August 6 to August 11. Our Junior Highers, the campers, and their families camped outdoors in a farm setting during this unique week long VBS. Daily worship, team devotional time, and debriefing sessions enriched and reenforced this special service experience. Here are some of their thoughts:

## Stacy Ash -

Every day we traveled from our campsite and tents to the Christian Disciple Farm. Some of our students worked preparing and serving meals every day to the campers and volunteers. Others worked setting up game stations and carnival activities for the campers, and helped lead the campers in those activities each day. A few of our students were "buddies" to special needs campers. They greeted them every morning and stayed with them throughout the day, going from one activity to another, helping them during lunch time and sharing a meal together. I was honored to be a group leader for the 14-16 year old campers with special needs. I had a crew of buddies, and a crew of campers, and together we spent time fishing, crafting, singing, playing games, and learning more about God. The mothers of the campers had their own special group where they spent time every day focusing on relaxation, God, and supporting each other. At the end of the week, each of our camper groups paraded in front of the families that joined us for the closing day and lunch. Each group presented a skit they had prepared. The parents of the campers had a chance to meet with buddies and group leaders. They told us thank you for loving their kids, thank you for spending time with them and sharing our hearts with them. **We were there to serve and to love. God grew our hearts immensely during this very special week.** Our students are excited to return again next year to serve at CDF. Learn more at [www.ChristianDiscipleFarm.com](http://www.ChristianDiscipleFarm.com).

## Courtney Clauss -

I met some amazing people back at the park site, and I will forever remember them. **These people gave me a sense of joy** that I hadn't felt in a long time. Not just the volunteers I had the privilege to camp out with, but the children I worked with, too. These kids could make me smile just by dancing to music or playing a game of tag.

## Elijah Smith -

I wanted to come on this trip because it sounded fun, I love Wisconsin, and I love helping people. The three things I mentioned are **just a fraction of what I got.** I got to see the country side of Wisconsin, and I had so much fun I can't describe it. Last, but not least, I helped and met so many amazing people.



# Christian Education Classes for All Ages all throughout the week

ADULTS - Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 AM

## **Stroll Through the Bible**

Richard Johnson, leader  
Conference Room  
Currently studying the Letters of Paul  
The Book of Daniel - Starting Sept 10th

## **Five Marks of a Methodist**

Reverend Justin Iverson, leader  
Lounge  
Starting September 10 - materials available now

## STUDIES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

### TUESDAY

#### **Women's Bible Study**

**2017 Disciplines and Other Topics**  
7:00 AM - Lounge

#### **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University**

9-week course starting September 5  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Garden Room

### WEDNESDAY

#### **Men's Bible Study**

**Moses** - Adam Hamilton  
12:00 PM - Garden Room

#### **The Salvation of Dr. Who**

Stephanie Hoy, leader  
6:15 PM - 7:15 PM - Lounge

#### **Disciple Fast Track Into the Word**

24-week course | two sessions  
August 30 - November 15  
January 10 - early April  
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM - Garden Room

#### **Growing Through Divorce**

Judy Bute, leader  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Conference Room

#### **On Our Way - Anchored**

Reverend Justin Iverson, Matt Sherrill, leaders  
7:00-8:30 PM - Wesley West

### Thursday

#### **Companions in Christ**

**Embracing the Journey**  
9:30 AM - Garden Room

## Sunday School

### KIDS

#### **2 YEAR-OLDS**

Room 117  
Elizabeth Tomera, leader

#### **3 YEAR-OLDS to PRE-K**

Room 207  
Bunny King, Tammy Alsene, Pamela  
Kersten, leaders

#### **K-1st GRADE**

Room 21  
Hoy's, Michelle Watson, Amber  
Cabrera, leaders

#### **2ND & 3RD GRADES**

Room 22  
Hemp Family, leaders

#### **4TH & 5TH GRADES**

Room 30  
Elizabeth Tomera, Kendra Bull, leaders

#### **6TH & 7TH GRADES**

Room 37  
Tori Dahmm, leaders

#### **8TH GRADE**

Junior High Youth Lounge  
Stacy Ash & Josh Houtzel, leaders

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

Senior High Youth Lounge  
Frank Newburn & Jake Rolfs, leaders

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## Children's Ministry -

### FRIENDSHIP

In September our elementary kids will learn about friendship with stories of friends in the New and Old Testaments.

### GOD IS ALWAYS WITH THEM

Preschool children will learn that God is always with them with great Old Testament stories of Rahab, Esther, Elijah and Joshua.

- for more info -  
[wesley-umc.com](http://wesley-umc.com)



## Surging Forward

Surge senior & junior high fellowship welcomed 80 youth and adults to our Family Night on August 23rd to kick off our 2017-2018 school year. Great way to launch!



Join us at Surge next Wednesday night during [Wednesdays@Wesley](mailto:Wednesdays@Wesley). Here's where you will find us:

6:15-7:00 PM - Wesley Hall - everyone

7:00-8:00 PM - move to small groups:

6/7 Grade Girls - Room 39

6/7 Grade Guys - Room 37

8th Grade - Jr. High Lounge  
(Rooms 12 & 13)

9/10 Grade Girls - Room 21

9/10 Grade Guys - Room 22

11/12 Grade Girls - Room 30

11/12 Grade Guys - Sr. High  
Lounge (Room 51)

Find us - Join us!

## Expanding West

Formerly the location of a Chase Bank site, Wesley West was built in 1967 and housed American State Bank. The architecture is from the historic Arthur Pillsbury school of design. The bank, drive-thru, garages, and all surrounding parking lots were purchased by Wesley to expand the church's footprint into the community and to grow opportunities for the Wesley congregation. Wesley wants to make a difference in our beautiful downtown neighborhood.

Wesley West is currently being remodeled to service a variety of future needs, which are still being fully determined. Some of the ways the building will possibly be used in the short-term:

- meeting space for Anchored fellowship
- presentations for various small groups
- offices for pro bono law services for those in need
- distribution point for personal items for those who have need
- a faith based jazz | music cafe'

Stay tuned for finalized plans online, in newsletters, and in church.



Anchored is a group of 20/30 - somethings who come together weekly to share life and faith. Weekly gatherings are on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, in the Wesley West building. We are studying "On Our Way" and planning our fall/winter activities. Join us and help us steer Anchored to new places. (See what I did there?) Learn more on [wesley-umc.com](http://wesley-umc.com).



# Healing Rides Update

Just an update on Wesley's Healing Rides community service ministry. We have had a wonderful 3rd year at Healing Rides. We are serving new guests from SOAR, Marcfirst, and the community at large, as well as our faithful guests from Westminster Village and Mercy Creek.

We have ten wonderful volunteers who dedicate their love and devotion to our guests from June through September.

We also have **free storage** provided by Erik Prenzler. This is an amazing monetary gift along with the gift of smiles we receive from all our satisfied guest. Thank you to Wesley for the support in the ministry.

There are still time slots open through September, so please call the church at 827-8046 and talk with Molly. Please come join us for a free of charge ride on the beautiful Constitution Trail, and soak in God's fresh air and sunshine.

May God Bless - Barbara Brown



Thank you for your amazing  
- donation -

**Erik Prenzler**

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## After Hours Emergencies:

Pastor Vaughn Hoffman (309) 212-2710

Pastor Justin Iverson (701) 809-1203

Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Pastor of Visitation  
Director of Music Ministries  
Asst. Director of Music Ministries  
Organist  
Director of Christian Education  
Early Childhood Coordinator  
Director of Youth Ministries  
Asst. Director of Youth Ministries  
Business Administrator  
Pastors' Executive Assistant  
Receptionist  
Clerical Assistant  
Communication Coordinator  
Facilities Manager  
Custodians  
  
Food Service Coordinator

Rev. Vaughn Hoffman  
Rev. Justin Iverson  
Rev. Keith Ferguson  
Adria Schumann  
Brenna Martin  
Andrew Johnson  
Kathi Pritts  
Elizabeth Tomera  
Frank Newburn  
Stacy Ash  
Myrna Simpson  
Jody Robbins  
Molly Brown  
Colleen Hensley  
Cindy Lorimor  
Brad Schumann  
Jim Robinson  
Matthew Dahmm  
Kathy Robinson

## Catch a Movie

Movie, Meal, and a Message will meet once again -

**September 17th**

Wesley Hall

5:30 PM

Ernie Hernandez, leader

The movie will be "The Fountainhead", a 1949 American classic directed by King Vidor and starring Gary Cooper and Patricia O'Neil.

Dinner and popcorn are available with a free will offering. Call the church office to reserve your spot.

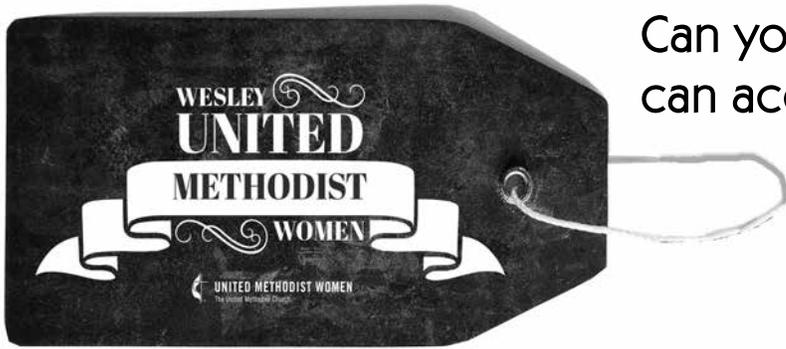
## Pizza Ranch Make it Dinner

The Youth of Wesley will be having a fundraiser on Monday evening, **September 18** at the Pizza Ranch Restaurant (corner of Veterans and Empire) from **5:00-8:00 PM**.

Please join the youth and adult leaders as they help to serve and host.

Pizza Ranch will donate 10% of that evening's proceeds, plus all tips, to the 2017 Jr. High Wisconsin Mission Trip and the 2018 Summer Youth Memphis Mission Trip.

Dinner out – great cause – a win-win!  
Come out to the Pizza Ranch!



Can you put a price tag on what women can accomplish together?

What's the value that they bring to the church and to each other?

## WOMEN OF WESLEY, YOU'RE INVITED TO FIND OUT.

United Methodist Women (UMW) is a group of women of all ages with varied interests. We enjoy fellowship, spiritual growth, and advocate justice, especially for women and children.

Join the fun, meet new friends, and grow in your faith by serving others.

We're a community of women committed to mission. We contribute to mission work locally and beyond with proceeds from the Rummage Sale, Craft Fair, and pledges from members.

There are lots of ways to get involved and a variety of groups: GEMS (Growing Each Mom Spiritually), Hope Circle, Faith Circle, and Creative Clique. Go to [www.wesley-umc.com](http://www.wesley-umc.com) to learn about each UMW study group to see if one fits you. You are already part of UMW just by being at Wesley. Simply find your "fit" and join us to become involved.

For more than a century, women in the Methodist traditions have led a struggle for human rights and social justice. The generation of women who founded the early missionary societies that were to become United Methodist Women developed powerful networks and organizational structures to help women attain full participation in the life of the church and society. The mission was...and still is... to make life better for women, children, youth, and marginalized neighbors in our world. AND, of course, to form friendships and grow faith as well! **Join us. It is PRICELESS!** Get Involved. Get Blessed.

## Faith Circle

Faith Circle has a **SPECIAL** program -

Wednesday, September 27  
at Westminster Village  
Multi-Purpose Room

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Join us for --

### *The Journey to United Methodist Women*

A live presentation of the history leading up to present-day UMW.  
Written and directed by Linda Stuckey

You don't have to be a Faith Circle member to attend. Guests are welcome. Please RSVP to Betty Hornbrook 862-3304 or Barb Willey 827-4147.

**DON'T MISS THIS GREAT PRODUCTION!**

## Hope Circle

HOPE CIRCLE will meet - **September 14** at 6:30 PM in the Garden Room for refreshments and at 7:00 PM will start their new study, *"The Best Yes (Making Wise Decisions in the Midst of Endless Demands)."*

## GEMS

GEMS: Young mothers are invited to visit this circle which meets the second and fourth Mondays of every month from 6:45 PM -8:45 PM at the home of Missy Dundov. They will continue their study of *"Growing Together"* by Linda Anderson and also learn about services offered at the Cunningham Children's Home.

For more information please contact Liz Tomera at [tomeras@comcast.net](mailto:tomeras@comcast.net).





## UMW Fellowship Dinner & Meeting Create Brighter Futures

Wesley United Methodist Women are hosting a dinner and an important presentation this month. Our guests will be leaders of The Children's Home + Aid. Join us for this special evening as we welcome -

Laura Cordero- Development Assistant/Adopt-A-Family Coordinator  
Tammy Murrell-Clinical & Licensing Supervisor Child Welfare Services  
Jeannie Higdon- Family Support Services Supervisor

**Tuesday, September 26 - 6:00 PM**

Wesley Hall

Tickets - \$5 - available by the 10th

Children's Home + Aid is a leading child and family service agency in Illinois. The organization helps children recover their health, their hope, and their faith in the people around them. They link children to a network of opportunity and care, to extended family, teachers, mentors, and the resources of the neighborhood and community. The organization has offices located across Illinois and serves more than 40,000 children and families each year in over 60 counties.

Come learn how Wesley can help them help our local community families. All are welcome - yes, even you guys. More information to come. Check our website and The Children's Home + Aid - [www.childrenshomeandaid.org](http://www.childrenshomeandaid.org).



**IT'S COMING  
- SAVE THE DATE -**

They've been working hard. They have new designs, new creations, special surprises.

Their garages are filling and they are ready to bring out their "latest-and-greatest" for you to be tempted...

That's right - the Wesley UMW Craft Fair is around the corner!

**- October 14 -**

Featuring unusual wooden pallet creations, yard art, clay pot creations, unique golf ball art, and much more. There will be items for all seasons... including our warm, woolen mittens! United Methodist Women will also have a Bake Sale and a delicious lunch.

**- BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE -**

# JUST ONE

JustOne has chosen to join Wesley UMW during the month of September in helping The Children's Home + Aid by collecting items specifically needed by the worthwhile organization.

Items most needed at this time will be collected and presented to the speakers at the UMW Dinner here at Wesley on September 26th. Please come and learn more about this very important agency. Items for collection:

  
children's home + aid

- Formula especially Enfamil AR
- juice boxes
- Capri Sun
- individual packs of crackers
- packaged fruit snacks
- cereal, diapers, wipes
- cleaning supplies
- laundry detergent
- Playdoh
- coloring books



# WESLEY'S Bright BEGINNINGS

## NEW YEAR GREAT YEAR

Wesley's Bright Beginnings Preschool is off and running with just over 70 families enrolled at the start of another great year! Our teachers have been hard at work in their classrooms readying them for all the little ones on their way ready to learn and play.

We had a very successful Parent Orientation on August 31st and we now look forward to our first few events -

**One Hour Visit Day & Book Fair**  
Tuesday, September 5th

**First Full Day**  
Wednesday, September 6th

**Bright Beginnings School Carnival**  
Thursday, September 21st

We do have a few openings in the four years-old and toddler classes. Please let others know who might be interested. You can get more info and register online at [www.wesleysbrightbeginnings.com](http://www.wesleysbrightbeginnings.com).

Come by and visit the program. We love visitors - and we certainly enliven the Wesley hallways!



## Troop 18, Bloomington

### Fall Camporee

Please contact Mrs. Oganovich if you would like to sign up for the the Fall Camporee. This is a high adventure event at ISR on Sept 8-10. The cost of this event has been set at \$35 for both scouts and adults (cost if you missed early bird sign up) for those that have already indicated they are planning to attend. At the time of this posting there are 4 scouts and 4 adults already signed up.

### Cub Scout Recruitment Night

There are 4 packs that each need 1 to 2 scouts to represent Troop 18 on Cub Scout Recruitment Night - September 14th.

### September Theme

Leadership

### Upcoming Popcorn Show And Sell Dates

Popcorn sales officially start on September 17th in the Wesley Garden Room.

For more information - [www.troopwebhost.org/Troop18Bloomington](http://www.troopwebhost.org/Troop18Bloomington)



THE UMW CRAFT FAIR IS COMING...

## Missions Bake Sale - Farmer's Market

The Missions Committee of Wesley United Methodist Church will be raising funds for Missions on **Saturday, September 30**, Farmers' Market on the Square in downtown Bloomington from 7:30 AM to Noon. We will be located on the Northwest corner of the Courthouse Square.

The income from our sales will support both domestic and foreign adult mission trips. We will also be able to answer questions about Wesley UMC and its many ministries and outreach to the Farmer's Market crowd.

Please help support missions by firing up your ovens to prepare one or more of the following baked items:

Cookies, brownies, small breads, cakes, coffee cakes, muffins, fruit pies, Puppy Chow, and gluten free items

Baked goods should be delivered to Wesley Friday, September 29 between 7:30 AM and Noon. Questions? Call Karen Daudelin 662-8401 or Betty Hornbrook 862-3304



### ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS CONFERENCE DISASTER RESPONSE MINI ACADEMY

SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2017  
EAST BAY CAMP – HUDSON, IL

Unfortunately, as we are witnessing in Texas, disasters are far too frequent, and wide of scope. The Illinois Great Rivers Conference is offering an academy for those who would be willing to serve during a disaster like Hurricane Harvey.

#### CLASSES OFFERED -

- ERT (Early Response Team)
- ERT (Recertification)
- CONNECTING NEIGHBORS  
(Local Church Preparedness)
- SPIRITUAL & EMOTIONAL CARE TEAM  
(Basic Training)
- VOLUNTEER IN MISSION  
(Team Leader Training)

#### COST -

Varies depending on classes taken, lodging, meals, etc.

#### FOR FULL INFORMATION -

Download the flyer at  
[www.igrc.org/calendardetail/disaster-response-mini-academy-8409880](http://www.igrc.org/calendardetail/disaster-response-mini-academy-8409880)

#### REGISTRATION

Register online at  
[www.igrc.org/disasterresponse](http://www.igrc.org/disasterresponse)  
Registration deadline: **September 20**



The 2016 Annual Conference took up the challenge to raise \$2.5 million to endow the spiritual life programs at each of the Conference's five child welfare agencies –

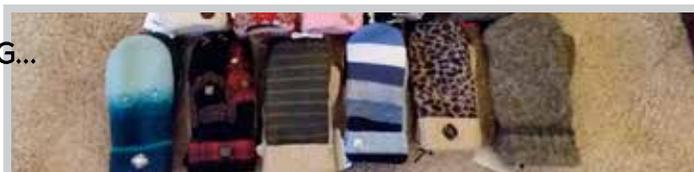
The Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and Spero Family Services (formerly the United Methodist Children's Home).

The campaign is critical as the lack of a state budget has resulted in payment delays to the five agencies for services they have provided. As budgets get tighter, tough fiscal decisions must be made in order for the agencies to stay afloat.

The Illinois Great Rivers Conference is taking the spiritual life of children "off the table" by endowing the spiritual life programs at each of the five agencies. The endowment will be used to finance this vital ministry that transforms the lives of children and youth, many of whom come from the counties within the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. The three-year campaign will begin at the 2017 Annual Conference and with you and Wesley's help, conclude at the 2020 Annual Conference session.

More information will come as plans are made for Wesley UMC to do its part in helping support these important agencies and their chaplains.

**FUN MITTENS ARE COMING...  
UMW CRAFT FAIR  
- SAVE THE DATE -**





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