

### I love this church!

*When I see you all smiling back at me in the sanctuary, when I hear the powerful convergence of voices singing our favorite hymns, when I listen to the inspiring music prepared for our worship, when I watch the children running forward for Children's Time, so excited to learn about Jesus... I can't help but give thanks. Many Sunday mornings, Pastor Justin and I just grin at each other as if to say, "Aren't we blessed to be here?"*

*I hope you feel that way, too, about our church. Not just about Sunday morning worship, but about all the ways in which Wesley encourages us to live out our faith: studying scripture, building a Habitat House, knitting a prayer shawl, visiting homebound members, leading the youth on mission trips, praying for the congregation... this is an amazing place, with amazing opportunities.*

### Ever stop to think about how all this happens?

*About all the people who went before us to dream, plan, fund, and provide the ministries of this church, so that we could enjoy them today? About what it takes in the present age to provide all those amazing opportunities for worship, fellowship, discipleship and service? And have you ever thought about what it will take to continue offering these ministries for the next generation?*

### This year's Stewardship theme is "Creating a Legacy of Generosity."

*We are so grateful for those who went before us, to provide and plan so that we could have this amazing church to call home. And we are proud to do the same for those who come after us, giving a portion of what we've been given, so that Wesley may continue to bless generations to come.*

### We will celebrate those blessings on Sunday, October 27, 2019 (both services)

*We'll gather together to remember just how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful church, and we'll walk to the cross together to remember how blessed we are to have such an amazing God. Please join us for this very special Sunday, and come with a grateful heart.*

*Please begin to pray now for those who have the opportunity to invest in the future, provide for the children and grandchildren of today's members. Pray that we may all have grateful and generous hearts, and count it a privilege to hold Wesley's doors open for new generations.*

*Blessings,  
Pastor Sara Isbell*

# CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

- 28 Missions Bake Sale Bloomington  
Farmer's Market 7:30am-Noon
- 29 District Superintendent Rev. Jim  
Barnett Visit (during worship)

## OCTOBER

- 1 SURGE Adult Leaders Mtg 6:30 pm
- 4-6 SURGE NOW Fall Retreat
- 6 World Communion Sunday
- 8 LOL Serving Safe Harbor 11 am
- 10 Member Directory Pre-Orders  
and Photo submissions DUE
- 10 World Mental Health Day  
(see Pastor's article for info)
- 10 HOPE CIRCLE - Lounge 6:30 pm
- 12 Habitat For Humanity Build  
8:00 am at 1107 N. Morris Ave  
in Bloomington
- 13 Children's Sabbath
- 14 GEMS Jr. High Lounge
- 17 SURGE serves Safe Harbor 5:15 pm
- 19 SURGE Corn Maze 5:15 pm
- 19 ANCHORED Orchard Outing
- 19 Wesley Distribution Ministry  
9:30-11:30 am Wesley West
- 20 Confirmation Class Blessing
- 20 SURGE Youth Cabinet 12:30 pm
- 20 Annual Charge Conference  
3-5 pm in the Sanctuary
- 20 4th/5th Grade Retreat  
2:30-5:30 at Wesley West
- 21 Power of Prayer Group  
4:30 pm at Wesley West
- 22 LOADS OF LOVE MINISTRY  
4:30-8:00 pm The Wash House
- 25 Cowboy Trunk or Treat  
6-7:30 pm Wesley West
- 27 Stewardship Sunday  
Creating a Legacy of Generosity
- 28 GEMS Jr. High Lounge

## NOVEMBER

- 2 UMCOR Response Team Training  
8am-5pm Wesley UMC
- 3 All Saints & Anniversary Sunday  
10:00 am service only
- 3 SURGE Youth Cabinet 12:30 pm
- 5 SURGE Adult Leaders Mtg 6:30 pm
- 10 Youth Choir & SURGE  
Auction & Meal
- 17 Leaving a Legacy Seminar 2-4 pm
- 21 SURGE serves Safe Harbor 5:15 pm
- 22-24 Baby Fold's Festival of Trees  
The Interstate Center
- 24 Advent Missions Open  
House 10:00 am
- 27 NO W@W or SURGE

## DECEMBER

- 10 Victorian Christmas Splendor  
UMW Special Event 6:00 pm

## A Note from our Pastors

Last month, the news out of Riverside, CA that pastor and mental health advocate Jarrid Wilson had died by suicide both caught our attention and brought sadness to our hearts. Have you ever sat in the pit of despair? Perhaps you're one who knows more than most just how deep it can be. There are times that it can be hard for even the most jovial among us to see light shining down to where they sit. Thoughts of inadequacy, failure, anger, jealousy, sorrow, etc. bring about depression in millions of people each year. And sometimes being in the pit can even make us think about causing harm to ourselves. If you or someone you love has ever been deep in the pit of despair, we want to share with you a few things that our colleague Adam Hamilton recently shared with his congregation:

- 1) You are loved by, and matter to, God.
- 2) There is always hope.
- 3) Others can help.

October 10, is World Mental Health Day (see below for more details), and this year the goal is to raise awareness for suicide prevention. We want to do the same. Please know, if you or someone you love has ever had thoughts about suicide, Wesley UMC is a place where you will find no judgment. We want to help however we can. Below is the number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. When you call this number you'll be connected with people who are trained to offer support to anyone thinking about suicide, or to their loved ones. Please, if you find yourself needing to talk to someone, just call. It's always okay to ask for help.

We love you, Pastors Justin & Sara



### National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1.800.273.8255

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Please visit [www.wfmh.global/world-mental-health-day-2019](http://www.wfmh.global/world-mental-health-day-2019) to learn more about World Mental Healthy Day on October 10, 2019.

## October Worship Schedule

October's worship focus is "Gratitude and Generosity." We hope you'll join us in body and spirit for these special services, based on Paul's letters to Timothy:

### October 6: World Communion Sunday

Join with Christians all around the world as we partake of the Lord's Supper.  
Scripture: 1 Timothy 4.4-6 - "Everything created by God is good."

### October 13: Children's Sabbath with Rev. Lori Bultemeier

We are delighted to welcome to the pulpit Lori Bultemeier, Christian Life Coordinator at The Baby Fold, to share stories of how this amazing ministry is touching the lives of children and families with the love of Christ.  
A special offering for The Baby Fold will be received.

### October 20: Blessing our Confirmation Class (9:00 service)

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:6-10 "We will be content."

### October 27: "Creating a Legacy of Generosity" Generosity Sunday

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:17-19 "Storing up the treasure of a good foundation for the future"

### November 3: All Saints and Anniversary Sunday (combined service 10:00am)

This will be a very special Sunday to give thanks for the ways in which God has blessed, and continues to bless, this historic congregation. The service will include the Reading of the Roll of the Dead and the Newborn, as well as Honoring our Legacy. (See related article, page 7)

Scripture: Luke 6:20-31 "Blessed Are..."

Remember: if you miss a Sunday, we invite you to visit [www.wesley-umc.com](http://www.wesley-umc.com) to view the sermon and read the full bulletin.





# SURGE FALL EVENTS

6th-12th Grade Youth

*Wednesdays:* SURGE/Youth Fellowship from 6:15-8:00 pm

*Sundays:* Youth Education from 10:15-11:00 am

- 6th/7th grade in Room 37

- 8th grade in Jr. High Lounge

- 9th thru 12th grade in Sr. High Lounge

Senior High Bible Study at Fusion Brew (503 S. Main St.) from 7-9 pm

## October:

1 Adult Youth Leaders meeting from 6:30-8:30 pm

4-6 NOW FALL RETREAT

17 Serving at Safe Harbor from 5:15-7:30 pm (sign up on the bulletin board)

19 Corn Maze from 5:15-9:30 pm

20 Youth Cabinet from 12:30-2:30 pm

## November:

3 Youth Cabinet from 12:30-2:30 pm

5 Adult Youth Leaders meeting from 6:30-8:30 pm

10 Youth Auction & Meal from 10:00-11:15 am & 12:15-1:30 pm

21 Serving at Safe Harbor from 5:15-7:30 pm (sign up on the bulletin board)

27 NO W@W OR SURGE



## Wesley DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

Written by Karen Daudelin

*Did you know that you can be an ambassador for our paper distribution? Are you curious HOW? Here are a few steps:*

*1. Pick up a few business size cards at the Welcome Center containing our upcoming dates and location details.*

*2. Give a card or mention our WDM to someone who might have a need for paper products and invite them to come, or share our event with their friends and family! ALL are welcome!*

*3. Help us spread the word that we are the ONLY paper pantry in town and fill a special need that nobody else can! A volunteer recently shared that when she mentioned Wesley to someone in public, they excitedly responded, "That's where I go for diapers!"*

Spread the word, it works! Share a card! It might come in handy for someone in need! Each month we are also blessed with wonderful volunteers to help us give it all away. We welcome NEW volunteers each month and we'd love to give everyone the opportunity to serve. Mark your calendar for the 3rd Saturday of each month, and enjoy a morning spent in service to others. You'll be so glad you did! To volunteer or learn more about this ministry, please contact Karen Daudelin at 309.838.5723 or email kpdaudelin@frontier.com

### NEEDS FOR OCTOBER:

- Baby Wipes
- Diapers (Size 1-6)

Please deliver items to the Bin across from the Garden Room. Our next event is on Saturday, October 19, from 9:30-11:30 am at Wesley West. To volunteer, please contact Karen Daudelin at 309.838.5723.



A WESLEY MINISTRY FOR TWENTY AND THIRTY SOMETHINGS

*Anchored will meet on the evening of October 19 for a trip to a local orchard. Please contact Pastor Justin (jiverson@wesley-umc.com) for more information.*



## A 6,000 GALLON Problem

The Midwest Food Bank has a 6,000 gallon problem on their hands, and they need your help! In order to distribute a hugely generous donation of laundry soap to those in need, they are asking for your empty detergent bottles! If you can help, please leave empty (and clean) detergent bottles in the bins in the main hallway outside the Sanctuary.

## HURRICANE Relief

Last month, we asked for your help and you responded! Because of your generous giving, we were able to present a check for \$2,520 to aid in the Hurricane Dorian relief effort!

## Thank You

*Special thanks to our Wesley members and friends who devoted their time and resources to care for our congregation while we continued our search for a Pastor of Visitation. Your kindness and warmth brought smiles to many in need!*



## Prayers of Comfort

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Wesley member Mary Rosebraugh who passed away on August 22nd.*



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

W.I.S.E. (Wesley's Intergenerational Sunday Experience) for Kindergarten through 5th grade meets every Sunday between services at 10:15 am in Wesley Hall and Rooms 219, 21, 22, 24 and 29.

## October Focus:

**Preschool:** Our Preschoolers will be learning about how the BIBLE is a TREASURE!

**Elementary:** Elementary kids will be concentrating on COURAGE with Bible stories about Moses.

For more information please call 309.827.8046 or email Kathi Pritts at kpritts@wesley-umc.com.

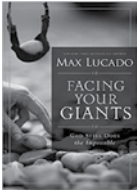


## Cowboy TRUNK or TREAT at Wesley West

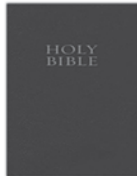


Bring your car, candy and costumes and join us for a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot at Wesley West on Friday, October 25, from 6-7:30 pm! ALL Wesley members and friends are invited for a festive and fun evening!

## OCTOBER Adult Education at Wesley



Sundays from 10:15-11:00 am  
"FACING OUR GIANTS" by Max Lucado  
In the Lounge



Sundays from 10:15-11:00 am  
"BOOK OF REVELATION"  
In the Conference Room with Barb Phend

We will not have class on Sunday, September 29, and instead invite you to meet our District Superintendent Jim Barnett at 10:15 am in Wesley Hall!

## WELCOME to Wesley!

On Sunday, September 22, four new members were received into our church family. If you see any of the smiling faces below, be sure to take a moment to introduce yourself and congratulate them on making this commitment. Welcome!



NATHAN BYRNE



JAKE BAKER AND DEVON SEVERSON



SHENIQUA BLATHERS

## Lifetouch® Member Directory

**PHOTOS:** If you were not able to have your portrait taken by Lifetouch, you can still submit a photo to be included in our directory! Please email a digital file or drop a print by the church office by October 10 to be included. Kendra Bull at kbull@wesley-umc.com.

**PRE-ORDERS:** Only those with a photo printed in the directory will receive ONE FREE COPY (per household). Additional copies can be purchased for \$10. Please call the office at 309.827.8046 or email kbull@wesley-umc.com to order your copy by October 10.

**CONNECT:** As in the past, member details including your name, address, phone number and email will be printed in our directory. If you need to make updates or check accuracy, please email mmccue@wesley-umc.com or call the church office at 309.827.8046.



"I'm back! Thank you to all of those who prayed for me and my family while I was away on maternity leave. The cards, gifts and prayers were so incredibly appreciated. I also want to thank the volunteers that helped keep the office running smoothly while I was gone. I say it all the time... we have the BEST volunteers in the world! Ronan, Rory and I are doing wonderfully and we are so thankful for the never ending love from our church family. Love, Molly"

## Power of Prayer

We invite you to take a moment to join us in prayer on Monday, October 21, from 4:30-6 pm at Wesley West (across from the church). ALL are welcome to receive prayer, pray with others, or pray in silence. Stay as little or as long as you like! Please call the office for more details at 309.827.8046. Come join us!







# LOADS OF Love

Join us for our next laundromat ministry event on Tuesday, October 22, from 4:30 to 8:00 pm at the Wash House as we share a few smiles (and a few quarters)! Please leave donations in the tubes outside the Sanctuary, or mark your gift "Loads of Love" and drop it by the office or in the offering plate. To volunteer, please email Gary Thompson at garyt23@frontier.com.

# The Snowmen ARE COMING!



## GEMS Growing Each Mom Spiritually.....

GEMS will meet on Mondays, October 14 and 28, at 7 pm in the Jr. High Lounge to discuss *The Forgiving Jar*. Childcare is available for \$3/child. For questions or to join our group, contact Liz Tomera at ltomera@wesley-umc.com or 847.224.1194.

## HOPE CIRCLE.....

We will meet on October 10th in the Church Lounge and begin the evening at 6:30 with refreshments and fellowship. At 7:00 we welcome the Sunshine Bells of the Bloomington-Normal Community Bells led by our own Sue Miller! Contact Mary Ann Knudson at maryann.knudson@frontier.com 309.663.4295 for details.

## LOL Ladies Outreach and Lunch.....

The LOL Circle will be serving at Safe Harbor on Tuesday, October 8. We will also meet at 11 am on Tuesday, October 22, at the Crossroads Handcrafts of the World for tour and shopping, followed by ice cream at the new Main Street Scoop in downtown Bloomington! For more information, email Elaine at estokes65@gmail.com.

UMW are selling CUTE Hershey Bar snowmen! They make great stocking stuffers, gifts, present toppers and place settings for Christmas dinner! The snowmen are available for only \$2.50 each and are an inexpensive way to spread holiday cheer! To order, email wesleysnowmen19@yahoo.com and be sure to include your name, phone, email and how many boy, girl or "mixed" snowmen you would like! Orders will be ready for pickup by Dec. 1st. All proceeds support UMW missions such as the Baby Fold, Children's Home and Aid, Home Sweet Home Mission, The Salvation Army, and many others. Contact Tricia DePew at 309.287.5076 for more details.

# Save the Date UMW Victorian Christmas Splendor with the Tea Ladies!

Tuesday, December 10, 6:00 pm



# October JUST ONE COLLECTION

With colder months right around the corner, we are seeking children's hats, gloves and mittens for those in need. Both new and gently used items are welcome! Deliver your donation to the JUST ONE BIN in the main hallway outside the Sanctuary at the church. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

## Charge Conference SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019

*The Annual Charge Conference meeting of Wesley UMC will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2019, at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary.*

*This is a combined charge conference with 22 other United Methodist Churches in our District, and will be presided by our District Superintendent, Rev. Jim Barnett.*

*All are welcome to attend.  
A cookie reception will follow.*



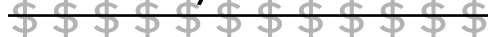
## EARLY RESPONSE TEAM

### Training

Saturday, November 2  
from 8am to 5pm  
Wesley UMC

On Saturday, November 2 from 8am to 5pm Wesley UMC will host an Early Response Team training for anyone interested in becoming certified to help UMCOR with their work in the event of a local natural disaster. The training will cost \$20 for Wesley members, which includes lunch, a background check, a t-shirt, and a certification badge. Please contact Jody Robbins by October 23 at 309.827.8046 or jrobbins@wesley-umc.com to sign up.

# Money Matters



*Commitment Sunday is October 27.*  
As you prayerfully contemplate your financial commitment for 2020, please remember there are many ways to give:

- The most common way to give is to place your gift in the OFFERING PLATE during worship. Call the office at 309.827.8046 if you would like to receive pre-printed offering envelopes mailed to your home.
- MAIL your contribution directly to the church office or drop it by the office anytime during the week.
- Give ONLINE through our website at [www.wesley-umc.com/give](http://www.wesley-umc.com/give). You may also set up recurring

or one-time payments. There is a fee charged to the church for using this option, but your entire contribution will be recorded on your giving statement.

- Set up weekly or monthly automatic payments through your personal bank (this option is easy and free).
- Now you can TEXT a donation from your pew! Text "\$\_\_" to 309.822.4442 to send money to our general fund, or include a specific cause (ex. "\$25 UMCOR").
- NEW! We have included an easy way to give on the new orange prayers cards in each pew... a QR CODE! Scan this image with your smartphone and you'll be redirected to our website.

General fund receipts as of 7/31/19	\$891,701
General fund expenses as of 7/31/19	\$874,343
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$17,358</b>

*We love to see you in worship each Sunday, but we also know that life gets busy! It is our hope that the options above will help you stay connected and continue to support our church. Thank you for sharing ALL of your gifts with us (financial and talent)!*

- Myrna Simpson



On the 2nd Saturday of each month, Wesley UMC partners with Habitat for Humanity to provide volunteers to pitch in and help out! ALL skill levels are welcome and leads will be present to provide guidance and instructions for each day's tasks. Don't miss this opportunity to share your talents or learn something new! The next build will begin on Saturday, October 12, from 8am-Noon at 1107 N. Morris Ave, Bloomington. Sign up online at [www.wesleyumc.habitatmclean.volunteerhub.com](http://www.wesleyumc.habitatmclean.volunteerhub.com) or contact Addie Moy for details at [addie.moy@gmail.com](mailto:addie.moy@gmail.com).

*Bring closed toed shoes and a smile!*

## HABITAT BUILD

### Ways TO HELP:

- *Help at the construction site:*

Sign up online at:

[www.wesleyumc.habitatmclean.volunteerhub.com](http://www.wesleyumc.habitatmclean.volunteerhub.com).

The house is located at 1107 N Morris Ave Bloomington.

- *Bring Snacks:*

Bring light snacks and drinks to the build site at 9:50 for our break.

- *Donations:*

Donations of any size are welcome. Donations can be made in the offering plate, delivered to the office or online at [www.wesley-umc.com/give](http://www.wesley-umc.com/give).

*Please be sure to note "Habitat" on your offering.*

## Kitchen Help Needed

### WEDNESDAYS @ WESLEY KITCHEN HELP

The Wesley Kitchen is in need of volunteers to help prepare the evening meal. We typically begin at 2 pm and serve dinner from 5-6 pm.

*Duties: traying food, prepping vegetables, baking desserts*

### WEDNESDAYS @ WESLEY CLEANUP

Light cleaning following our evening meal from 6-7:15pm

*Duties: picking up and cleaning dishes, packing leftovers, general cleaning of the kitchen*

### SPECIAL EVENT COOK

We are in need of a cook for special events and funeral meals as needed. *Requirements: must be willing to get your general certification from the health dept. for safe food handling, preparation and serving. This is a paid position.*

For more details on these positions, please contact Kathy Robinson, Food Service Coordinator, at 309.530.6201





# Leaving A Legacy

Sunday, November 17, 2-4 pm

Do you have your affairs in order? Is your will up-to-date? Have you named a Durable Power of Attorney? Do your family members know your desires for end-of-life care? Have you considered your legacy, and how you might continue to bless and benefit your church family, present and future, even after you are gone? Wesley can help you think about these questions and prepare for the future. Join us Sunday, Nov. 17 from 2-4 pm for a seminar led by our very own financial and legal guides James Ingold and Rusty DePew, to help you feel more confident and prepared.

## The seminar will address some of the following frequently-asked questions:

- What if I become too ill to make my own medical decisions?
- How can I communicate my wishes to those responsible for my care?
- What happens if I die without a will?
- What will the government take from what I have worked so hard to save?
- Does it matter who my beneficiary is with regard to my retirement accounts?
- Are there more efficient ways to leave money to the church than a simple bequest in my will?
- What are the most common planning mistakes?

Join us Nov. 17, and talk to James, Rusty or Pastor Sara if you have any questions. Please also let us know if you are in need of childcare.



## Celebration of the Saints and Wesley's Founding Anniversary!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Mark your calendars, and don't miss this very special celebration!

On Sunday, Nov. 3 there will be one combined worship service (10 am) to honor our heritage and look forward together! We will be combining, not only worship services, but also two special observances that morning:

*For All Saints Sunday*, the service will include the Reading of the Roll of the Dead and the Newborn.

*For Founding Anniversary Sunday*, we will remember the historic decision 75 years ago to combine the (former) Grace Methodist and First Methodist Episcopal Churches into one congregation called "Wesley," and our very first "joint" worship service at the former Scottish Rite Temple, now the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts. The service will include photos and other mementos of our wonderful history.

(Note that Holy Communion will be offered Nov. 10 instead of Nov. 3.)

*We have so much to celebrate, and so much to be thankful for! Please come join us, and offer a special invitation to those who aren't able to attend regularly, but who may find this historic Sunday to be particularly meaningful.*



The Baby Fold's vision is "to transform children's lives through strong family and community partnerships," and Wesley is proud to be one of those partners! We have many opportunities to support this valuable ministry. Please consider how you might support the life-changing – and life-saving! – ministry through the following ways:

1. Participate in the United Methodist Women Sunday offering for The Baby Fold (it's not too late to give)!
2. Contribute to the special Children's Sabbath Sunday offering when we will be blessed by the message of Rev. Lori Bultemeier, Christian Life Coordinator, in worship.
3. Attend The Baby Fold's Festival of Trees, November 22-24, 2019, at the Interstate Center.

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“GIVE and it will be *given to you.*

A good measure, pressed down, shaken together,  
running over, will be put into your lap;

for the measure *you give,*  
will be the measure *you get back.”*

{ LUKE 6:38 }