

## Wesley United Methodist Church ALL SAINTS' AND FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

Join us for a combined worship at 10:00 am on Sunday, November 3, 2019

It's hard to believe Wesley Church could be 75 years old! But 75 years ago, two churches that voted to merge their communities of faith to form a new congregation, were appointed their first pastor: Dr. Edgar E. Atherton. And thus Wesley Church was born! We will celebrate the wonderful history of the Wesley congregation in worship on Nov. 3, which is also All Saints' Sunday. Don't miss this very special celebration, including the opportunity to remember our past...

- "Generations" slide show
- Our Church family history
- Prayers of Dr. Atherton
- The Roll of the Dead (*remembering our past*)
- The Roll of the Newborn (*looking forward to our future*)
- Committing ourselves to a hopeful future

*Come remember and celebrate with us!*





# CALENDAR

## OCTOBER.....

- 27 Stewardship Sunday  
*Creating a Legacy of Generosity*
- 28 SURGE Parent Mtg. 6:30 pm Lounge
- 28 GEMS Jr. High Lounge 7 pm

## 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
- 4 Ladies Outreach & Lunch  
*Applebee's 11:30 am*
- 5 SURGE Adult Leaders Mtg 6:30 pm
- 9 Habitat For Humanity Wesley Build  
8am-Noon (1107 N. Morris Ave)
- 10 SURGE vs. Normal 1st Flag Football  
*Underwood Park from 1-2:30 pm*
- 11 GEMS Jr. High Lounge 7 pm
- 14 Hope Circle - Lounge 6:30 pm
- 16 Wesley Distribution Ministry (GEMS)  
*Wesley West 9:30-11:30am*
- 16 Youth Cabinet Retreat - Wesley West
- 17 Just One Thanksgiving Food Bag  
*Dropoff in the Just One Bin*
- 17 Leaving a Legacy Seminar 2-4 pm
- 18 Ladies Outreach & Lunch  
*Avanti's 11:30 am*
- 18 SURGE Portillo's Fundraiser 4-8 pm
- 18 Power of Prayer Group  
*Wesley West 4:30-6 pm*
- 21 SURGE Serves Safe Harbor 5:15 pm
- 22-24 Baby Fold's Festival of Trees  
*The Interstate Center*
- 23 GEMS Meeting at Chili's 7 pm
- 23-25 Wesley's Bright Beginnings  
*PIE PICKUP in Wesley Hall from 9-11 am*
- 24 Advent Missions Fair  
*10:00 am in Wesley Hall*
- 24 Hanging of the Greens
- 26 Loads of Love Laundromat Ministry  
*Wash House 4:30-8:00 pm*
- 27 NO W@W or SURGE
- 27 Wesley Office Closes at Noon
- 28-29 Wesley Office Closed  
*(Thanksgiving Break)*

## DECEMBER.....

- 1 UMW Snowman Candy Bar Pickup
- 10 Victorian Christmas Splendor  
*UMW Special Event 6:00 pm*
- 14 Habitat For Humanity Wesley Build  
8am-Noon at 1107 N. Morris Ave  
Bloomington
- 24 Wesley Office Closes at Noon
- 25-27 Wesley Office Closed  
*(Holiday Break)*



## A Note From from Pastor Sara

*I've been having so much fun reading up on our Wesley UMC history as we get closer to our 75th Anniversary celebration! You know the story: two Methodist congregations, First and Grace, voted to "tie the knot" and become one church.*

*It was not an easy time, and it was not an easy decision. Both churches had a strong, viable presence in the Bloomington community, and yet both churches worshiped in aging, out-of-date facilities in need of costly renovation. Both churches had big plans for new building construction, and had already started raising funds and, preparing new ground.*

*But then along came World War I – an external crisis that redirected energy, funding, attention and people away from the local ministries and toward the war effort. There were no materials available to pursue church building programs, and resources were limited. Some churches in those days didn't survive the war; they succumbed to the stress, shut their doors, and relinquished their witness.*

*But First Methodist and Grace Methodist decided to do something radical instead: they joined forces and built a new church together in the block bordered by Washington, McLean, Front, and Evans. They each took a leap of faith, sacrificing their own location, building, name, and pastor, to create a new church, expand their witness and promote the common good. On Nov. 7, 1943, the two congregations worshiped together for the very first time. And in June of 1944, Wesley received our first pastoral appointment: Rev Edgar E. Atherton. The rest, as they say, is history. God knew we could do great things if we joined together.*

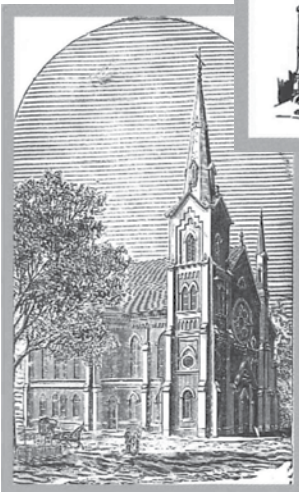
*On Sunday, Nov. 3, we will join together, too: one combined service at 10 am, to celebrate the founding of Wesley (United) Methodist Church. We'll enjoy a grateful look back at our history, and give thanks for those who gave generously and worked courageously to overcome adversity and grow the church. And we will look forward to face the future with hope and joy, because we know the God who was faithful in 1944 will be faithful to us now.*

*Blessings,  
Pastor Sara Isbell*

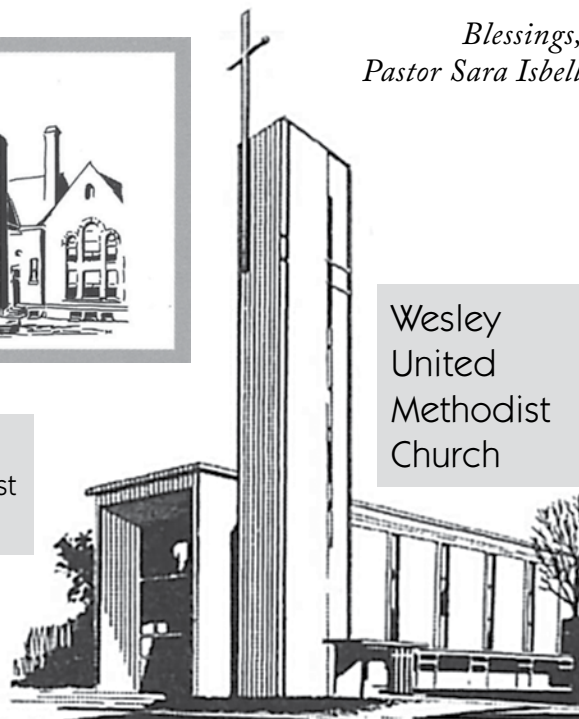
Grace  
Methodist  
Church



First  
Methodist  
Church



Wesley  
United  
Methodist  
Church



# SURGE

WESLEY UMC YOUTH GROUP  
*We're in this together.*

**FLAG FOOTBALL:** We've been challenged to flag football game against Normal 1st's youth group on November 10th after services at Underwood Park. Come cheer us on! ALL are welcome! Contact Kelsey for more details.

**PORTILLO'S FUNDRAISER:** Surge is having a fundraiser for summer mission trips at Portillo's on November 18 from 4-8 pm. Stop by for dinner and be sure to mention Wesley United Methodist so that we receive a portion of your purchase!

**MISSION TRIP DATES:** Spring and summer mission trip dates have been released! Jr. High will be partnering with *Restore St. Louis Work Day* to do an immersive Urban Poverty Mission Experience from March 22-26. We are looking for adult chaperones, so let Kelsey know if you are interested in attending! The Sr. High will also be going to Myrtle Beach in South Carolina July 12-18 to work with community outreach and local mission opportunities through *LeaderTreks*.

**CAMPING MINISTRY:** All of Surge are invited to participate in a conference camping ministry at Little Grassy this year. Aldersgate Institute Redesigned (AIR) is open to all Junior and Senior High youth from June 21-26. Come join the fun!

*During October, Surge has committed themselves to the prayer of Ubuntu: "I am who I am and you are who you are because of who we are together". As we are getting to know our new group identity, we are also thanking God for who He has made us to be and remembering that as Christians, we are a family and we're in this together. - Kelsey Ross, Director of Youth Ministries*



## SURGE HAS A NEW LOOK!

EVERYONE is invited to show your support for SURGE by purchasing one of our new t-shirts! *Shirt color is bright aqua blue with black imprint.*

Orders will be ready for pickup after the 10 am service on November 3, just in time for our Wesley cheering section at the Flag Football game on November 10!

### ORDER YOUR SHIRTS TODAY!

[www.wesleyumcyouthgroup2019.itemorder.com](http://www.wesleyumcyouthgroup2019.itemorder.com)

Contact Kelsey Ross for more details at [kross@wesley-umc.com](mailto:kross@wesley-umc.com)

## *Wesley* DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

*Written by Karen Daudelin*

*I met a young girl the other day and I heard her say, "I love this (the paper distribution) and I'm going to ask my father to bring me every month to help." I met a woman of senior age and I heard her say, "I have a bad knee, I use a walker, but can I still volunteer?" I dance Zumba with a lady from Spain and heard her say, "I've heard you talk about paper distribution and needing translators, can I come and translate for you?" These stories of only three individuals at different stages of life, but there are so many more who have stood in line each month and now work from the other side. We are blessed with many volunteers - 183 to date! However, we still need more to keep this ministry running smoothly. We would love to see some new faces! Will you be able to help? Call Karen Daudelin at 309.838.5723 or email her to sign up at [kpdaudelin@frontier.com](mailto:kpdaudelin@frontier.com).*



### NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER:

Baby Wipes • Diapers (Sizes 3-6)  
Pull-Ups • Tampons • Calendars  
Upper Room Booklets

*Deliver items to the WDM bin across from the Garden Room. Our next event is on Saturday, November 16, from 9:30-11:30 am at Wesley West.*

## ANCHORED

A WESLEY MINISTRY FOR  
TWENTY AND THIRTY SOMETHINGS

*This November we plan to decorate and donate a tree to be auctioned off at the Baby Fold's Festival of Trees!*

*Date and time to be decided.*

*Please contact the church office at 309.827.8046 and request Sarah*

*Mosby or Pastor Justin Iverson for more details about our group.*

THE HUNGER WALK IN MEMORY  
OF REVEREND KEITH FERGUSON

*"...for God loves a cheerful giver."*

{2 Corinthians 9:7}

We are THRILLED to share that although we cancelled the Hunger Walk due to weather, our Wesley family and friends raised \$3,285 in memory of our beloved Pastor Keith Ferguson! THANK YOU for supporting a cause that was near and dear to Keith's heart.



## November Focus:

**Preschool:** Our Preschoolers will be learning that we can THANK GOD for EVERYTHING!

**Elementary:** Elementary kids will be concentrating on HONOR and loving one another deeply with bible stories about David and Daniel.

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



On Sunday, November 3, in honor of our 75th Anniversary we will be hosting Children's Church in the Chapel circa 1940's Wesley!

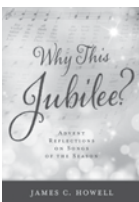
## NOVEMBER Adult Education at Wesley



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



ADVENT STUDY BEGINNING DECEMBER 1  
Sundays from 10:15-11:00 am  
"WHY THIS JUBILEE?" by James C. Howell  
In the Lounge



Thank you to everyone who supported the Missions' Bake Sale on Sept 28 at the Bloomington Farmers' Market and in the Garden Room on the 29th. Through your donations of time, effort, baked goods, and money, \$660.48 was raised for CROP Walk to end world hunger in honor of Reverend Keith Ferguson!

## Power of Prayer

We invite you to take a moment to join us in prayer on Monday, November 18, 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!



## November JUST ONE COLLECTION

It's time for our annual THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE for local food pantries! Pick up a grocery bag (decorated by our very own Wesley kids) after services on Sunday, November 10. Please return them filled with non-perishable food items by November 17. Bring your canned meats, soup, beef stew, spaghetti sauce, 16 oz. jars of peanut butter, canned vegetables and fruit to the JUST ONE bin in the main hallways.



## Many Thanks

Thank you, Wesley congregation for your generous October donations of socks, underwear and sweatpants during our "Seats and Feet" project. These items were much appreciated by children at local schools Washington, Fox Creek, Oakdale, Sarah Raymond, and Irving. Our JUST ONE Collection is making a difference for so many families in need!



A big thanks to all who helped make our UMW/Hispanic Outreach Fiesta a huge success! We had so much fun cooking with the ladies from Western Avenue Community Center. We learned how to make tamales, among many other delicious and authentic Mexican dishes, including cactus salad! A special thanks to our Hope Circle ladies for their time spent cooking, serving and decorating Wesley Hall! The evening provided the Hispanic Outreach Program at Western Avenue with nearly \$2,000! This is certainly a big celebration for them and a great example of what United Methodist Women are all about! THANK YOU ALL! Tricia DePew and Jenny Snyder, UMW Fellowship Coordinators



## LOADS OF Love

Join us for our next laundromat ministry event on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 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](mailto:garyt23@frontier.com).



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Church

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

GEMS will meet November 11 at 7 pm in the Junior High Lounge to finish "The Forgiving Jar". Childcare will be available by RSVP only for \$3/child. GEMS will serve at Wesley's Distribution Ministry on Saturday, November 16 from 8:30am-12:30 pm. We will also meet on Saturday, November 23, at 7 pm at Chili's for fellowship and planning. Please note, there will be no childcare on 11/16 and 11/23. Contact Liz Tomera at 847.224.1194 or email [ltomera@welsey-umc.com](mailto:ltomera@welsey-umc.com) with any questions.

### HOPE CIRCLE.....

Hope Circle will meet on Thursday, November 14, in the Church's Lounge at 6:30 pm with refreshments. Jan Gill and Fran Tatum will present a book review along with details of the UMW Reading Program. All women of Wesley are welcome to join us!

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

We will enjoy lunch and fellowship at Applebee's on November 4 and at Avanti's on November 18 (East Empire location) with our 2020 planning meeting to follow. For more information or to join LOL, please email Elaine at [estokes65@gmail.com](mailto:estokes65@gmail.com).



The ladies of LOL were all smiles as they served dinner and lemonade at Safe Harbor on Tuesday, October 9.

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

Tuesday, December 10, 6:00 pm

Join us for a delicious holiday dinner and step back in time with an entertaining program on Victorian Christmas customs and celebrations! This special program is presented by the Tea Ladies, who bring history to life! All are welcome!! Tickets are available for \$10 and will be sold in the Garden Room November 24, as well as December 1 and 8. Mark your calendars and come join the fun!



### The Snowmen ARE COMING!

UMW are selling CUTE Hershey Bar snowmen for only \$2.50 each! They make great stocking stuffers, gifts, present toppers, place settings, teacher and hostess gifts! Surprise a neighbor, housekeeper, or hair stylist with a smiling and sweet snowman! Available for only \$2.50 each, they are an inexpensive way to spread holiday cheer! To order, fill out an order form at [www.wesley-umc.com](http://www.wesley-umc.com) or email [wesleysnowmen19@yahoo.com](mailto:wesleysnowmen19@yahoo.com) with your contact details and how many boy, girl or mixed snowmen you would like! Orders will be ready for pickup by Dec. 1st. Proceeds support UMW missions. For details contact Tricia DePew at 309.287.5076

### WESLEY YOUTH Lunch AND Auction Sunday, January 26, 2020

Save the date for Sunday, January 26, and support your Wesley Youth Choir and Youth Missions programs! We have a fun afternoon planned including lunch and an auction! This is a FREE event, but donations are accepted to help cover the cost of the meal (and of course we encourage lots of BIDDING)! You can help by donating a gift, ticket or service to be auctioned off. Ideas include gift baskets, art, game or concert tickets, electronics, time shares, or certificates for services (auto care, lawn care, salons etc.). If you would like to make a donation contact Brenna Martin ([bmartin@wesley-umc.com](mailto:bmartin@wesley-umc.com)) or Kelsey Ross ([kross@wesley-umc.com](mailto:kross@wesley-umc.com)). All donations are due by December 1st. Keep your eye out for more details!



# WESLEY'S Bright BEGINNINGS

## Silent Auction *Success*

Wesley's Bright Beginnings would like to thank the Wesley congregation for their participation in our silent auction last month. With your support we raised over \$1200 for our beloved preschool! The children are already enjoying equipment and supplies purchased with the proceeds from the auction. We would also like to recognize the following sponsors:

- Artful Designs
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Judy and Steve Bute
- Maggie Burton
- Developing Melodies
- Missy O'Shea
- Rising Stars Academy
- Children's Discovery Museum
- Serenity Med Spa
- Avanti's
- Chick-fil-A
- Hy-Vee
- Flingers
- Iron Coyote
- Rader Farms
- Toni Rutter



WBB is selling pies this fall just in time for the holidays! Each sizeable 10" pie is only \$15 and loaded with delicious fillings. Flavors include Caramel Apple Nut, Southern Pecan, Classic Pumpkin, Fruits of the Forest, Dutch Apple, Cherry, Chocolate Cream, Peach and Strawberry Rhubarb. Pies will be ready for pickup November 23, 24, 25 & 26 from 9-11 am in Wesley Hall. Contact Colleen Hensley to place your order at 309.827.8046 or email [chensley@wesley-umc.com](mailto:chensley@wesley-umc.com).

# Missions FAIR

The Missions Committee is hosting an Open House for recipients of the 2019 Advent Offering in Wesley Hall on **November 24 from 10:00-11:00 am.**

We invite you to learn more about the following organizations and the wonderful things they are doing for our congregation and our community.

*Redbird Mission/Clinic*  
*Faith in Action*  
*Home Sweet Home Ministries*  
*Habitat for Humanity*  
*Salvation Army/Safe Harbor*  
*Evenglow Lodge*  
*Sunset Home*  
*Labyrinth/YWCA*  
*Chaddock*  
*Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House*  
*Twelve Baskets*  
*Wesley Paper Distribution*  
*The Baby Fold*  
*Spero Family Services*  
*Henderson Settlement Mission*



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, November 9, 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!*



# Money Matters

*Here's a look at receipts vs. expenses through the month of September. As the holidays near and household expenses increase, please remember to include your tithe in your monthly budget! We are SO fortunate to have such a generous church. Thank you for your gifts! - Myrna Simpson*

General fund receipts as of 9/30/19	\$983,960
General fund expenses as of 9/30/19	\$974,531
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$9,429</b>



## Kitchen Help Needed

### W@W KITCHEN HELP

The Wesley Kitchen is in need of volunteers to help prepare the evening meal on Wednesdays. We typically begin at 2 pm and serve dinner from 5-6 pm. *Duties: traying food, prepping vegetables, baking desserts*

### W@W CLEANUP

Light cleaning following our evening meal on Wednesdays 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

# Creating a *Legacy* of Generosity

STEWARDSHIP 2019

*As we look toward the next 75 years of Wesley Church, what are our hopes, dreams and visions for the next generation? How can the investment we make in our church today help ensure a faithful legacy for many years to come? The future of the church begins right now! By the time you receive this newsletter, you should have already received a Stewardship packet in the mail, asking you*

*to make your faith commitment for the coming year. We also invite you to bring your intentions to God in prayer. Feel free to use the cards below if you have misplaced yours, and return them to the offering plate on Sunday mornings, the Welcome Center or the office. You may also email your faith commitment to [msimpson@wesley-umc.com](mailto:msimpson@wesley-umc.com). We look forward to hearing from you. Let's step forward together in faith!*

## Faith Commitment Card

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

After prayerful consideration, I/we commit to investing in Wesley Church, laying a good foundation for the future, and taking hold of the life that really is life. I/we will help create a legacy of generosity at Wesley by making the following faith commitment:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week for 52 weeks for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for 12 months for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year

Commitment January 1 - December 31, 2020

## Prayer Card

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL OR PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

My prayer for Wesley Church in the coming year is:

\_\_\_\_\_

My prayer for Wesley Church in the next 5-10 years is:

\_\_\_\_\_

My prayer for my own legacy of faith and generosity is:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## 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, Rusty DePew, and Ann Higgins 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.*

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“Do *good*, be RICH in  
good works, *generous*,  
and ready to *share*,  
thus storing up for yourselves  
the *treasure* of a good  
FOUNDATION for the  
*future*, so that you may  
TAKE HOLD of the *life*  
that really is LIFE.”

{ 1 TIMOTHY 6:18-19 }