

**Wesley United Methodist Church - Bloomington, Illinois**

**World Communion Sunday - October 4, 2020**

Greeting

Piano Prelude

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

-arr. Mark Hayes

Ellen Hagen, pianist

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn UMH #75 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Children's Time

Prayer Song

*Tear Down the Walls*

-Hillsong

Matt Sherrill, guitar

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Scriptures

Acts 17:26-27 (NCV)

<sup>26</sup> God began by making one person, and from him came all the different people who live everywhere in the world. God decided exactly when and where they must live. <sup>27</sup> God wanted them to look for him and perhaps search all around for him and find him, though he is not far from any of us:

Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV)

<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by

chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Sermon

*Joy of Neighboring: Love Your Neighbor*

Reverend Sara L. Isbell

Video: "Love Your Neighbor" by Dave Runyon

Service of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn UMH #618 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Communion Prayer and Invitation to the Offering

Giving Testimony by Steve and Judy Bute

Closing Song

*Look Like a Fool*  
Matt Sherrill, guitar

-Matt Maher

Announcements and Benediction

Worship Participants

Reverend Justin Iverson, Liturgist

Ellen Hagen, Pianist

Matt Sherrill, Guitarist

Kathi Pritts, Children's Time

Brenna Martin, Hymn Singer

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR" SERMON SERIES**

Join us for "Love Your Neighbor" Sunday worship in October, and see how much fun this commandment of Jesus really can be. We'll talk about moving from strangers to

acquaintances, and acquaintances to friends. We'll see how shared interests and mutual vulnerability can make your section of town a place you never want to leave. And we'll see how neighbors helping neighbors builds a safer, stronger community.

**Sundays, 9:00am** (or after) on the Wesley website ([www.wesley-umc.com](http://www.wesley-umc.com)), Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/WesleyUMCBloomington](http://www.facebook.com/WesleyUMCBloomington)), or You Tube channel.

## **PAINT THE TOWN WESLEY – ALL-CHURCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM**

Wesley UMC is finding new ways to do ministry during Phase 4 of COVID-19. Please plan to join us every Wednesday evening this fall for "Paint the Town WESLEY."

As a church family we will be engaging in safe, socially distanced activities in an attempt to show the community how much God loves them, who we are, and to bind us together during this challenging time. Please see bottom of announcements for our COVID-19 participation guidelines.

### **Wednesday, October 7: "Hide and Seek"**

Join us on October 7<sup>th</sup> for an all-church game of "Hide and Seek".

Swing by the church between 5-6:30 pm to pick up your special Wesley UMC car magnet, then go on a hunt across town to find your Wesley UMC friends. "Tag" their car with the magnet then post a picture to the Facebook page with the hashtag #PaintTheTownWesley. Each household can receive up to 4 magnets to spread out among 4 different families of people. If you play, make it fun! Park your car in front of a different house and make your friends hunt to find it! Contact Kelsey Ross for additional details: 618-558-0748.

### **Wednesday, October 14: Pumpkin Painting**

Join us on October 14<sup>th</sup> as we kick-off fall with an all-church Pumpkin painting event! Come to the main parking lot from 6-7:00 pm for a socially-distanced night of pumpkin painting and fellowship. We will have multiple painting stations set up in the parking lot. Please plan to BRING YOUR OWN PUMPKIN and we will provide the painting supplies and fun ideas for a design!

## **FLU SHOT CLINIC**

Wesley UMC will be partnering with Walgreens to offer an Influenza Vaccine Clinic on October 14 at 4-6pm. We will be asking attendees to follow a simple new protocol to keep our members

and staff safe during this strange COVID-19 season. You may sign up [HERE](#) by choosing a time slot that works best for your schedule. If you would prefer some assistance, please email Molly at [mmccue@wesley-umc.com](mailto:mmccue@wesley-umc.com) or call 309-827-8046.

Each vaccine recipient will need to fill out an Informed Consent for Vaccine form ahead of their appointment. If it's possible to [CLICK HERE](#) (or [HERE](#) for Spanish) and print it at home to fill out and bring with you, that would save time. If you have health insurance, please **bring your insurance card**. If you **do not** have health insurance, please let us know **ahead of time** so that we can provide the appropriate number of vouchers.

## **SURGE STUDY**

Surge is pairing up with Normal UMC to offer a new study for all 6th-12th grade students! We will be using *The Problem of Racism: A Faith and Action Response* curriculum from Castleton UMC to lead our students in a connectional discussion about racism, injustice and our call as Christians in the world. We will meet on Thursday nights in October and November from 7-8:00 pm via zoom. Contact Kelsey ([kross@wesley-umc.com](mailto:kross@wesley-umc.com)) with any questions!

## **SURGE MEETING SUNDAY NIGHTS**

Surge (Grades 6-12) is now meeting on Sunday nights! We will stick with our same schedule, using a rotation between our Jr. High and High School students. While we are changing the day of our meetings, the format will stay the same. Our "Bonfires of Belonging" series welcomes all students to come and belong as a part of our Surge family while we join in fellowship, games and spiritual devotion. Groups will meet in the church parking lot.

- October 4: 6th/7th grade 6-7 pm, 8th grade 7-8 pm
- October 11: 9th/10th grade 6-7 pm, 11th/12th grade 7-8 pm

Click here ([https://www.wesley-umc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Surge-Fall-Calendar .pdf](https://www.wesley-umc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Surge-Fall-Calendar.pdf)) to see our official Fall 2020 calendar for information on all events, meetings and programming.

## **NEW ADULT STUDIES**

### **“The Art of Neighboring”**

Join Kathi Pritts for an 8-week study (attend as many as you can) of *The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door*. The book study will be an added bonus to our October sermon series on “Loving Our Neighbors,” and it just might fill some of that

empty space COVID-19 has put in our souls. Class will meet via Zoom on Tuesdays Oct. 6-Nov. 24, 6-7 p.m. Please contact Kathi Pritts at [kpritts@wesley-umc.com](mailto:kpritts@wesley-umc.com) to register for the class and receive the zoom link.

### **“More Parables”**

Barb Phend will lead an eight-week study called *More Parables* on Thursday afternoons beginning October 1st. Class will meet via zoom on Thursdays Oct. 1 – Nov. 19 from 1-2 p.m.

Jesus’ parables are some of the most referenced lessons in all of scripture and scholars discuss their meanings all the time. Join us as we take a deeper look at the parables, ask questions, and engage in conversation. Please contact Kathi Pritts at [kpritts@wesley-umc.com](mailto:kpritts@wesley-umc.com) to register for the class and receive the zoom link.

### **“JUST ONE” IN-KIND COLLECTION IS BACK!**

The “Just One” in-kind collection project is returning. We will begin our monthly collections in coordination with *Paint the Town Wesley* program on October 21. This month we will be collecting new socks for all ages. Please hold your items at home and deliver them on that evening. (watch for more details in the *Alive* next week.)

### **WESLEY DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY NEEDS**

The following items are needed for the monthly paper goods distribution:

- Diapers – sizes newborn, 4, 5, 6
- Diaper wipes
- Toilet paper
- 2021 calendars
- Scarves
- Ear warmers

You may drop off the items in the collection box located at the entrance door of Wesley West at any time, Monday - Friday.

### **HEADPHONES FOR STUDENTS**

A great big THANK YOU to Wesley Church for your generosity! We raised over \$4000 to purchase 225 headphones/earbuds for students in our community.

## **PRAYER WITH THE PASTOR**

Sundays 4-5 pm – All are welcome. We want to be available to you during this time, not just to pray *for* you, but to pray *with* you. If you have prayer requests, joys or concerns, let's bring them to the altar together (virtually) Sunday afternoons by Zoom. Pastor Sara will meet you there and we'll pray together for each other, our families, community, nation and world. The Zoom link can be found below.

<https://zoom.us/j/92634464078?pwd=M09hUldDaFM2Qm1LdzFDdGhVNU5DZz09>

Meeting ID: 926 3446 4078

Passcode: 628292

## **PHASE FOUR GUIDELINES FOR RE-ENTRY AT WESLEY CHURCH DURING PANDEMIC**

McLean County continues in Phase Four of the Restore Illinois re-entry plan. Find Wesley's re-entry guidelines on our website at [www.wesley-umc.com](http://www.wesley-umc.com).

It is the desire of Wesley UMC to minimize potential exposure to the Covid-19 virus. As we gather, both indoors and outdoors, we ask that you remember the following:

1. Wear a face-mask.
2. Maintain a minimum of 6-ft distance from other persons.
3. Practice frequent hand-washing or use of hand-sanitizer
4. Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 or have other illnesses.
5. Stay home if you have been exposed to Covid-19 within the past 14 days.
6. Stay home if you have a compromising condition due to age or other health conditions