

ECUMENICAL SUNDAY

+Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.
Congregation is invited to respond as indicated by **Bold Print**

PRELUDE *Love, Devine, All Loves Excelling | How Can We Name a Love | We, Thy People, Praise Thee*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Katie Anderson*

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (UNISON) *Rev. Katie Anderson*
God, we do not know what to do, but You do. Open our hearts, eyes, and minds to You. Amen.

CENTERING TIME *Spirit of God*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Jackie Z.*

Jackie: Come, O you people, and hear the Lord's good news;

All: God's steadfast love is from everlasting to everlasting.

Jackie: We gather together with brothers, sisters, siblings in faith,

All: to celebrate our variety of gifts, and to share in the journey.

Jackie: God's Spirit is here, giving us what we need to follow God's way.

All: Let us rejoice, for God's help, we will live into a new reality.

+OPENING HYMN *All People That On Earth Do Dwell* UMH # 75

+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON): *Jackie Z.*

God of Goodness and Glory, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise! For you are the Maker of all things in heaven and earth, and you give life to the whole of Creation. Without our aid (or our effort), you brought us into being. You move with us through the times and spaces of our lives, and you invite us to journey in relationship with you and one another. Too often, however, we let disagreements and derision divide us. We think more highly of ourselves and our achievements, and we fail to celebrate the variety of gifts you bestow on all people. Forgive us, O God! Open our minds, that we might better understand. Broaden our hearts, that we might recognize the manifestation of your Spirit in those around us. Help us to celebrate our connections with our brothers, sisters, and siblings in faith, that together, we might share your gifts for the common good. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER

+SHARING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Rev. Katie Anderson*

+GOSPEL READING John 2:1-11 *Jackie Z.*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and ²Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. ³When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine." ⁴Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet." ⁵His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. ⁸Then he told them, "Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter," and they did. ⁹The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn't know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. The headwaiter called the groom ¹⁰and said, "Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON **"Choosing Joy"** *Rev. Katie Anderson*

HYMN *Many Gifts, One Spirit* UMH # 114

COMMUNITY PRAYER *Jackie Z.*

OFFERTORY *As a Fire is Meant for Burning*

+DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH # 95

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Jackie Z.*

Generous God, from the beginning, you have been pouring out an abundance of your gifts upon all Creation. You equip us for the work of ministry and empower us to share in living your reality. Now, we return to you a portion of what we have received, trusting that you will bless it. Make us one with all those who share your vision, to that we may be part of your good together. Amen.

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January 19, 2025

If you do not feel comfortable speaking your joy or concern aloud, please complete a prayer card and pass it toward the center aisle. Pastor will collect the cards as we sing the following hymn:

PRAYER HYMN *O Come and Dwell in Me - V. 1,3 &4* UMH # 388

JOY AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH # 895

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.

+CLOSING HYMN *We All Are One in Mission* TFWS # 2243

+BENEDICTION *Rev. Katie Anderson*

POSTLUDE *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

REACHING UP TO WORSHIP GOD | REACHING OUT TO SERVE OTHERS | REACHING IN TO GROW TOGETHER

SPECIAL
SUNDAY



HUMAN RELATIONS DAY



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Noisy Can WISCONSIN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The **Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC)** is a network of Christian churches and faith-based organizations “committed to working together across our many differences”. Bringing together 21 Christian traditions (totaling approximately 2,000 congregations and over one million members) in the state of Wisconsin, WCC provides resources, conversation, and partnerships that enable people (and communities) of faith to live into God’s vision for their congregations and the world.

In practice, this has included vaccinating people, debunking misinformation, assisting immigrants, coordinating mutual aide, and telling important stories that might otherwise be lost in the busyness of our time. They accompany congregations beginning a restorative action journey, amplify the impact of members’ investments with their Community Investment Program, advocate for truth-telling and right relations, and much more!

Our contributions will help the WCC continue their ongoing work of supporting us— clergy and laity, leaders, staffers, and volunteers—in being human, connected, courageous, imaginative and faithful.

Upcoming Dates/Events

Sunday, January 19: celebrating Ecumenical Sunday with a pulpit swap. Pastor Doug will be preaching at Good Shepherd ELCA and Rev. Katie Anderson will be leading worship here at Wesley UMC. We will also be collecting a denomination-wide special offering for **Human Relations Day** during the service.

Sunday, January 26: We will be welcoming Scott Seeger of the Wood County Aging & Disabilities Resource Center to lead our initial training in becoming a more dementia-friendly congregation. The training will last an hour or so, with time afterwards for Q&A. Everyone is encouraged to attend and to participate, as this will greatly help us all in our efforts to expand our outreach to and ministry with those living with dementia, Alzheimer’s, and Parkinson’s (and their caregivers).



Thanks, Wesley
family, for opening
your purses and

emptying your pockets for our December Noisy Can collection! We raised **\$311.46** to be gifted to the Salvation Army. With our help, their good work in our communities continue.

This week’s YouTube link for Sunday—

<https://www.youtube.com/live/PFX6mnSU6aY>

Steven Selz, Driver Education Academy, will speak on Driver’s Safety at Parkinson’s Support Group, **Tuesday, January 21st at 10:30 AM**. Driver Education Academy has provided comprehensive driving education programs in the Marshfield area since 1988 and is licensed by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation.

Parkinson’s Support Group meets at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 211 S. Maple Avenue in Marshfield. This presentation is free and open to the public.



Wesley’s next week to staff SOS is

February 10-14, 2025.

Please let Jackie know if you are able to volunteer. New volunteers WELCOMED.

LET’S PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS!

If you have a joy or concern let us know! wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org

JOYS: those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week (see announcement page). Share with us your joys so we may celebrate together and glorify our Lord for your blessings!

- For **Mary E.** whose birthday is coming up soon.
- For **Orin H.** and his robotics team that made it to the quarterfinals.

CONCERNS:

- For **Terry** (*cousin of Karalee L.*) whose surgery went well, but who is dealing with new complications.
- For **Kelly H.** as she transitions to more hours at work.
- For the family of **Anna** (*aunt of Kelly H.*) who passed away.
- For **Penny’s daughter-in-law** who is again facing medical issues.

HOMEBOUND: Ruth S. Dorothy D. Shirley S. Ardis A.

OTHERS:

- For those affected by the wildfires in **California**.
- For the **first responders** and the **prisoners** who are fighting these fires.
- For those affected by the winter storms in the **southern United States**.