



Wesley's next opportunity to serve at SOS is **June 2nd through the 7th**. New volunteers are welcomed. Please see Jackie if you're able to volunteer!

MARSHFIELD'S Mayor Dairy Breakfast

FRIDAY, MAY 30TH, 2025 @ MARSHFIELD FAIRGROUNDS

WESLEY UMC VOLUNTEER SHIFT:

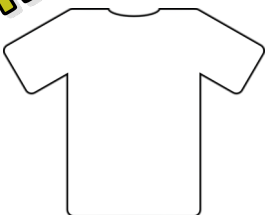
8:00 AM-9:30 AM

Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.

See Pastor Doug with any questions.



FOR SALE

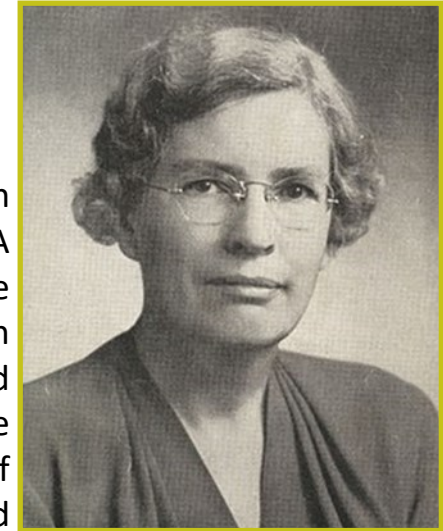


1 (one) Wesley UMC T-Shirt

SIZE XL - \$15.00

Please contact the church office if
if you are interested.

The Trailblazer: Georgia Harkness



Georgia Harkness was a pioneer and trailblazer within American Methodism of the early twentieth century. A renowned theologian, philosopher, and advocate, she played a significant part in shaping the role of the church in society as well as helping redefine who was deemed qualified for leadership within it. She participated in the expansion of a concern for social justice, the rise of greater relations among Christian traditions, and formation of a modern theological approach.

Of all her accomplishments, however, Harkness is perhaps most well-known for her work helping legalize the ordination of women in the Methodist Church. Driven by her understanding that all were beloved by God, endowed with gifts for mission and ministry, she used every means to argue on behalf of greater inclusion. Efforts she (and many others) engaged eventually resulted in the granting of equal clergy rights to women in 1956.

Since then, Harkness' work has served as the basis for subsequent campaigns to expand those rights to all (including, most recently, those who identify as LGBTQ+). Her legacy is still celebrated today with the wearing of red shoes at graduations and ordinations – an ongoing witness to the broad circle of God's kin-dom.

God, we give you thanks for Georgia, who recognized the broad reach of your boundless love. May we learn from her example to see your gifts in one another and to honor them by making space in which they can blossom and flourish for you. Amen.

This week's **YouTube** link for Sunday Worship Service
<https://www.youtube.com/live/l6uaSoBNxsA>

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 **John** (*friend of Mary E.*) who is home safe.
- For **Allean F. and Cherly R.**, on their continued recoveries.
- For **Karalee L.'s daughter** receiving a professional award at work.
- For **Isabella S.** who scored well at the national archery competition.
- For Deb T. being able to spend the day with her grandson.
- For the reconciliation with native peoples in our area.

CONCERNS:

- For **Mareile** (*wife of Darlene W.'s brother*) who is living with dementia.
- For **Steven R.** as doctors continue to explore other treatments.

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

OTHERS:

- For the **Roman Catholic Church** on the election of **Pope Leo XIV.**
- For those in **India, Pakistan**, and elsewhere caught up in violence.
- For **all who mother**, who grieve, and for whom mothering is complicated.

This week, we saw God "breaking through" ...

- ...in the joy of friends gathering to celebrate one's birthday.
- ...in two whole days with sunshine (and no rain).
- ...in the folks who helped pack meals for Feed My Starving Children.
-in the robins outside and the robin eggs found in a nest.
- ...in the friends and loved ones on the road to recovery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MAY'S NOISY Can Never Forgotten Honor Flight

The organization is Wausau based and was formed in November of 2009. The goal is to fly veterans (in this region) who served during WW11, The Korean War or the Vietnam eras to Washington D. C. to visit the memorials built in their honor. The organization is an affiliate of Honor Flight Network, which began the operation in 2005.

The Honor flight is a one day trip where the veterans spend their time visiting the various military memorial sites and also take a bus tour of the city.

The organization is not-for-profit so it receives no government funding and is supported by private and commercial donors, etc. and donations from many other sources.

There is no paid staff members. The volunteers organize everything for the veterans: arrange the travel to and from Washington and arrange all transportation activities and meals while the veterans are in Washington, D. C.

UPCOMING May Birthdays

13: Sharwin G.

19: Mark M.

21: Donald L.



UNITED METHODIST SPECIAL SUNDAY:

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 18TH

United Methodist Student Day celebrates the value of education. This Special Sunday's offerings goes to support scholarships for United Methodist students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. **(See insert for more info.)**

Won't you consider a contribution to develop future leaders worldwide?

Please use the offering envelopes in the Fellowship Hall. Offerings accepted May 18th & May 25th.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

PRELUDE *Lift Thine Eyes | An Abiding Faith | I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Sharwin G.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Doug*

BREAKTHROUGH SIGHTINGS

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (UNISON)

God, we do not know what to do, but You do. Open our hearts, eyes, and minds to You. Amen.

CENTERING TIME *Awake, O Sleeper* *Sharwin G.*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Jackie Z.*

Jackie: Praise to the Lord in heaven and on earth!

All: Sing out for joy in the presence of our God!

Jackie: in Christ, all things are made right with the Lord,

All: and all peoples given a place in God's Divine work.

Jackie: By the Spirit, we are filled with grace and with power,

All: sharing, in every moment, the glory of God's kingdom.

+OPENING HYMN	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	TFWS # 2008
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+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON): Jackie Z.

Eternal God, everywhere we look, we see signs of your presence made known-from the stars in the sky to the hills and mountains of the earth, to the wonders hidden deep within the oceans. You fill them all with life abundant, giving every individual meaning and purpose. You make us part of something greater than ourselves, calling us to be co-creators with you and with one another. Yet, we are far more concerned with what sets us apart. We put our efforts into drawing lines and building walls between us, and we try to determine (on our own) who is “in” and who is “out”. Forgive us, O God! Break down the barriers that divide. Open our eyes (and our hearts) to look upon those we encounter, not just with a human gaze, but in the fullness of your Spirit. Give us what we need, so that we might join with you in broadening the circle, and with your help, celebrate the goodness of all your beloved children. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER

+SHARING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Pastor Doug*

SCRIPTURE READING	Acts 11:1-18	<i>Jackie Z.</i>
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The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God's word.² When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him.³ They accused him, "You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!"⁴ Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened.⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a visionary experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me."⁶ As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds.⁷ I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!'⁸ I responded, 'Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'⁹ The voice from heaven spoke a second time, 'Never consider unclean what God has made pure.'¹⁰ This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven.¹¹ At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying.¹² The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man's house.¹³ He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is known as Peter.'¹⁴ He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.'¹⁵ When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning.¹⁶ I remembered the Lord's words: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'¹⁷ If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God's way?"¹⁸ Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, "So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life."

SERMON **"The Trailblazer"** *Pastor Doug*
Broadening our view of who the Lord has included

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Modern Affirmation UMH # 885

HYMN	<i>Help Us Accept Each Other</i>	UMH # 560
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COMMUNITY PRAYER *Jackie Z.*

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May 18, 2025

OFFERTORY	<i>Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love</i>	
DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH # 94
+PRAYER OF DEDICATION		<i>Jackie Z.</i>
<p>God of Grace, from the beginning you have given us all that we need to live. You are continually providing from the bounty of your Creation, and you fill us with your love beyond measure. Accept our tithes and offerings as signs of gratitude and commitment to your way. Help us, through our sharing, to broaden the circle ever wider, until your acceptance is known by all. Amen.</p>		
PRAYER HYMN	<i>Shepherd Me, O God (2X)</i>	TFWS # 2058
JOYS & CONCERNS		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		UMH # 895
+CLOSING HYMN	<i>O Church of God, United</i>	UMH # 547
+BENEDICTION		<i>Pastor Doug</i>
POSTLUDE	<i>We’ve a Story to Tell to Nation’s Blessings</i>	<i>Sharwin G.</i>

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Reaching up to worship God | Reaching out to serve others | Reaching in to grow together

