Wesley United Methodist Church

Worship Sundays 9 AM
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August 30, 2026

PRAYER HYMN	*Lord, Be Glorified (V. 1& 3)*	TFWS # 2150

JOYS & CONCERNS

Leader: God of Grace… **People:...hear our prayer.**

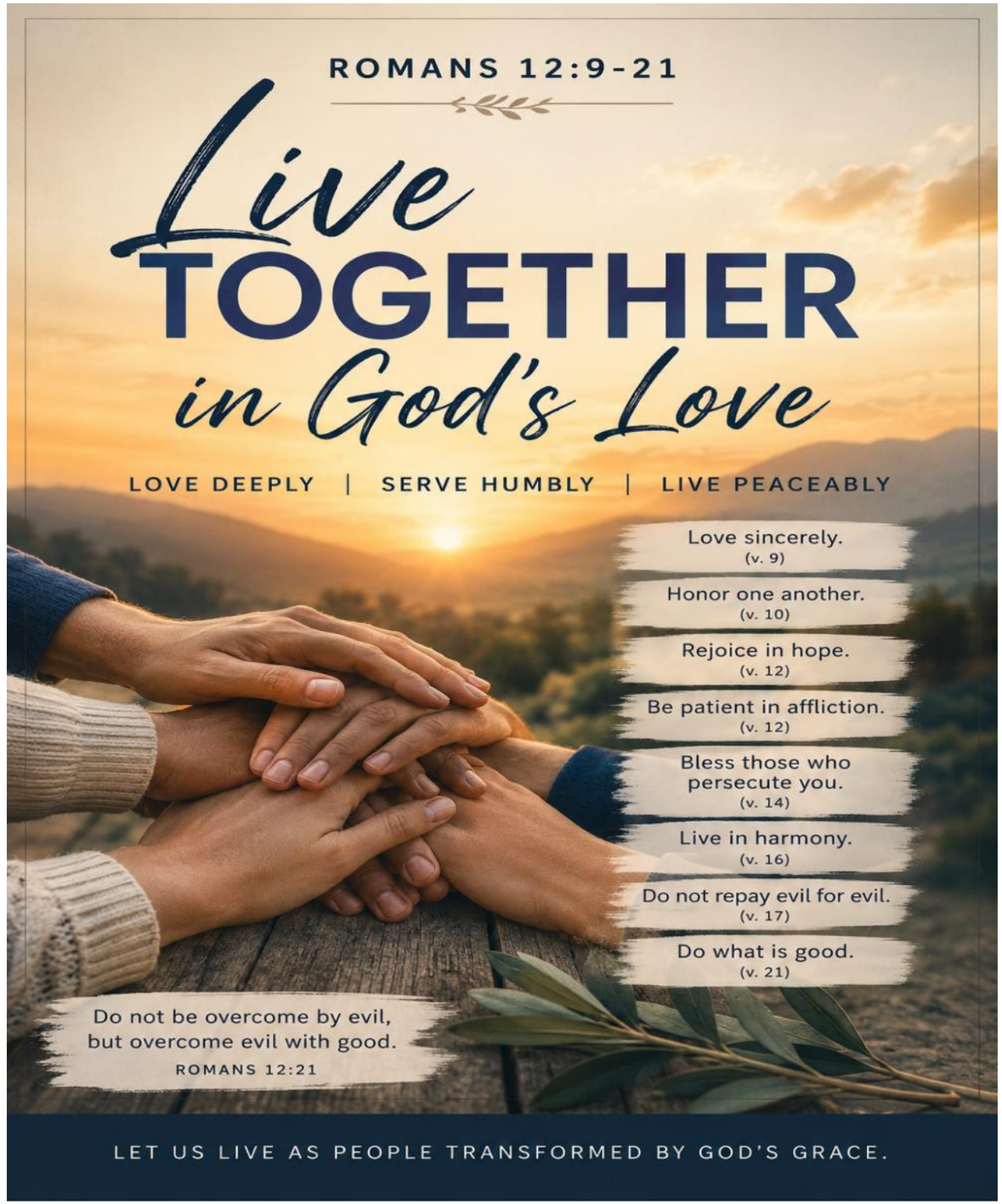
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS		*Pastor Doug*
+CLOSING HYMN	*In the Midst of New Dimensions*	TFWS # 2238
+BENEDICTION		*Pastor Doug*
POSTLUDE	*Sent Out in Jesus' Name*	

Our Mission Statement

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



14th Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE *God of Love and God of Power | We Will Glorify the King of Kings | Be Thou My Vision*

GREETING & WELCOME *Pastor Doug*

BREAKTHROUGH SIGHTINGS

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

CENTERING TIME *Live in Charity*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Larry S.*

Larry: From the places we've come; from the variety of our lived experiences,

All: the Lord gathers us with love and grace, making us part of their family.

Larry: With humble hearts; through every single act of worship and of service,

All: we are growing in faith, living out the hope to be found in Jesus Christ.

Larry: God's grace is at work, making it possible for us to do all these things-

All: to proclaim the good news, and to pursue the wonder of God's future.

+OPENING HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH # 117

+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON): *Larry S.*

Great and Gracious God, the whole of Creation bears witness to your glory. You brought forth every wonder of the universe; you imbue it with meaning and purpose; you continually work for good. With care and with grace, you form us, shaping our bodies, minds, and spirits into reflections of your being. You give us all we need to share your doing, and you invite us to embrace your possibility. Too often, however, we settle for less. We allow our vision to be narrowed by worldly concern. We let our worries and fears overwhelm us. We limit ourselves, instead of leaning into your fullness. Forgive us, O God! Open our eyes to the ways that you are moving among us, here and now. Help us to see the doors and paths you are opening, in each and every moment of our lives together. Fill us with your courage and compassion, that we might reach for your kin-dom and live boldly into your future, with perseverance and hope. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER

+SHARING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Pastor Doug*

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:9-21 *Larry S.*

9 Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. 10 Love each other like
the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. 11 Don't hesitate to be
enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! 12 Be happy in your hope, stand your ground
when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of God's people, and
welcome strangers into your home. 14 Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. 15 Be
happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. 16 Consider everyone as equal, and
don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't
think that you're so smart. 17 Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show
respect for what everyone else believes is good.

18 If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. 19 Don't try to get revenge for
yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. It is written, *Revenge belongs to me; I will
pay it back, says the Lord*. 20 Instead, *If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By
doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head*. 21 Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil
with good.

REFLECTION **"Embracing Possibility"** *Pastor Doug*
Pursuing God's future with passion and hope

PRESENTATION OF MCCI REPORT *Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey*

HYMN *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* UMH # 383

COMMUNITY PRAYER *Larry S.*

OFFERTORY

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Larry S.*

Almighty God, each day, you make possible all sorts of new beginnings. You honor the faithfulness of the past, and you provide everything that we need to embrace the possibilities of your future. With joy and thanksgiving, we return to you a portion of what we have received. Transform these gifts (and our lives), that they may be part of the new things you are doing, here and now. Amen.

This week's **YouTube** link for Sunday—

https://www.youtube.com/live/NX2wtHXB2fU

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 the rest and renewal this summer has offered us through vacation and relaxation.
- For **students**, **staff**, **teachers**, **loved ones** getting ready to start another school year.
- For the joy of family visiting and for being able to celebrate a loved one's life. (*Deb T.*)
- For **Alexander** (*grandson of Penny M.*), who is starting his sophomore year of college.
- For the people of **Sparta UMC** as they prepare for their 175th anniversary this October.

CONCERNS:

- For **Connie H.** (*former member*), who is in hospice at House of the Dove.
- For **Megan** (*niece of Karalee L.*), who is continuing to work through her treatments.
- For **Matthew** (*acquaintance of Kris M.*), who recently had brain surgery and is recovering.

HOMEBOUND: Dorothy D. Shirley S. Ardis A. Marge K.

OTHERS

- For residents of **Gary, Indiana** that have been without electricity for over a week.
- For our service members on the ***Abraham Lincoln*** who have been without needed support.
- For the family of **Jason Arday** (professor of Cambridge), who was found dead in his home.

This week, we saw God "breaking through"…

- ...in the stories and fellowship shared at our ice cream gathering on Aug. 17.
- ...in the community embodied by our LGBTQ neighbors at Pride on Aug.22. (*Marilyn S.-K.*)
- ...in the respect both teams showed an injured player at grandson's football game. (*Karalee L.*)
- ...in the rain we got this past week (after having gone so long without). (*Penny M.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST'S NOISY CAN

WISCONSIN DISASTER RESPONSE MINISTRY

When disaster strikes our communities, one of the many organizations that move to respond is the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). They do so by relying on our connectional system - taking in donations from individuals, distributing resources to local churches, and deploying teams of volunteers from the annual conference closest to the affected area.

In Wisconsin, the group that partners with UMCOR to make these things happen is the **Wisconsin Conference Disaster Response Ministry**. By growing relationships and providing training ahead of time, they ensure that we are ready to go when disaster strikes (and that the support is in place for us to stick around until the job is done).

Over the course of the last year, our Disaster Response Ministry has rallied for those affected by the flooding around the Milwaukee area in Aug 2025 and the flooding along the Wolf River in Apr 2026. Even now, they are taking action to reach for those affected by the devastating storms that recently struck Appleton and Neenah-Menasha...and you can help!

CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO AND MCCI REPORT

Sunday, August 30th

Join together in our **all-church photo** this year, as we continue to tell the story of God's people in this time and place. **Hear from the MCCI team** as they report on our conversations from our Express Day, and lean into the possibilities that God has in store for us going forward.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

August 15: Rebecca N.

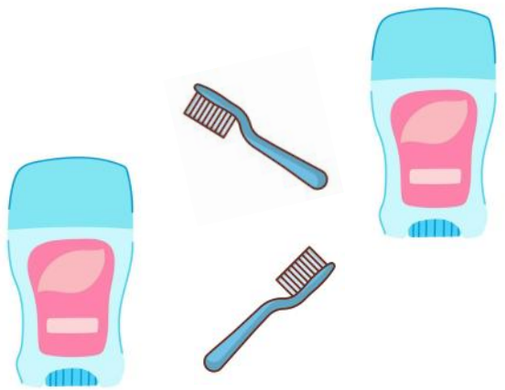
UPCOMING SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 1: Gary G.

Donate Supplies for Disaster Recovery

In light of the flooding earlier this year (and the recent storms in Appleton and Neenah-Menasha), Marshfield: Wesley UMC is partnering with the Midwest Mission Distribution Center to collect item donations for the various kits that will be sent to affected communities. We have been asked to give **toothbrushes (single, *not* multipack)** and **deodorant (2-4 oz. stick, roll-on, or pump)**. Items should be new and unopened.

Bring your donations to the church building and drop them off in the blue bin in fellowship hall. On the first Sunday of September, we will dedicate these gifts (along with our Noisy Can offerings) before sending them off to be distributed.



3 OPPORTUNITIES to SHARE

There will be three opportunities to share your thoughts, reflections, and questions about the MCCI report and prescriptions that will be presented during worship on Sunday, August 30. We will talk through them together as a congregation and explore how we might bring our holy imagination into being.

Sunday, September 13-10 AM

Thursday, September 17-6:30 PM

Monday, September 21-10:00 AM

Town Hall Meeting

Notes