

Wesley United Methodist Church

Worship Sundays 9 AM

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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

We've a Story to Tell the Nations

UMH # 569

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE

Kristine L.

How beautiful
are the feet
of those who bring
good news!

—Romans 10:15

Wesley UMC

11th 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 Kristine L.

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 Kristine L.

+CALL TO WORSHIP Karalee L.

Karalee: Gathered from the many peoples of earth, across all time and space,

All: we are made one in Christ Jesus, the embodiment of God’s promise.

Karalee: With the saints of old and all those who have gone before us in faith,

All: we receive the wonderous gift of God’s saving (and sanctifying) grace.

Karalee: God sustains us in the midst of our brokenness, offering life renewed,

All: enabling us to walk in God’s way, and to share in it with all the world.

+OPENING HYMN Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise UMH # 103

+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON): Karalee L.

Immortal, Invisible God, words alone cannot express how great and wonderful you are. Your being is beyond our imagining, and your goodness extends further than we could ever hope to reach. Indeed, you move throughout this world, working in all things to bring your reality into being. You give life to both great and small, and you encourage us to grow together in your abundant way. Too often, however, we fail to grasp the true spirit of what you’re calling us to. We get caught up in worldly distinctions; we are more concerned with who comes first than living out your kin-dom. Forgive us, O God! Free us from the bondage that we have made, for ourselves and for one another. Open our hearts and minds to the possibilities that come from the fulfillment of your covenant. Teach us to proclaim your good news in all we say and do, that by bearing faithful witness, we might deepen our relationship with every beloved member of your great family. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER

+SHARING THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Doug

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 10:5-15 Karalee L.

⁵ Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from the Law: *The person who does these things will live by them.* ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith talks like this: *Don’t say in your heart, “Who will go up into heaven?”* (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ or *“Who will go down into the region below?”* (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart* (that is, the message of faith that we preach). ⁹ Because if you confess with your mouth “Jesus is Lord” and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, *All who have faith in him won’t be put to shame.* ¹² There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on him. ¹³ *All who call on the Lord’s name will be saved.*

¹⁴ So how can they call on someone they don’t have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven’t heard of? And how can they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, *How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news.*

SERMON “The Gift of Salvation” Pastor Doug
Living God’s way because of what we receive in Christ

HYMN My Song Is Love Unknown TFWS # 2083

COMMUNITY PRAYER Karalee L.

OFFERTORY

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION Karalee L.

Almighty God, there are so many things in heaven and on earth that are known only to you. You see all their potential, and you work continuously, day by day, to bring it more fully into being. Receive these offerings of time, talent, and treasure as signs of our desire to grow in our faithfulness and witness. May it be that, through them, we help to transform the lives of others. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful (x2) TFWS # 2195

This week's YouTube link for Sunday—

<https://www.youtube.com/live/-BIB9yFGEeA>

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 people who have stumbled in their lives, and now turning things around.

CONCERNS:

- For **Laura** (*daughter-in-law of Penny M.*), waiting for the results of a biopsy.
- For the family of **Tammy M.** (*community member*), who passed away recently.
- For the family of Norm S. (*retired clergy*) was laid to rest Sunday (August 2).

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

OTHERS

- For the families of **firefighters** killed earlier this summer, fighting wildfires in Colorado.
- For all those affected by the EF-3 tornado in **Appleton, Neenah, and Menasha** on July 27.
- For the **emergency responders** putting themselves in harms' way to protect others.
- For the **migrants** and the **refugees** whose lives are being turned upside down.

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

- ...in the rain we received this past week. (*Penny M.*)
- ...in reconnecting with friends and former church members. (*Karalee L.*)
- ...in surprise of a stranger buying our group's breakfast. (*Deb T.*)
- ...in the stories we share of friends, loved ones, colleagues as we celebrate their lives.

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!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

15-Rebecca N.



MCCI EXPRESS DAY

Wednesday, August 26

6PM to 9 PM

Take part in this important step of our MCCI process! Enjoy a light supper starting at 6:00 pm, then make your voice heard through discussion and reflection (from 6:30-9:00 pm). The more folks who show up, the better able we will be to embrace God's vision for our congregation.



Our next week of service is August 31st through September 4th, helping out on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please see Jackie if you are able to volunteer.

New volunteers welcomed!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Help the Red Cross overcome an **emergency blood shortage** so patient care isn't at risk! Without lifesaving blood, emergency rooms can't function; maternity wards can't operate; cancer patients must wait. Your blood donation is urgently needed now. Red Cross asks **eligible donors to give blood** at the Marshfield Community Blood Drive at Wesley United Methodist Church on **Tuesday August 11th** from 10am to 3pm. **All who come to give blood in August receive a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email, from the American Red Cross!**

Wisconsin Primary Election is on Tuesday, August 11

Be election-ready! Visit **myvote.wi.gov** to confirm your voter registration, find your polling place, and preview your ballot before Election Day.

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.



PUB THEOLOGY with Good Shepherd Lutheran

Wednesday, August 19
@ 6 PM

Scotty's Pizza

Pub Topic: *How Does it End?*

Come for time of fellowship.
Engage with others. Grow.

LAST ONE for 2026!

Notes

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

reaching UP TO WORSHIP GOD | reaching OUT TO serve others | reaching IN TO grow together