

Wesley United Methodist Church

Worship Sundays 9 AM

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+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jeff N.

God of Light, you make your presence known throughout our lives. You reveal possibilities, season our experiences, and help us (in times of joy and sorrow) to find our way to your goodness. Accept these gifts, which we offer in your name. Let them be a reminder to us to your blessing and a sign to others of your grace, as we commit to sharing them with your beloved children. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN

Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing (V. 1 & 4)

TFWS # 2230

JOYS & CONCERNS

Leader: God of Grace...

People: ...hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH # 7-11

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

Rejoice in God’s Saints

UMH # 708

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

+Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Congregation is invited to respond as indicated by **Bold Print**

PRELUDE O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling | We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding

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 Holy Ground

+CALL TO WORSHIP Jeff N.

Jeff: From factories and fields, from our workplaces and the comforts of home,

All: we are gathered together, all of us made to be part of the body of Christ.

Jeff: The Light of God shines throughout our lives, showing us the way forward.

All: We choose to follow, to take up and share the Lord’s gifts with all people.

Jeff: With God’s help, we continue to grow together as believers and neighbors,

All: witnessing God’s presence; reaching out to others with grace and honesty.

+OPENING HYMN O God Beyond All Praising TFWS # 2009

+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON): Jeff N.

Almighty God, it is hard to imagine how great and wonderful you truly are. You exist beyond all time and space, and you are continually working everything in heaven and on earth for your good. By your design, you make it possible for us to be part of what you are doing in this world. You guide us (in word and deed), and you give us a chance to help make your kin-dom real for everyone. Yet, we do not always follow in your way. We struggle to understand or accept what you ask of us. We chase after what is fleeting, rather than grounding ourselves in our steadfast assurance. Forgive us, O God! Remind us that we are not alone. Help us feel the strength and support of those who journey alongside us (and of your Spirit, moving throughout our lives). Teach us to live by the example of Christ, that we may be salt for the earth and light for the world, just as you would have us do. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER

+SHARING THE PEACE

We shake hands and say, “The peace of Christ be with you.” If you are not comfortable shaking hands (or have difficulty moving about), you are invited to bump elbows, wave, or offer some sign of peace.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Doug

+GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:13-20 Jeff N.

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It’s good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people’s feet. ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can’t be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷ “Don’t even begin to think that I have come to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I haven’t come to do away with them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ I say to you very seriously that as long as heaven and earth exist, neither the smallest letter nor even the smallest stroke of a pen will be erased from the Law until everything there becomes a reality. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever ignores one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called the lowest in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever keeps these commands and teaches people to keep them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ I say to you that unless your righteousness is greater than the righteousness of the legal experts and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

SERMON “Motives Matter” Pastor Doug
Loving unconditionally, with grace and honesty

HYMN The Gift of Love UMH # 408

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

COMMUNITY PRAYER Jeff N.

OFFERTORY Pass It On

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

This week's YouTube link for Sunday—

<https://www.youtube.com/live/zpFIMV6Ug0k>

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 all those celebrating **October birthdays**.
- For **Romelle B., Karalee L., Isabella S.,** and **Jackie Z.**, who participated in the quilt show.
- For the cast and crew-including **Orin** and **Nolan**-on their performance in the fall play.
- For **Marilyn S.-K.** and all those who took part in the cancer walk fundraiser last week.
- For **Pastor Doug** and for all the clergy who lead us in our faith journeys together.
- For the love, support, and prayers of our **Wesley UMC** church family. (*Rebecca N.*)
- For those returning from the **UMC Leadership Gathering**, with hope for the future.
- For our brothers, sisters, siblings of the Lutheran churches celebrating **Reformation Day**.

For **CONCERNS:**

- For **Rebecca N.**, as she faces upcoming surgery and treatment in November.
- For the family of **Fay J.**, who are planning for her funeral on Saturday, November 7.

HOMEBOUND: Dorothy D. Shirley S. Ardis A. Marge K. **OTHERS:** none listed this week

THIS WEEK, WE SAW GOD "BREAKING THROUGH"...

- ...in having dear friends Lynn and Tom visiting. (*Rebecca N.*)
- ...in conversation and growth amongst our small groups. (*Joel T.*)
- ...in growing awareness of who the neighbors around us are. (*Cheryl R.*)
- ...in the neighboring we have done for others over the years. (*Karalee L.*)
- ...in the rainy, fall weather that is good for me and my health. (*Ann T.*)
- ...in constant breakthroughs for **Tammy** (*sister of Karalee L.*), who graduated to a cane.
- ...in wonderful performances in the school's play this past weekend. (*Penny M.*)
- ...in the joy of coming together around the Brewers' success. (*Marilyn S.-K.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER'S NOISY can

NUTRITION ON WEEKENDS

The Nutrition on Weekends (NOW) is a United Way program to target childhood hunger in our local surrounding communities. The program provides healthy, ready-to-eat nutritious foods for children during the weekend, providing a safety net for children when they are not in the classroom and able to access school meals.

Since the program started in 2013, the NOW program serves 400-450 students weekly to eligible students in Marshfield, Auburndale, Granton, Spencer, Loyal, Greenwood, Pittsville and Stratford schools. Volunteers help prepare and sort the food for the weekend and then volunteers drop-off the week-end backpacks to the schools to send home with the enrolled students.

Wesley UMC has an opportunity to volunteer with the NOW program on **Thursday, November 12, at 11:00 AM.**

If you can help, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall!

We will meet at the United Way, 612 W. Blodgett Street, at 10:50 AM. Please wear your blue Wesley T-shirt if you have one.

2026 Church Conference

Join us for an evening of fellowship and connection at our upcoming Church Conference on **Monday, November 16!** We'll share a light supper at 6:00 PM, followed by the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Rev. Eric Taylor of Black River Falls UMC will be joining us to preside over the meeting. We hope you'll come, enjoy a meal together, and be part of this important time in the life of our church. Everyone's presence is valued!

Any questions about the conference? Please speak with Pastor Doug.

Growing in *The Art of Neighboring*

We're halfway through our six-week journey with *The Art of Neighboring*, but there's still time to join us! Come grow and learn together during one of our small group discussions.

Two opportunities are available each week: Mondays at 11 AM and Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

Together, we can embody God's love for the people who live right next door!

All Saints Sunday

We remember and give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us in our congregation this year, celebrating the love they shared and the lasting impact they made on our lives, but also the loved ones whose names live on in our hearts.

- ✚ *Ruth Stuckert* – January 31, 2026
- ✚ *Steven Roberts* – February 17, 2026
- ✚ *Connie Hodge* – August 28, 2026
- ✚ *Fay Joseph* – October 18, 2026
- ✚ *the loved ones whose names live on in our hearts*

THANKS FOR OPENING YOUR PURSES AND EMPTYING YOUR POCKETS FOR OUR OCTOBER NOISY CAN COLLECTION! WE RAISED **\$174.27** TO SUPPORT MARSHFIELD'S COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER. THIS EVENT IS ORGANIZED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION, AND WITH THE HELP OF MANY VOLUNTEERS, HUNDREDS OF MARSHFIELD RESIDENTS RECEIVE A FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER. WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO CARE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS.



Helping out at the SOS Food Pantry this week were **Sharwin G., Gary G., Karalee L., Kristine L., and Joel T.** Please thank them for their support of this vital community service! Wesley's next scheduled week to help at the Pantry is the week of Christmas. With the holiday falling on Friday, we will only need to schedule helpers for Monday and Wednesday, December 21 & 23. It would be a great opportunity for visiting family or students to share the spirit of giving by helping at the SOS Food Pantry. See Jackie Z. for more information.

Notes

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BLESSING

1: Kevin C



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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