

Wesley United Methodist Church
Worship Sundays 9 AM
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PRAYER HYMN Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing (V. 1 & 4) TFWS # 2230

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

+CLOSING HYMN O God of Every Nation UMH # 435

+BENEDICTION Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE Forth in Thy Name, O Lord Sharwin G.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?



21st 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	Solemn Meditation But the Lord is Mindful Of His Own Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior Faith Leads Us Onward	
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	Benedictus	Sharwin G.
+CALL TO WORSHIP	Marilyn S.-K.	
Marilyn: In the case, intimate spaces; out among the wide openness of the world, All: God is making their presence known, showing up when we least expect. Marilyn: Through instruction and teaching; by the very act of sharing space with us, All: God draws us to themselves, forming us into a living, breathing connection. Marilyn: With God’s help, we continue to grow together as believers and neighbors, All: overcoming life’s hurdles, making room to reach for one another in love.		
+OPENING HYMN	Maker, in Who We Live	UMH # 88
+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):	Marilyn S.-K.	
Eternal God, Maker of heaven and earth, all things join together in offering praise to you. For you brought them into being, giving them both a reason and the ability to bear their witness of joy. You entered into our existence in Christ, making real (in body and spirit) your faithful presence. And you show us what it means to live in your way, as you continually call us to do so in community. Too often, however, we become preoccupied with our problems. We fixate on flaws in each other and on reasons we cannot do as you have asked, instead of reaching outward with confidence. Forgive us, O God! Speak to our anxious hearts, that we might hear once more the assurance of your faithfulness. Help us to remember what is useful, especially as we seek to grow relationships. Give us courage and strength, not to go it alone, but to remain open to one another and to overcome barriers together as we anticipate the coming of your kin-dom, here and now. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.		

+SILENT PRAYER		
+SHARING THE PEACE		
<i>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.</i>		
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		<i>Pastor Doug</i>
+GOSPEL READING	Luke 10:38-42	<i>Marilyn S.-K</i>
³⁸ While Jesus and his disciples were traveling, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his message. ⁴⁰ By contrast, Martha was preoccupied with getting everything ready for their meal. So Martha came to him and said, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to prepare the table all by myself? Tell her to help me.” ⁴¹ The Lord answered, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. ⁴² One thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part. It won’t be taken away from her.”		
SERMON	“Overcoming Barriers” <i>Making room for the love of neighbor</i>	<i>Pastor Doug</i>
HYMN	<i>Come and Find the Quiet Center</i>	TFWS # 2128
COMMUNITY PRAYER		<i>Marilyn S.-K</i>
OFFERTORY	<i>What Gift Can We Bring</i>	
+DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH # 95
+PRAYER OF DEDICATION		<i>Marilyn S.-K</i>
God of the Quiet Center, no matter where we are in life, you are there with us. You give us space for resting, abundant resources for the body, and spiritual nourishment for the heart and the soul. Like Mary we gather at your feet to listen, and like Martha, we act to serve and care for others. May these offerings help make room for (and extend love to) the neighbors we have from you. Amen.		

This week's YouTube link for Sunday—

https://www.youtube.com/live/xDTaVyCG4_k

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 **Tammy** (*sister of Karalee L.*), who has successfully transitioned to rehab.
- For **Betty S.**, who is down helping to care for her family during this time.

CONCERNS:

- For **Fay J.**, who recently went into a facility at Abbotsford.
- For **Shar** (*friend of Mary E.*) whose hand is hurting.
- For the family of **Kay** (*friend of Penny M.*), whose funeral was Saturday (Oct.10).

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

OTHERS:

- For all those with the responsibility to make decisions that affect others.
- For those living with **homelessness**, impacted by policy decisions in Marshfield.
- For those who continue to be shaped by the **Oct. 7 terrorist attacks**, three years ago.
- For those participating in the UMC Leadership Gathering from Oct. 20 to Oct. 24.

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

- ...in time spent with grandkids at a pumpkin patch. (*Marilyn S.-K.*)
- ...in the birds flying outside my house. (*Mary E.*)
- ...in the beautiful weather this weekend. (*Penny M.*)
- ...in the many colors we see driving to Wausau. (*Yvonne S.*)
- ...in seeing Wesley's UMC's donations packed into kits and sent to Gary, IN. (*Bonnie C.*)
- ...in the joy, insight, and meaning of children's messages. (*Joel T.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER'S NOISY Can

Community

Thanksgiving Meal



For almost 20 years, the Marshfield Community Thanksgiving Dinner has provided a home-cooked traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings on Thanksgiving Day. The meal is FREE to all who are looking for a hot meal. American Legion Hall Post 54, 2100 S. Maple Ave. has hosted the dinner in -person as well as a carry out option. It takes a lot of volunteers and donations to make this event happen. Around 700 people are usually served at this meal. As the meal fills so many



Wesley's next week to serve at the Food Pantry is October 26th-30th (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). Please see Jackie if you are available to volunteer.

New volunteers are always welcomed!



OCTOBER 20: Cameron S.

Growing in

The Art of Neighboring

Starting **Sunday, October 11**, we will be embarking on a six-week journey through scripture, tradition, and our lived experiences, with the help of the book ***The Art of Neighboring*** by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon. We will grow more deeply in faith, together, and we will learn how to build relationships with others.

What we hear in worship will inform discussion and prayer in small group sessions during the week (**Mondays at 11:00 am** and **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**). Together, we will discern actionable steps to be taken within our own neighborhood and community, as we seek to more fully embody God's love for those who are right next door.



Chili Feed & Basket Raffle!

At Good Shepherd Lutheran Church



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 25th (11:00 AM – 1:30 PM)** for our Chili Fundraiser and Gift Basket Raffle! Please invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join us. All free-will donations and raffle proceeds directly support Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and our ministries. *All Are Welcome! Open to the Public.*

Date: Sunday, October 25 2026
Serving: 11:00 am-1:30 pm
Location: 502 W. McMillan St, Marshfield WI 54449

- **Chili Feed:** Free-will donations gratefully accepted. Eat-in or carry-out.
- **Gift Basket Raffle:** Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5! Drawing to be held at 1:30 pm.

All proceeds directly support the church and our community ministries. Come hungry!



Notes
