Wesley United Methodist Church

Worship Sundays 9 AM
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November 8, 2026

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		*Pastor Doug*
+CLOSING HYMN	*For the Healing of the Nations*	UMH # 428
+BENEDICTION		*Pastor Doug*
POSTLUDE	*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*	*Sharwin G.*

Our Mission Statement

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



24th 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 *Morning Joy | What Time I Am Afraid | O Come Unto Him | The Lord Is My Light*

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 *Interlude on a Hymn Fragment* *Sharwin G.*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Jackie Z.*

Jackie: Upon the highest mountain tops; in the streets of our towns and villages,
All: God is present and moving among us, working toward something great.
Jackie: Through a brilliant display of light; in the still, quiet moments of our lives,
All: God's revelation is ongoing, inviting us to become part of something more.
Jackie: With God's help, we continue to grow together as believers and neighbors,
All: reaching out to one another, and investing deeply in shared connection.

+OPENING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH # 89

+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON): *Jackie Z.*

God of Glory, Lord of Love, in this season of Ordinary Time, we see the many ways you are constantly working in our world-bringing forth wonder, raising up life, bestowing your goodness upon all. You enter into our everyday, taking a genuine interest in our well-being. And through your ongoing revelation, you offer us opportunity to do the same for others (in the things that we say and do). But it isn't easy. A multitude of voices clamor for attention. Demands and expectations pull us every which way. Overwhelmed, we hesitate to engage (drawing back, instead of leaning further in). Forgive us, O God! Come to us, in the midst of our chaos and confusion. Open our hearts, our eyes, and our minds to your presence (and to the possibilities that you are making in these moments). Renew in us confidence and courage to respond, not just with one-time acts, but with a continual, enduring commitment to growing right relationship, together. 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 17:1-9 *Jackie Z.*

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. [2] He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. [3] Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. [4] Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Lord, it's good that we're here. If you want, I'll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." [5] While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!" [6] Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe. [7] But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." [8] When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. [9] As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead."

SERMON **"Staying Focused"** *Pastor Doug*
Investing more deeply in one another

HYMN *The Servant Song* TFWS # 2222

COMMUNITY PRAYER *Jackie Z.*

OFFERTORY *Behold a Broken World*
+DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH # 95

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Jackie Z.*

Ever-Present God, no matter where we are in life, you are there with us. You make yourself known by your love and grace, and you give us what we need to grow more deeply in our relationships. As we offer back our time, talent and treasure, we ask that you would bless it. Make it part of your ongoing work, that through sharing, it may help to realize your great vision for all. Amen.

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

https://www.youtube.com/live/KUh5DE7oUc0

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 wonderful **son of Dean G.**
- For **Kevin C.**, who celebrated his 70th birthday on Sunday (Nov.1).
- For all those who helped stuff bags for **Downtown Trick-or-Treat**.
- For **Tammy** (*sister of Karalee L.*), whose recovery continues to progress.

CONCERNS:

- For **Shar** (*friend of Mary E.*), whose back and hand are hurting.
- For **Anne Marie** (*sister-grandmother of Rebecca N.*), who is awaiting transplant surgery.

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

OTHERS:

- For **Ruth S.**, **Steven R.**, **Connie H.**, **Fay J.**, and those we remember on All Saints Day.
- For all our **election heroes** poll workers, clerks, election officials, etc.

THIS WEEK, WE SAW GOD "BREAKING THROUGH"…

- …in hiking the hill at the school forest during a choir retreat. (*Nolan H.*)
- …in good weather for the cross-country meet last weekend. (*Rachel S.*)
- … in the joy of celebrating the Brewers winning the World Series. (*Penny M.*)
- …in the dedication of signs telling the story of Native Americans at Powers Bluff. (*Jeff N.*)
- …in the joy of seeing trick-or-treaters in good weather. (*Rachel S.*)
- …in how our understanding of "neighbor" is changing. (*Jeff N.*)
- …in serving together with our neighbors at NOW. (*Rebecca N.*)
- …in flocks of geese flying overhead. (*Mary E.*)
- …in meeting all the trick-or-treaters downtown last Thursday.

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*

There's still two more weeks on 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!



NUTRITION ON WEEKENDS (NOW)

Wesley UMC has an opportunity to volunteer

with the NOW program to help pack snacks/ meals with and make sandwiches on Thursday,

November 12, at 11 AM.

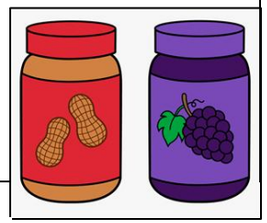
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NUTRITION ON WEEKENDS (NOW)

November Collection

During the month of November, Wesley UMC will be collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly to support the Nutrition on Weekends (NOW) program. Your generosity helps provide food for those students with weekend food insecurities. Please place your donations in the blue bin in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support!





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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to

Rachel J.!



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