September 2026

GoodNews

Love God · Welcome All · Serve Everyone

The Wesley Family has felt some deep losses recently. A church family is needed to surround loved ones with hope of a positive tomorrow.

Prayer is essential to hope. All Wesley members and friends need your prayers. At times, some need them more than others.

Right now, there are many who need your special prayers. Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

Prayer Requests

Bill Thurau

Richard Boris

Atha Atkinson

Cindy Escue

Marna Frank

Virginia Roders

Steve Mix

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ

September is just around the corner. Little by little, we can feel the summer heat giving way to the coolness of a new season. As the season changes, I find myself reflecting on the past month. It has been a time of both sadness and gratitude as we have experienced several of our beloved brothers and sisters in faith leaving our midst.

Over the past month, we have said goodbye to dear friends and faithful companions in our journey of faith. These goodbyes have not been easy. Whenever someone who has shared our faith, worship, prayers, and fellowship leaves us, we feel the emptiness that remains behind.

The Apostle Paul said in Acts 17:27–28, “He is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being.’” These are words I have always loved. They remind us that even when we cannot see God, God is never far from us. God is present with us—in our joy, in our sorrow, in our work, and even in the moments when we have to say goodbye.

This is also what I hope for all of us as a church: that we would not simply believe that God exists, but that we would experience the living presence of God in our daily lives. God is with us, listens to our prayers, strengthens us when we are weary, comforts us when we grieve, and gives us what we need to continue our journey.

This month, we also say a special thank you to Janice, who is retiring from her position as our church office administrative assistant. Janice has served our church faithfully for about six years, and I have had the privilege of working with her for the past two years and three months.

I am sure we will find someone to take over the work she has done. But finding someone to do the work is one thing; filling the place she has held in our church is another. There may be someone who can do her job, but there will be a great empty space where Janice has been.

Janice, thank you for your faithful service, your hard work, your patience, and all the ways you have supported our church and its ministry. Thank you for walking alongside me and helping me during these past two years and three months. Your presence, dedication, and friendship have been a blessing to me and to our church. We will miss you, and we are grateful for all that you have done.

As we experience these changes and goodbyes, I am reminded once again that our lives are held in God's hands. People may leave our sight, seasons may change, and our circumstances may change, but God is never far from us. In Him, we live and move and have our being.

I pray that God's presence will be especially near to all those in our church who are grieving the loss of loved ones and faithful companions in faith. May God comfort their hearts and remind them that they are never alone.

And for all of us who continue our ministry and daily work, I pray that God will see our efforts, strengthen us, and bring forth the fruits of our labor in His time.

May God's grace, which is always near to us, be with you and your family throughout this new season.

God bless you and your family!

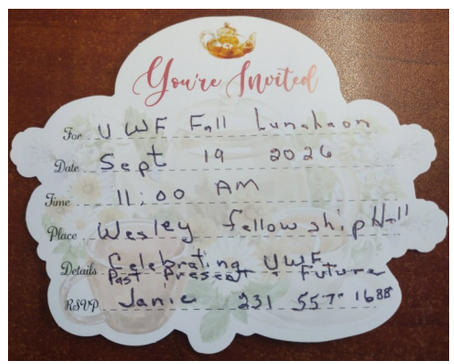
Yours in Christ,
Pastor David

PURPOSE OF UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The organized unit of United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose **PURPOSE** is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

United Women in Faith is an organization of approximately 1 million members within the United Methodist Church in the United States. Its purpose is to foster spiritual growth, develop leaders and advocate for Justice. United Women in Faith members are committed to financial stewardship that ensures each dollar makes the greatest difference in the lives of women, children and youth in the United States and around the world. More than $10 million a year is given through mission pledges and donations by members and friends for these programs and projects.

The United Women in Faith are hosting a Fall Luncheon and YOU are invited!
They are celebrating the Past, Present, and Future of UWF.
Please join them and learn more about this wonderful group.
RSVP to Janie 231.557.1688



Kathy's Korner

Wesley Yarners

We have started an evening night to meet for the Wesley Yarners. We will be meeting on the second Monday of the month. We also meet the 1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month.

We will meet
Thursday, Sept. 3 at 10:00 am
Thursday, Sept. 10 at 10:00 am
Monday, Sept. 14 at 6:00 pm

CURTIS STRANGE NEWS

A big thank you to all who donated for our school supply drive for Curtis Strange Elementary School. These supplies are appreciated by all who receive them. Thank you for making a great start to the school year.

Melodies of Compassion for the 3rd quarter is the Wisconsin Humane Society .

Did you know that other than sheltering and helping animals find their forever homes the Humane Society has many other programs to help pet owners out. They offer Spay & Neuter clinics, Spay & Neuter assistance programs, Trap, Neuter and return (TNR) and barn cat Spay and Neuter programs. They also Dog training programs, they have a behavior tips library, behavior video library, dog manners classes, puppy drop off enrichment and puppy training classes.

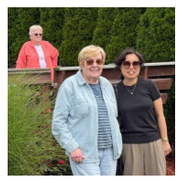
Some other services that are offered are end of life services. They offer low-cost euthanasia, they offer cremation services and they have pet memorial gardens and pet loss support and grief seminars.

The Humane Society also has community resources for pet friendly housing and domestic violence victims housing so pets can also come with them.

Not only does the Wisconsin Humane Society help with pets and many resources for people to keep their pets for their pet's lifetime even when they family experiences make it difficult. They are there with support. The Wisconsin Humane Society also offers wildlife rehabilitation services for the wild animals that maybe injured. They are totally committed to helping all animals.

Welcome Back to Church Sunday is September 20. Please join us by coming back to church. Please help us welcome any visitors and members who have not been to church in a while. Please invite any person you think might be looking for a church or could use the support of a loving church, friends, and family. We need everyone's help. We have postcards you can pass out or ask the church office to mail a postcard to someone.

Thank you to all who attended the picnic. A great time was had by all! See you next year!



SHALOM FOOD PANTRY

Arnold Parise dropped off 65 pounds of food this month to the food pantry.
We continue to collect nonperishable items for the pantry. You may drop them off at the church from 8-noon, Monday through Friday or on Sunday morning .
As always, thank you for your generosity!
And, thank you Arnold for your devotion to delivery!

Wesley Day at the Soup Kitchen

is Saturday, September 6.

Please contact Andrew Hansen at andrewjhansen@earthlink.net or *Kris Trumbo* at trumbkl@sbcglobal.net to let them know you can help.
Thank you for supporting this much needed service.

SEPTEMBER

2	Lana Frank-Krause
3	Heather Briscoe
3	Tom Shaughnessy
7	Ashley Daniel
10	Jean Otto
12	Crystal Tuchalski
19	Luanne Lindow
27	Janice Mowry
29	Cyndi Wolf

OCTOBER

8	Kinsley Christensen-Bara
17	Pastor David
22	Jean Thompson
26	Sandy Petersen
27	Maggie Insor
29	Jeremiah Gaines

September Counter Schedule

6	Arnold Parise, Patti Sloca
13	Bob Dorsey, Kris Trumbo
20	Lorrie Peterson, Margaret Christian
27	Kris Trumbo, Luanne Lindow

Nurture Committee

Our next Nurture meeting is Thursday , Oct 10 at 6:00.pm.

United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will resume their monthly meetings starting Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 9:30 am

We hope to see you then.

*Happy **65th** Anniversary on Sept. 9th to*

Lennie & Alice Hill

*Happy **34th** Anniversary on Sept. 19th to*

Alan & Kathy Mulroy

SPOTLIGHT on

Sandy Petersen

1. What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know ? As a teenager I was a "summer girl" for 2 summers in Highland Park, IL living with a family and taking care of their 2 boys.
2. What's the last book you read?—"*Born Survivors*" by Wendy Holden.
3. What is your favorite hobby(ies)? Planning and taking road trips, flower gardening, baking, hiking, reading & jigsaw puzzles.
4. What's the first concert you ever attended? Herb Alpert at the 1969 Wisconsin State Fair.
5. What's the next place on your travel bucket list? Seattle.
6. Are you currently binge-watching any shows? I just binged the new "*Little House on the Prairie*" on Netflix.
7. If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be? Monical's thin crust veggie pizza
8. What are items you can't live without? My glasses and Bob's excellent cooking!
9. What was your dream job as a child? I wanted to be a marine biologist.
10. If you could have dinner with anyone, who's one person you'd go with? Jane Goodall
11. Approximately how long have you been a member @ Wesley? 60 years.
12. If you had to get a tattoo today, what would you get? A dragonfly
13. What is your nickname? My given name is Sandra, so just Sandy.
14. If you could donate $100,000 to any philanthropic cause or charity organization, which one would you choose and why? St. Jude Children's Hospital. My niece lost her 3 yr. old son to cancer and my mom is a two time cancer survivor.
15. If you only had 1 month to live, what would you make sure you did? Spend that time with family & friends at our cabin, Serenity Now, in the Wisconsin Northwoods.

If you would like to be featured in "The Spotlight" please send your answers to Michelle Christensen-Bara at michelle.christensen.jm6h@statefarm.com

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COME WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday Worship: 9:00
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