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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 am Worship Service also will be on Facebook at WesleyUMCHibbing

HPAT Channel 5 Worship Service Broadcasts
Sundays, 3:30 pm. and Wednesdays at 12:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00am. - 1:00pm

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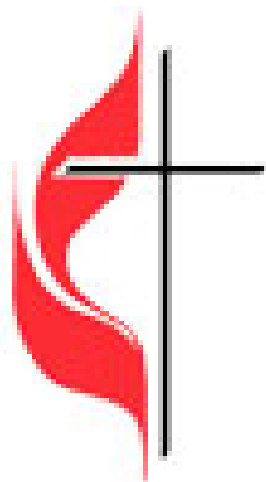
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Starting June 1, 2021

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday 9:00 am-1:00 pm



THE WESLEY WRAP UP

Wesley United Methodist Church
Newsletter for SEPT 2021

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**We will be having services in the sanctuary on Sundays at 9:30.
We will still be sharing our Sunday service on our Facebook
page and on HPAT Channel 5 Worship Service Broadcasts Sun-
days, 3:30 pm and Wednesdays at 12:00 am.**

Our mission is simple:
Faith — Family — Fun



The past Sunday (August 29th) felt pretty normal during worship. By normal, I mean it felt like things were in worship before COVID. The biggest difference that I could tell was that we celebrated Communion, something that we only did on first Sundays in the past. Now, we have Communion every Sunday (and I plan to continue celebrating Communion every Sunday, as well).

I'm not allowing myself to be lulled into complacency, though. COVID is still present and looks to become a threat to our area once again. Our current county caseloads are very similar to what they were last time this year, leading into the major spike last November. It appears that we're heading there again this fall. We're also facing the prospect of more infections in children, who are more susceptible to the delta variant of COVID.

The bishop has issued guidelines for indoor masking, social distancing, and limits on congregational singing that are supposed to go into effect when our county positivity rate exceeds 5%. These protocols would put us back into the "normal" of last spring's worship services.

As of this writing, St. Louis County has a positivity rate of 5.5%. However, the church trustees and ad council have decided to wait on implementing the bishop's guidelines. The main factor in that decision is the confidence that a large percentage of those attending worship have been vaccinated. If you haven't been vaccinated yet, I urge you to do so. The Pfizer vaccine now has full FDA approval to be administered to those age 16 years and older, meaning that it has undergone the full extent of rigorous testing and study required by the FDA. If you have been vaccinated...thank you!

There likely will come a point in the near future when we will need to take more active measures to prevent COVID transmission during our worship services. Be prepared to wear a mask again and to be distanced within the sanctuary. I was very proud of you all last spring because you followed our COVID protocols faithfully and without raising a fuss, so that we could worship together safely.

Remember, our rules of discipleship tell us to "attend to the ordinances of God," which includes worship, communion, study, and prayer, and also to "do no harm". We will continue to follow both of these rules of discipleship as best as we can throughout the season ahead.

Eugene Peterson translates Romans 8:37-39 in *The Message Bible* as such:

None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

May the love of God be your assurance that you are in God's care, no matter what comes, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor Andy



A Letter From the Lay Leader

Recently I was listening to an interview on Public Radio. I do not remember the name of the person being interviewed or the title of the memoir she had written. What I do remember is her answer to a question.

The writer had made a comment about attending church with her mother and grandmother. The interviewer then asked her if she still attended a church. Her answer was – No. I enjoyed the music and still enjoy singing hymns, but I did not see the living out of what was preached or sung. I lived in the neighborhood with these people, and the people in my home heard and sang about the same things I did in church but there was no evidence of really believing it or in living it in my world.

OUCH!

That statement made me pause and cringe. Where does each of us fit in this observation? Maybe you are the one disillusioned. Maybe you are the one who does not shine the light of Christ. We all fit somewhere on that spectrum.

Jesus did not set up a church. He showed us and told us how to live and asked us to be his hands and feet. I wonder, if ALL of us REALLY lived LOVE as Jesus intended and took what we sing and pray about in church into everything we do (WHAT WOULD JESUS DO – WWJD) outside of the building, in our speech and action, what would Hibbing look like?

The church is a collection of imperfect people who have been told by Jesus to make disciples. We are the new apostles and are just as commissioned as they were. Our actions often speak much louder than the words we may or may not be saying. Speak up for Jesus – all the time.

God is always good and so is His way.

Connie Bloom

CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun Sept 5, 12, 19, 26	9:30 am	Sunday Worship Service Facebook and HPAT
Mon Sept 6, 13, 20, 27,	5:30 pm	Hand Bells
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts
Mon Sept 13	10:00 am	Sara Circle
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee
Mon Sept 20	10:00 am	UMW Executive Board meeting
Tues Sept 14	1:00 pm	Wesley Care Connection
	6:30 pm	AD Council meeting
Thu Sept 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts

Communion offering donations will be given to the following causes:

Sept — Feed My Starving Children

Oct — World Communion Sunday

Nov — Buddy Backpacks

Dec — Salvation Army

You can put your donation in baskets attached to the back pews as you leave. Our Communion offering for September will go to Feed My Starving Children. This Christian non-profit strives to eliminate malnutrition and starvation in children around the world.

SERMON SERIES — JAMES A FAITH THAT WORKS

Starting September 12th, we will begin a five-week sermon series on the Epistle of James called "A Faith that Works". James is a letter that encourages a practical faith, an active faith, a complete faith that incorporates both God's grace and our work as disciples.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

We have re-established our coffee fellowship following worship, and we're looking for volunteers to host. Coffee hosts are asked to provide a simple selection of store-bought cookies and to prepare the coffee in the church kitchen. The sign up sheet is in the narthex.

Thank you to Jeanie and Bob Flynn for refurbishing our coffee makers this summer! It will be good to share a cup together again!

SALVATION ARMY

We have had quite a few members from our congregation volunteer at the Salvation Army when a big produce or bakery truck comes. The workers REALLY appreciate the help we have provided from 10:30 -12:30 on those days.. Please put your name on the signup sheet at church or call Nancy Knapper at 929-7533 if you can volunteer.

First Wednesday of the month

Third Thursday of the month

Fourth Tuesday of the month

YOU MATTER BAGS

Maybe some of you saw the informative article in the Mesabi Tribune about this organization. This group helps children who live with foster parents or grandparents by gifting a bag full of items they might need and/or want. It lets them know they REALLY do Matter. There is a higher need when school starts in September. Bags are given to St. Louis County schools to hand out to those students during the school year. Or if anyone in the area has a need, all they need to do is write a Facebook message to You Matter Bags MN or send an email to YouMatterBagsMN@gmail.com. We have been collecting hygiene items and small laundry detergents for our area's older teens for this important cause. A labeled container is in the narthex. Please donate to this worthy cause.

WESLEY CARE CONNECTIONS

The next scheduled gathering will be Tuesday Sept 14th at 1:00 in the church library. Impromptu meetings may be called whenever there is a need. Text or call Kathy Lee at 218-969-5118 or Roberta Rittgers at 218-929-2371. Thank you. Kathy Lee

UMW

"When are you going to make pasties?" That is the question many are asking, and we need some answers before we can make the decision. Those of you who have worked on pasties before, we need to know if you are willing to do pasties? Workers are needed on Wednesday, for weighing dough balls, peelers for our vegetables, making meatballs and rolling dough. Thursday needs kitchen help which consists of putting the dough on plates, measuring the vegetables, mixing the meatballs with vegetables, and crimping the dough. Dining room needs workers to take off the hot pasties and then bag them and delivery people. Clean-up after they are done in the kitchen is a **BIG** need. If you are interested in helping, please call Jeannie Flynn 969-3381 or Holly Quinn 969-7434. We won't be able to have a pasty sale unless we have the workers needed. Some of the regulars will be receiving a phone call asking if they will be back but anyone that wants to come is more than welcome to join us, just give us a call. Tentatively, we have set Thursday, October 21st for a sale **IF** we have the workers needed and **IF** the masks don't become mandated. It's allot of fun, but it is work and the fellowship is great. We hope and pray we will get the workers we need so we can carry on pasty sales.

Jeannie

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

The office will be returning to regular office hours starting after Labor Day, Sept. 7, 2021. Regular hours are Monday — Thursday 9 am — 1 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children's Sunday school will resume on September 12th. The Sunday school meets during worship following the children's message and is for kids in K-6th grade.

RUMMAGE SALE

Thank you to those who donated items, set it up, worked it, and/or closed the rummage sale. It was a huge success!! Proceeds from the sale were \$1588. This will go into the church's general fund. The Second Century had agreed beforehand that they would then put that amount which was generated from the sale into the Missional Outreach fund, since the SC bylaws excluded them from giving to the general fund.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Paul Hatch, Dave Howard, Bruce Masteller, Phil Quinn, Brian Ridgeway, Jon Timpane, and Charlie Whitney for their work to get our sanctuary screens operational again!

WEARING MASKS

The CDC is currently recommending indoor mask-wearing for both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons in St. Louis County. Our church is not requiring masks at this time, but we are monitoring local COVID conditions and may make policy changes in the months ahead if the situation requires further measures. Please wear a mask based on your comfort level and

SANCTUARY CHOIR RESUMES

Raise your voice and sing of the Lord's goodness! Singing with a group is a great way to improve and maintain your spiritual and mental wellbeing! The Sanctuary Choir will be resuming practices on Monday, September 13th, at 6:30 p.m. You don't need to be a fantastic singer to be a part of the choir. You just need a willing spirit. All are welcome to join in the song and share in the fun. Please contact Pastor Andy (210-288-9477) or Dawn Thompson (218-263-1478) if you are interested.

BUNN COFFEE MAKERS

The Bunn coffee maker in the kitchen and room 108 are refurbished and ready to go. Bob and I cleaned them both and replaced a part on the one in room 108. PLEASE remember to always unplug them when you are done using them. The part that was replaced was a thermo couple that was starting to overheat and had he not been there it could have melted and started on fire. Coffee time after church can resume.

THE CIRCLE OF 10 AND RULE OF 3 ARE STILL IMPORTANT

CIRCLE OF 10

Everyone (member, visitor, guest, newcomer) who comes within 10 feet of you will be greeted and engaged in conversation.

RULE OF 3

It only takes 3 minutes for people to exit the church. Therefore, it is helpful to spend the first 3 minutes after church engaging in conversation with those you don't know well, with visitors, and with newcomers.

Even though we cannot practice the above concepts they are still important during the time of COVID. Remember to be kind.

!!! PHONE NUMBERS ARE NEEDED !!!

Many people have dropped their home phone for a cell number. Unless you inform the church office we have no knowledge of this or a way to contact someone quickly. PLEASE make sure the office has your correct phone number. You can call the office at 263-3653.

PLEASE HELP~~ADDRESS CHANGES NEEDED

It is **VERY** important to let the office know when you move, go on an extended vacation, or are a snowbird. We must pay for returned mail. Also, we need current addresses for any college students and young adults. Please call the office or email with any updates that you may have.

Many Thanks.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bryan Ridgeway, Conrad Ridgeway, Lori Kolden, Joy Gleason, Zakk Bandemer, John Nelson, Craig Holgate, Marilyn Ranta, Ashton Varichak, Lynn Stish, Mike and Beth Queensland, (Jeff and Kathy Jones' daughter and son-in-law), Gary Grangruth, the Okwounu family, Karen and Sean Garrity (daughter and son in-law of Ray and Kathy Lee), Lorraine Brownlee, Kaitilyn Urban, granddaughter of Marge Clark, Sandy Pederson, Mike Boravac, Juanita Kleffman, Leland Tobey

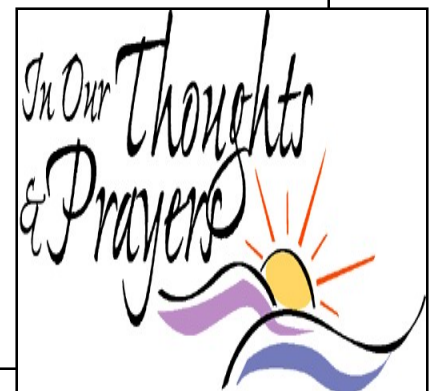
Cornerstone Villa: Doris Bentele, Naomi Jarrett,

Aspen Grove: Georgie Haben

Silver Bay Veterans Home: Peggy Kemp

Mahnomen Health Care Center: Millie (Mimi) Luedtke

Missionary: Paul Webster



AD COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2021

Members attending-Jack, Pastor Andy, Justin, Jeanie, Helena, Jill

6:30 Call to order

Approval of minutes- Justin motioned, Jeanie seconded

Pastors report- AV system is in and went well with lots of help. Thank you!

-VBS is postponed until next year due to COVID

- Discussion about masks and funerals. Andy advised to keep what we are doing and cap as needed.

-Andy received a letter from the bishop regarding the Boy Scouts charter program and bankruptcy. We need more information before proceeding.

Finance-Made it through July and have \$1,000 spendable money for August. An anonymous donor gave \$1,000 for utilities. Jack Jones will not charge us for lawn mowing

Trustees NTR

2nd Century — 2nd Century has \$20,000 spendable money. The rummage sale money will go to the general fund. Jack brought up volunteer visibility, T-shirts, etc.

Education committee- Sunday school will start September 12th

MO, WC, and SPRC nothing to report

UMW-coffee pot is fixed! Needs to be cleaned more often and unplugged when not in use. Try pastie sale with max at \$7 and not monthly. Need workers!

Youth fellowship- made get well cards for Casey and Kaylee Majkich

Memorials-still no plaque for elevator

Old business- cookie bakes and freeze for coffee hour

Next meeting September 14th

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021

New Members

Bob Webb

Ryan Harding

Baptisms

Deaths:

Tom Farrell

Ardella Barnes

Kenny and Edith Trembath

Renee Ridgeway

Mona Abel



"As a member of this congregation I will faithfully participate in its ministries by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness."

Membership Vows—United Methodist Church