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**August 2025**



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## August Birthdays

- 2 John Yeager
- 3 Paulette Kordish  
Renee Larson
- 4 Sonja Kiviniemi (t)  
Michele Thomas
- 5 Al Goodney
- 6 Brianna Lynch
- 8 Alyssa Palomaki
- 12 William Palomaki  
Brenda Wootke
- 13 Terry Truscott
- 15 Debra Skewis
- 17 Mitchell Johnson (t)  
Annie Yeager
- 18 Jolene Solka (c)
- 19 John Verran
- 21 Emmeline Forward (c)  
Judy Smith
- 23 Addison Morton (t)
- 25 Marlee Goodreau-Yeager (c)  
Courtney Hanson  
Steve Bailey
- 26 Ethan Hill
- 27 Dorothy Kuhn
- 28 Susan Hill
- 29 Rosalie Alderton
- 30 Sue Ann Morton
- 31 Joanne Bergman

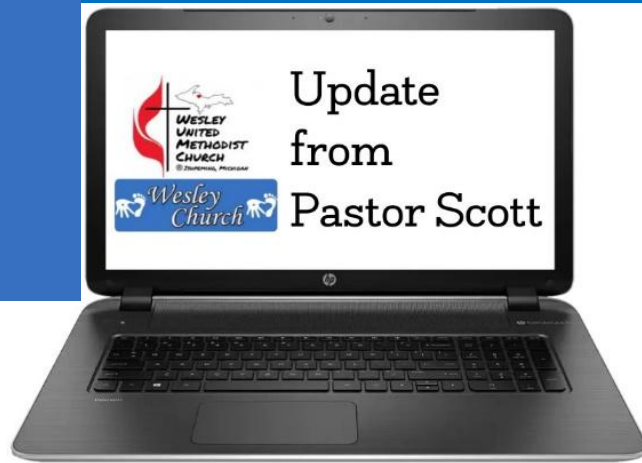
## August Anniversaries

- 3 Brad & Nicole Stille
- 4 Harry & Diane Farley
- 5 Dan & Mary Jeanne Chapman
- 11 Jerry & Lynn Ylitalo
- 14 Charles & Sharon Anderson
- 15 Charlie & Annie Yeager
- 19 David & Jacquelin Crimmins  
David & Jeanne McCartney
- 26 Bill & Norma Tibor
- 29 James & Vivian Penrose  
David & Florence Toms
- 31 Terry & DeeAnn Truscott





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Dear Friends,

I love having the privilege of telling other clergy about the good things God is doing here at Wesley Church. It feels good to brag about the abundance of ministry and mission happening in and through our church family.

I brag about programs like Keep Kids Warm, which provided winter outerwear for over 450 children in our area, and our Community Dinner, where 35–50 guests each month receive not just a hot meal, but also a warm welcome and fellowship.

I share how mission-minded our church is through regular offerings for food, school supplies, personal care items for seniors, diapers for babies, and generous support of global efforts like UMCOR and the Heifer Project.

I describe how our building blesses the wider community, hosting groups like Al-Anon, TOPS, three Bible studies throughout the year, and other groups who need a place to meet.

I tell of our vibrant children's ministry, finding creative ways to engage and empower our kids during Sunday worship and throughout the week. I talk about our creative discipleship programs like Blessing Bags and Faith in Action, our dedicated quilters, our Clothing Closet ministry, and our close partnerships with the Janzen House and Teal Lake Assisted Living.

Friends, there is so much to celebrate, and I am deeply grateful for each of you who makes this possible.

**All of this is possible because of your faithful giving to the general fund.** It's your regular, generous contributions—whether dropped in the plate on Sundays or given online—that provide the foundation for every ministry, outreach, and program we offer.

I know it's more exciting to give to a ministry like UMCOR. ***But without paying the electric bill, removing snow, keeping the internet running, buying postage, and providing salaries for our dedicated staff, and many more boring line items, none of these other ministries could thrive. The general fund is the financial bedrock of all we do as a church.***

***Thank you, friends, for planting generously in the ministry of Wesley Church—past, present, and future.*** Every dollar you give helps us live out our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, starting right here in Ishpeming. May God bless you richly as you continue to support Wesley Church's ministry and witness!

**Pastor Scott**

Scott

2 Corinthians 9:6-8





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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Greetings church family,

We have now had Vacation Bible Fun (our version of Vacation Bible School) in June and July! The theme for June was building our lives on the rock; Jesus! One of their projects was to paint a rock kindly donated by David Crimmins for the memorial garden. The kids picked a verse or a saying (or made up their own) to paint on the rock. They did a wonderful job!

In July our theme was Christmas in July and they placed their rocks in the Memorial garden. Christmas in July has been a favorite and they made secret Santa gifts after they pick a name of those attending. Cookie Holmgren talked to them about Peace on Earth, then we discussed the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh- and why we give gifts to people-to show our love and care. They also had fun outside in the pools, and ended with root beer floats and decorating cookies thanks to Karen Graham.

**Our August VBF will take place after lunch on Sunday August 10th but will be at Charlie & Annie Yeager's home.** The theme for this one will be **Ecclesiastes 3:1-9-For everything there is a season!** The Yeager home is perfect for this as they have chickens, bee hives, gardens and a maple sugar shack.

**Sunday School will begin again at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. All kids preschool through eighth grade are welcome.** PLEASE, if you feel an interest or a calling to help in any way with Sunday school, reach out! **We need people who are willing to give at least one Sunday a month to teach or to be available to substitute when needed.**

God's Peace,  
Pam Olgren

TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE  
WAY HE SHOULD GO- EVEN  
WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT  
DEPART FROM IT.

Proverbs 22:6





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# Joys & Concerns Month Of July 2025 (7/6, 7/13, 7/20 & 7/27)

## Joys

<i>Person to Pray for</i>	<i>Need</i>	<i>Person requesting</i>
1. Kris Culliton & Skip Anderson	Thanks for healing-Kris is here	Dorothy Kuhn
2. 17 yr Old Tripp Stratton	Can have immunotherapy without chemo.	Dorothy Kuhn
3. Granddaughter & family	moving back to the Upper Peninsula (YAY!)	Cookie Holmgren
4. Granddaughter & Family	thanks for both finding jobs in Mqt.-moving back from Detroit	Cookie Holmgren
5. Tom	giving thanks he is recovering physically & emotionally after severe car accident.	Dick Derby
6. Kylie & Ryan Carey	Birth of baby girl last Monday	Jenni Quayle
7. Bob Hicks Jr.	Happy Birthday!	Shirley Hicks
8. Aubrey & John	They are getting married next Saturday by Pastor Scott	Annie Yeager
	Praise the Lord!	
9. Grandchildren	they are at Camp Michigamme this week	Barb Palomaki
10. Brad Stille	he will be receiving Social Security Disability	Karen Graham
11. Family and cousins	we are going to Green Bay with our cousins this week	Brock Verville

## Concerns

<i>Person to Pray for</i>	<i>Need</i>	<i>Person requesting</i>
1. Ann Marie, Brian, Jason, Gail, Bruce & Tracy	Healing from ongoing health problems	Dorothy Kuhn
2. David Culliton	healing from back & knee problems	Dorothy Kuhn
3. 17 yr. old Tripp Stratton	infusion treatment for 5 <sup>th</sup> bout of cancer	Dorothy Kuhn
4. 17 yr Old Tripp Stratton	pray that infusion is working	Dorothy Kuhn
5. Jim Anderson	healing from chronic bronchitis	Dorothy Kuhn
6. Stacey, Katie, Lindy, Vance, Morgan, Brandon & Gavinn	Healing from ongoing health concerns	Barb Palomaki
7. Lindy Morgan, Katie, Vance Gavinn & Brandon	Healing from ongoing health concerns	Barb Palomaki
8. Our country	Unity & peace to find a way together to love & care for those in need.	Pam Olgren
9. Roger W.	friend in TX w/lung cancer-hospitalized with pneumonia	Lori from TX
10. Jill	ongoing health issues	Shirley Hicks
11. Ann Marie, Marlene & Roy	safe travels	Shirley Hicks
12. John	some good results from upcoming tests	Sandy Mead
13. Gavin	injured in motorcycle accident-at U of M- healing	Barb Palomaki
14. Catlin	healing, peace & a path out of anxiety	Dick Derby
15. Tom	recovery, healing, & peace after serious accident	Dick Derby
16. Granddaughter & family	pray they can make a smooth transition (moving)	Cookie Holmgren
17. Kelley Ross	healing after surgery	Paula Ross
18. Our lawyer	guidance to help show the truth	Trina Johnson
19. Abby	struggling	Trina Johnson
20. Stille Family	loss of their dog Pepper	Karen Graham
21. Brad	has hearing with judge for social security disability	Nicole Stille
22. Family of Brian Peterson	sympathy for their loss	Dorothy Kuhn
23. Troy Gervae	lost home in a fire	Pam Olgren
24. Those affected by fires & floods	peace & comfort to feel God's presence during grief/loss	Pam Olgren
25. Mary G.	continued healing from bad fall. Just got out of MCMCF	Linda Quayle
26. Troubled youth	God steer in right direction	Linda Quayle
27. Jim G.	Healing of eyes-sight is failing	Linda Quayle
28. Mary Moore	healing & strength	Shirley Hicks
29. Everyone	continue to trust in Him & His Son	John Verran
30. Garret	recovery from serious chainsaw accident	Dick Derby
31. Family & friends of Stacey Gray	she passed away	Barb Palomaki
32. Ann Marie, Jill & Julie	health concerns	Shirley Hicks
33. Marilyn Jandron	continued prayers for healing & strength	Karen Graham





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MISSIONS: *The hands & feet of Jesus*

## Discipleship – A Call to Follow Jesus

In June we talked about being resilient in the face of adversity, not breaking, but “bouncing back.” Another way to consider that is through Scripture that recognizes the human worldly condition and ‘calls us to overcome’. Revelations 21: 6-7: “*To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.*” John 16:33: “*Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.*” 1 John 5: 4-5: “*For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.*”

Bob Gass writes about being called to ‘overcome’ in The Word for You Today.

“All of us want every day to be a good day. But if every day was a good day, there would be no ‘good’ days, because there wouldn’t be any bad days to compare the good days to. Sickness helps us appreciate health. Failure helps us appreciate success. Adversity is often the seedbed of opportunity because it has a way of bringing the best out of us. Adversity is often a blessing in disguise. We dream of zero gravity, imagining what life would be like without any problems or issues or challenges. However, from a biological perspective, zero gravity is hazardous to your health. Astronauts who spend any length of time in zero gravity experience serious medical complications. Without any resistance, they lose muscle mass and bone density and can barely walk after returning to earth. We may dream of zero gravity, but what we really need is a healthy dose of adversity. The people God uses the most are often the people who have experienced the most adversity. This isn’t necessarily what you want to read, but it’s true. Adversity can produce an increased capacity to serve God. Why? Because adversity causes us to turn to God, lean on God, seek God, and get to know God in a way we otherwise wouldn’t. Some of God’s greatest promises in Scripture begin with the words ‘to him who overcomes.’”

“God wants to recycle your adversity and turn it into a ministry. No one rolls out a red carpet and invites tragedy into life, but our greatest gifts and passions are often a byproduct of our worst tragedies and failures. Trials have a way of helping us rediscover our purpose in life. The problems God has brought you through become a platform upon which you can stand and minister to others.” *[And always and again, draw closer to God.]*

Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest, adds:

“An average view of Christian life is that it means deliverance from trouble. It is deliverance in trouble, which is very different. God does not give us overcoming life; He gives us life as we overcome. The strain *[when in fact there are ‘gravity situations’ pulling on us]* is the strength. If there is no strain, there is no strength. Let our strength then, come from God.”

Let each day’s prayers recognize that we belong to God, and God has ‘overcome.’

God’s peace,  
*Dick Derby*  
Missions



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MISSIONS: *The hands & feet of Jesus*

## Missions News

Hello Friends,

Our next **Missions Team Meeting** will be **Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** We meet in the **fellowship hall at church.**

Anyone interested is welcome to attend--*come & share any Mission Project ideas with us - we welcome your input!*

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**Salvation Army Backpacks/School Supplies:** Thank you for all the donations of backpacks and school supplies - the Salvation Army is very thankful and we have blessed many families. We have collected over 30 backpacks and filled 2 shopping carts with school supplies. Thank you!

**Engage Michigan Project:** Thank you for your financial donations to UMCOR!

**August Mission Project:** is a snack collection for Birchview and Aspen Ridge Schools. Some suggestions are: puddings, fruit and Jello, applesauce, individually wrapped snack bars, Bobo's apple pie stuffed oat bites and Slim Jims. *We have an Amazon wish list created with some of these ideas and more. You do not have to purchase from Amazon- the list is to give you ideas. Here is the link to our Amazon Wish List:* <https://a.co/014VKIP>

**August Community Dinner** :will be Hamburgers, Salads and Dessert. We welcome any suggestions for future meals.

**KKW Grant Application Writers Still Needed:** We are still looking for volunteers to help with grant applications for Project: Keep Kids Warm. Many hands make light work. **Prayerfully consider filling out just one application.** *(We have copies of previous applications----you can use the info from last year's application as your guide)* This is a wonderful project and it helps so many families in our community.

**Blessing Bags** are filled with snacks and available to take to hand out to those in need in our communities. Feel free to grab a couple from the cart in entry of the church to hand out to those you see in need.

Thank you,  
*Judy Smith*

Missions Team Coordinator





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## FAITH IN ACTION

**August 2025:  
Psalms & Service**

1. **Pick a Psalm & rewrite it as your own prayer.**  
*(Work of Piety – Scripture Reflection & Prayer)*
2. **Volunteer in one way in the church or community.**  
*(Work of Mercy – Service to the Church)*
3. **Walk and pray once a week for a month in your neighborhood or a public place.**  
*(Work of Piety – Intercessory Prayer for Community)*
4. **Increase your monthly giving to the church by 10%.**  
*(Work of Mercy – Stewardship & Generosity)*

**Go to this link to check in with what you've completed**

[bit.ly/faithinactionAug2025](http://bit.ly/faithinactionAug2025)



**FALL Endowment Fund Grant Time is almost upon us!**



You can download & print an application direct from the church website at: [www.ishpemingwesley.org/endowment](http://www.ishpemingwesley.org/endowment) or pick one up from the church office!

**Applications need to be turned in to the church office by MONDAY Sept. 1st, 2025**

### 2nd Sunday Lunch



**Sunday August 10**

**Immediately following Worship**

**LUNCH:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Vacation Bible Fun:** 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.



**2025/26 Charge Conference**

**Saturday, September 20th 12:00 p.m. at Gwinn United Methodist 341 W. Jasper Street, Gwinn, MI 49841**

This is our annual meeting where our committee members/officers are formally elected and reports are received:

The purpose is to review and evaluate the mission and ministry of our congregation, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the Leadership Board.

We hope you will come out on Saturday 9/20 to Gwinn to hear about our church business and hear from/meet our NEW District Superintendent Rev. Kristi Hintz!

**Leadership Board:**  
We have a ZOOM Meeting  
Thursday, September 11th at 8:00 p.m.  
with D.S. Kristi Hintz.  
We will meet in the church lounge.



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## Did You Know?

Ministry Shares support initiatives that combat systemic poverty, racism, and oppression—living out John Wesley’s call to *"spread scriptural holiness over the land."*

### 2025 MINISTRY SHARES

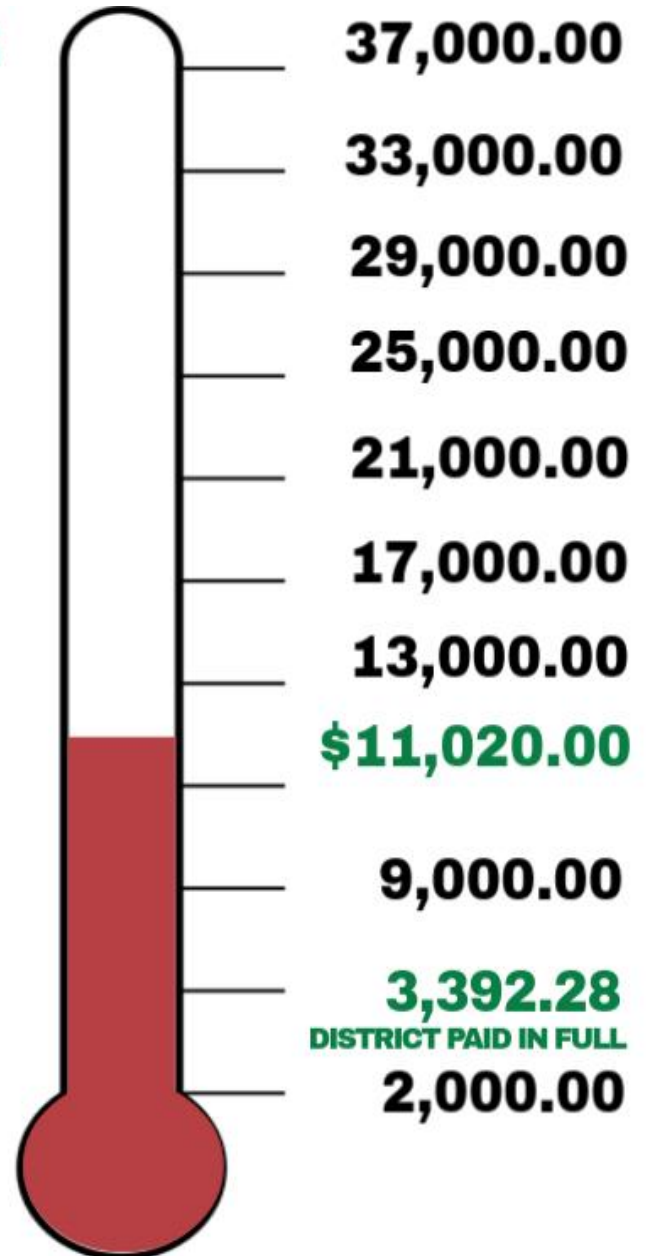
District	\$3,392.28
Pension	\$8,700.00
Conference	\$21,551.00

**TOTAL BY CLOSE OF 2025**  
**\$33,643.38**



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To go to our ONLINE  
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We are \$1,072.28  
away from being able to pay  
both the District & the Pension!





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>"The soul of the one who serves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in the mood for singing." <i>—Saint John of the Cross</i></p>		<p><b>Faith is like WiFi</b></p> <p>It's invisible, but it has the power to connect you to what you need.</p>		<p>BE STRONG. BE COURAGEOUS. BE FEARLESS. GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO. JOSHUA 1:7</p>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE 10am-5pm
<b>3</b> COFFEE HOUR WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>4</b> TOPS Al-Anon 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>5</b> MISSIONS TEAM 6:00p.m	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> COFFEE HOUR WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Recognition of Membership 2nd SUN. LUNCH 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. V.B.F.	<b>11</b> TOPS Al-Anon 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Community Fellowship Dinner 5:00-6:30 p.m.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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<b>24</b> COFFEE HOUR WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>25</b> SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE. TOPS Al-Anon 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>26</b> LEADERSHIP BOARD 5:15 p.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> COFFEE HOUR WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<p>2 COR 5:7 <i>Worry ends when faith begins.</i></p>		<p>PROVERBS 22:6 "TRAIN A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO, AND WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT TURN FROM IT."</p>	<p>"Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." ~Matthew 18:5</p>	<p>May GOD BLESS YOUR NEW SCHOOL year ABUNDANTLY!</p>	