

Wesley United Methodist Church

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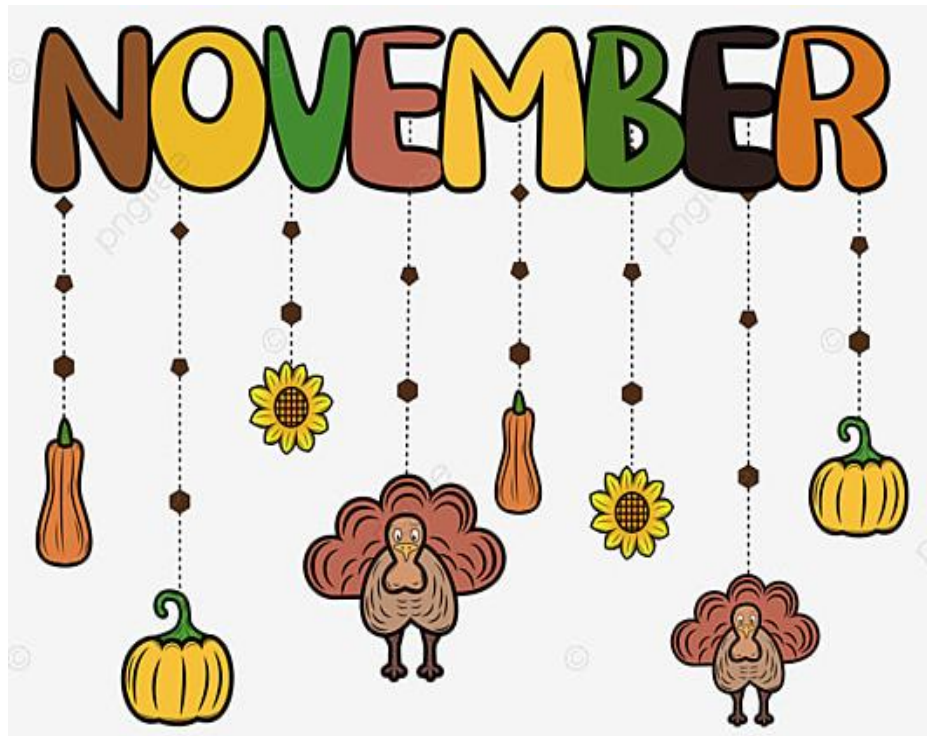


November Birthdays

- 1 Sue Pearson
- 2 Brody Verville-T
- 6 Brooke Forward
- 7 Diane Johnson
Mary Moore
Danielle Sunne
- 8 Mary Sundberg
- 9 Natalie Blanck
Renee Blanck
Micah Pleaugh- C
- 10 Moira Miller- C
- 11 Michelle Palomaki
- 12 Sarah Pleaugh
- 19 Cora Nicholas
- 22 Don Schinella
- 25 Jenni Quayle
- 27 Vivian Penrose
- 30 Natalie Oates
Claudia Johnson

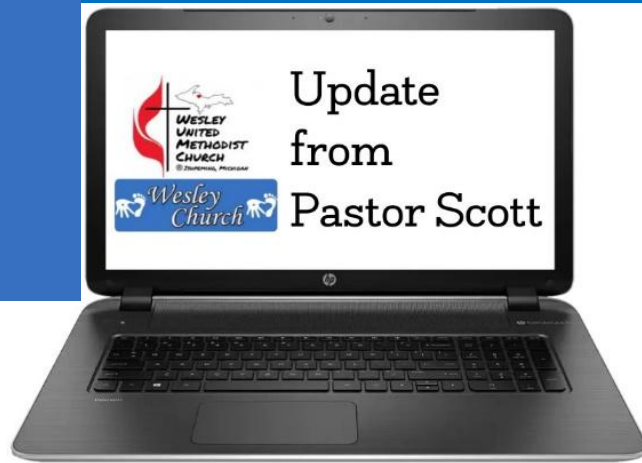
November Anniversaries

- 9 Bob & Brenda Wootke
- 19 Vance & Ruth Maki





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Consecutive Game Record

On September 6, 1995, at Camden Yards Stadium in Baltimore, Cal Ripken Jr. made baseball history by setting the new consecutive game record. *Cal played his **2131st consecutive game** beating the previous record set by Lou Gehrig.*

What's most interesting about the record is it's not a record about doing well. Cal didn't hit the most home runs or steal the most bases or pitched a perfect game. He broke the record because he showed up. He won some games. He lost some games. He played games where we played terrible and games where he played great. He played when he wasn't feeling well. He was recognized not for greatness but for being consistent. He was recognized for showing up.

In that spirit, ***I am today celebrating those individuals who are showing up.*** Those who continue to strive to be a disciple of Jesus every day. Some days they do well. Some days not so well. Some days they make a difference in the world (*and can see it*), and some days their impact is harder to see (*but I bet they still made an impact*).

And yes - I'm talking about you. I'm celebrating you.

Thank you for every day showing up. Yes somedays you might be better at praying than others - but that's okay. Keep doing your best. Somedays you might be better at reading your Bible. Keep at it.

Somedays you are better at showing Christ's love. Some days you are impatient, or irritable, or miss the opportunity (*I'm describing myself here*) Keep trying.

Keep putting your faith in action the best you can.

And now for some quick faith in action statistics. We started June 1. Since June 1, we have recorded **228 actions of faith**. But I know more than 228 actions have been done. Some people haven't reported for one reason or another, but think about that 228+ ways have been completed helping us grow in Christ.

Of those actions: **121** were **Works of Mercy**. Actions that share Christ's love to the world through service, prayer or invitation. And **107** were **Works of Piety**. Actions like reading their Bible, prayer, or study. So I am celebrating you.

I am celebrating each of you because you desire to be more like Christ. I am celebrating each of you because you are putting your faith in action every day: the days where everything clicks and especially the days that don't go as well.

God bless you and your continued faithful work in your own heart and in our world,

God bless you,

Pastor Scott

Scott





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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**



9:00-9:50 a.m. before worship!

Pre K-1st:

Downstairs classroom with Abigail Johnson & Johanna Solka

2nd-3rd:

First classroom upstairs with Brianna Johnson & Annie Yeager

4th-8th grades:

Second classroom upstairs with Pam Olgren

Greetings friends,



Wow, we are getting ready for Thanksgiving this month and many projects are coming:

- We need to start working on the **Christmas program (Sunday 12/14/25)**
- We will be filling shoe boxes of gifts for **Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child**. Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- We will be also be accepting toys for **Toys for Tots** soon .



These are great programs to teach kids about giving!

Thanksgiving is a time where we look at all we are grateful for, but this really could be *(and should be)* done on a daily basis . The kids are working on their **gratitude lists**; maybe we should all think of starting one ourselves. Remembering and thinking about what we are grateful for has been shown to make a difference in our outlook. We start each day being grateful instead of complaining . It's easy to complain and compare but scriptures tell us in **1 Thessalonians 5:18**, give thanks in all circumstances for this is Gods will for you in Christ Jesus . In **Psalms 100:4** Enter his gates thanksgiving and his courts with praise ;give thanks to him and praise his name.

There's a saying I like; **"Every day may not be good but there's something good in every day!"**

Blessings & peace,

Pam Olgren





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MISSIONS: The hands & feet of Jesus

Discipleship – A Call to Follow Jesus

One of our Faith in Action items for October was to read the Gospel of John. Let us bring a piece of that Gospel and more forward into November. **John 12: 37-41:** “...*despite all of the miraculous signs Jesus had done, most of the people still did not believe in him. This is exactly what Isaiah the prophet had predicted: ‘Lord, who has believed our message? To whom has the Lord revealed his powerful arm?’ But the people couldn’t believe, for as Isaiah also said, ‘The Lord has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so that they cannot see, their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and have me heal them.’ Isaiah was referring to Jesus when he said this because he saw the future and spoke of the Messiah’s glory.*”

2Co 3:3: “*You are like a letter written by Christ.*” There are vast numbers of people who are “blinded and hardened” such that they cannot know Jesus. If we, as followers of Jesus, are to be a letter to someone, to reveal the “Good News” of Jesus, His love, His forgiveness, His Salvation, how can we turn disbelief into belief?

Bob Gass in The Word For You Today provides an answer. “Paul wrote to the Corinthian believers: ‘*You are our letter...for everyone to read and understand...a letter written by Christ and delivered by us. But you are not written with pen and ink or on tablets made of stone. You are written...by the Spirit of the living God (2Co 3: 2-3).* Usually, when we get mail, we sort it into two piles; important mail and junk mail. We decide by answering two questions: (1) Who is the letter from? The source determines our interest level. And you are a letter to the world from Christ, and about Christ, ‘*for what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus...as Lord’ (2Co 4:5).* We are called to promote Christ, and Him alone. We might then ask, ‘are people really interested?’ Yes, Jesus promised, ‘*I, when lifted up...will draw all people to myself’ (Jn12:32).* Nothing is more needed today than a living portrait of Jesus reflected in the lives of His redeemed people. So, deliver your love letter to whoever crosses your path. (2) Who is the letter addressed to? The Bible answers that question? ‘*Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life’ (Jn 3:16).* Dr. David Yonhhi Cho built the world’s largest church in Seoul, South Korea: almost a million people. As a young Buddhist he was led to Christ by a lady he only met once. What if she had decided to remain silent?”

“Every day people “read” you. What kind of message are they getting? Here’s what they are supposed to get: ‘*We...are being transformed into his image’ (2Co 3:18).* ‘*If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come, the old has gone, the new is here!*’ (2Co 5:17). Your life is a letter from Christ with the potential to change someone else’s life. It is a letter worth delivering.

It is the season of Thanksgiving. Restating from last November’s letter: “*Let someone be thankful for you and the message of Jesus Christ that you have given them.*”

God’s peace, especially as we indeed give thanks for His endless blessings.

Dick Derby
Missions





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Missions News

Hello Friends,

Our next **Missions Team Meeting** will be **Tuesday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m.** We will meet in the lounge.

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

November Community Dinner: Our Community dinner will be **beef stew, bread, salad dessert.**

November Mission Project: We are collecting donations for the UMC missionary couple who will be visiting Wesley in December. They will share about their time in mission in Nepal which is a country in South Asia bordering India. (*December 7th they will be at worship & we've moved our 2nd Sunday Meal to that day so we can celebrate them*) **Dr. Lester & Deborah Dornon** are their names. Please consider donating & please come on **12/7** for worship and the meal!

October Mission Project: Operation Christmas Child will continue until **November 15th**. Christmas boxes & lists of suggested items can be found in the entry. It is encouraged to write a note and send a picture of yourself in your box. **If you would like to donate monetarily-** we are collecting money to put **soccer balls/pump sets** in all of the boxes that we send. (considered a **Wow** gift). Donations towards **shipping of the boxes** will be accepted also.

Project: Keep Kids Warm: is in full swing. A huge **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers who have helped & continue to help fill requests for winter clothing.

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.

I want to thank all who have helped, participated, & prayed for all of our mission projects.

Thank you,
Judy Smith

Missions Team Coordinator



MISSIONS

...at home and around the world





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FAITH IN ACTION

**November 2025:
Gratitude**

Read one Christian book.

(Work of Piety - Spiritual Growth through Learning)

Keep a Gratitude Journal for 30 days or
Brainstorm 30 things you are grateful for.

(Work of Piety - Reflection & Spiritual Awareness)

Follow the Gratitude Devotional in
Choosing Gratitude.

(Work of Piety - Devotional Practice & Prayer)

Bless Others Out of Your Abundance-
Increase Your Giving This Month By 10%.

(Work of Mercy - Stewardship & Generosity)

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

bit.ly/faithinactionNov2025



1st Responder Dinner

Saturday, November 8th

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

at Wesley United Methodist

- ★ We need help with serving/cleanup.
- ★ All ages welcome.
- ★ We need desserts
- ★ Sign up List on welcome table in entry

We are hosting meal for the following:

Champion Fire
Humboldt Fire
Ishpeming Township Police & Fire
Ishpeming Police & Fire
Negaunee Police & Fire
Negaunee Township Fire
Michigan State Police- Negaunee Post

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES!



Hanging of The Greens: Preparing Wesley for Advent

**AFTER WORSHIP
SUNDAY**

**November 30th
11:00 a.m.**



Please consider
staying after to help.

Kids are welcome
with their
families/guardians!

We need YOUR help
to decorate & prepare!



**Tuesday, November 25
at 7:00 p.m.**

**Wesley United Methodist Church
801 Hemlock Ishpeming**

**Thanksgiving
Service**

Please come, everyone is welcome!



Joys

<i>Person to Pray for</i>	<i>Need</i>	<i>Person requesting</i>
1. Kris Culliton & Skip Anderson	Thanks for healing-	Dorothy Kuhn
2. Kris Culliton	Safe Travels to Arizona	Dorothy Kuhn
3. Family	Thank you for unexpected family time yesterday	Cookie Holmgren
4. Madison	almost fully recovered from accident that broke skull & neck	Dick Derby
5. Jacki	Thankful for answered prayers	Jacki Crimmins
6. Rowan Hill & Kambrie Duquette	got engaged Friday. So excited for future & blessing of an amazing daughter in law	Susan Hill
7. Betty Woods	Prayers answered- Walking, appetite returned. Taken out of Hospice care. Continued prayers for healing	Patti Kainulainen
8. Brock Verville	It is his birthday today (10/18)	Reese Verville
9. Bill Tibor	he is cancer free!	Norma Tibor

Concerns

<i>Person to Pray for</i>	<i>Need</i>	<i>Person requesting</i>
1. Ann Marie, Gail, Jason, Bruce & Tracy	Healing from ongoing health problems	Dorothy Kuhn
2. David Culliton	healing from back, leg , & eye problems	Dorothy Kuhn
3. 18 Yr. Old Tripp Stratton	undergoing cancer treatment for the 6 th time	Dorothy Kuhn
4. 18 yr. old Tripp Stratton	Had a setback- in ICU at Sloan Kettering in NY	Dorothy Kuhn
5. Katie, Sarah, Cal, Vance, Lindy, Morgan, Brandon & Gavinn	Health issues	Barb Palomaki
6. Lee Woods	keep in prayer as he begins treatment for Leukemia beginning with chemo in prep for stem cell transplant	David Crimmins
7. Lee Woods	At Mayo's preparing for stem cell transplant	Cookie Holmgren
8. Lee Woods	having bone marrow transplant 10/27/25	Dick Derby
9. Baby Milo & his parents	Brain Tumor- had many comp. this last week following surgery. Pray for healing & wisdom for med. Team	Pam Olgren
10. The Forward Family	travel mercies- traveling to Tennessee this week	Pam Olgren
11. Dee Johnson	healing from broken neck- gone to Ann Arbor for care	Cookie Holmgren
12. Henry & family	healing miracle to free Henry from constant seizures	Dick Derby
13. Jim G.	failing eyesight	Linda Quayle
14. Mary Goloversic	healing from concussion	Linda Quayle
15. Our Country	reconciliation	Karen Graham
16. Jill	strength & healing	Shirley Hicks
17. Jill & Dean	strength & healing	Shirley Hicks
18. Jill	prayers for healing & strength	Jenifer Rajala
19. Betty Woods	prayers for healing, strength & increased appetite	Patti Kainulainen
20. 2 ½ yr. old Daphne Flack	continued prayers for healing & saved vision	Patti Kainulainen
21. Marge Hebert	lung cancer, having surgery soon to remove part of lungs	Sandy Mead
22. David McCartney	prayers for mission trip to Kentucky	David McCartney
23. Skip Anderson	healing from Gall Bladder Surgery	Dorothy Kuhn
24. My brother Eric	going through treatment for Pancreatic Cancer	Sue Grigg
25. Cousin Alex	pray God would show him that he is wrapping Alex in arms	Kelsey Grigg
26. People who lost everything in Alaska	pray they will find shelter & everything they need- may not be able to return to homeland for 1-2 yrs.	Annie Yeager
27. Mark Stillwell	pray for good report on cancer treatment progress	Brenda Wootke
28. People struggling mentally & spiritually	pray they find peace and treatment if needed	Pam Olgren
29. My mom Rebecca	she is having hand surgery 10/27. Prayers for healing	Meghan Johnson
30. Trina Johnson	having knee replacement 10/27.	Trina Johnson





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HELLO
NOVEMBER



**OPEN TO ALL!
COME & HAVE FELLOWSHIP
& A GOOD MEAL!
DONATIONS ACCEPTED
BUT NOT REQUIRED.**



THURSDAY 11/13/2025

**5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.
WESLEY CHURCH
801 HEMLOCK ISHPEMING**

BEHIND FIRST BANK OFF OF US 41

TODAY'S MENU
**BEEF STEW
BREAD
SALAD
DESSERT**

MISSIONS 5TH SUNDAY
Food Pantry Collection
Sunday November 30th

In cooperation with
Hope Free
Lutheran Church

- ✓ **Boxed Stuffing**
- ✓ **Jars of Gravy**
- ✓ **Cranberry Sauce**



**If possible,
please bring your gifts with you to worship
as the Sunday School students will collect
them during the 11/30/25 service.**



**Christmas Gift
(Angel Tree)
Program
information**



When: You must apply between 10/13/25 & 12/5/25

ONLINE at:

Where: www.saangeltree.org

Where Will Toy Shop Be:
**Ishpeming Salvation Army 222 E. Division
12/18/25
(If you live in: Ishpeming, Negaunee, Palmer, Republic,
Michigamme or Baraga)**

**Marquette Salvation Army 1009 W. Baraga
12/16/25
(If you live in: Marquette, Gwinn, Skandia,
Big Bay or Alger County)**

Documents Needed:
I.D. FOR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD
(Driver's License or General I.D.)
PROOF OF INCOME
(Pay stubs, bank statements that clearly show
deposits, statement of benefits.)
PROOF OF GUARDIANSHIP FOR EACH CHILD
(Birth Certificates, Court Custody Papers,
Medical Cards)

When Application Complete: Once the online app. is completed you should
receive an email or a call regarding times to shop.

**Call either Salvation Army Office
Ishpeming: 906-486-8121
Marquette: 906-226-2241**

Questions?:

**NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT
EMAIL NEWSLETTER**



*Wesley Church sends out our own separate
email newsletter, but there is also our
District Newsletter!*

*If you are not already receiving the
Northern Skies District Newsletter you can
subscribe here:*

<https://mailchi.mp/michiganumc/northernskiesdistrict>



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PROJECT: KEEP KIDS WARM

Winter Outerwear

*(Warm Coats, Snowpants, Boots,
Hats, Mittens Etc. for infant-age 18 yrs.)*



**Bring this flyer or a photo
of it to Texas Roadhouse
and Dine to Donate for
Project: Keep Kids Warm!!
SUNDAY 12/14/25**



DINE TO DONATE

»» *Support* ««

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-KEEP KIDS WARM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
11AM-3PM**

10%

DONATION NIGHT

for Wesley United Methodist
Church-Keep Kids Warm.
Present this flyer at the Marquette
location and Texas Roadhouse will
donate **10%** of your total food
purchases to Wesley United
Methodist Church-Keep Kids Warm!

**906-936-6517
3440 US-41 WEST
MARQUETTE, MI**





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WAYS
TO GIVE



ONLINE at:
www.ishpemingwesley.org/offering
OR scan the code →



Sundays: Put in Offering Plate
Mon-Fri.: Drop off at the church office



Mail a check to:
P.O. Box 342 Ishpeming, MI 49849

2025 MINISTRY SHARES

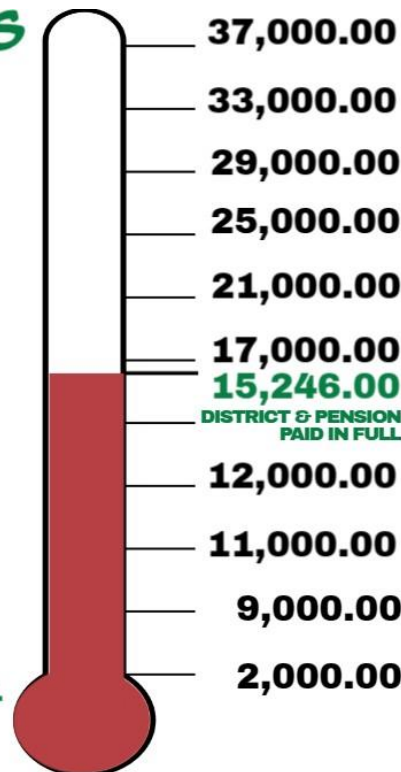
District **\$3,392.28**
Pension **\$8,700.00**
Conference **\$21,551.00**

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



SCAN CODE
To go to our ONLINE
GIVING WEBSITE!

We need \$18,397.38
to complete payment of all 3 Shares.
(District, Pension, Conference)



Did you know
Ministry Shares
help plant new
churches,
revitalize
struggling
congregations,
and provide
resources for
ministry?



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Go to: www.ishpemingwesley.org/calendar to see on our website

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2  All Saints Day SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m. WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.	3 TOPS 4:00 p.m. AI-Anon 6:00 p.m.	4 Nurtured Mama's MeetUP 5:15p.m. MISSIONS TEAM 6:00p.m. (in lounge)	5 Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Wed. Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8 1st Responder Dinner 5:00-6:30 p.m.
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30 SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m. WORSHIP 10:00 a.m. HANGING OF GREENS 11:00			LET OUR LIVES BE FULL OF BOTH <i>Thanks</i> & <i>Giving</i>			THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING TO BE Thankful FOR