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SEPTEMBER 2025



September Birthdays

- 1 Julie Solka
- 2 David "Speck" Holmgren
- 3 Jacki Crimmins
- 4 Michael Beauchamp
- 9 Alena Palomaki
James Penrose
Charlie Yeager
- 11 Patti Kainulainen
- 12 Zach Myers
- 14 Mariann Annala
- 16 Paula Ross
- 18 Dylan Skewis
- 20 Rev. Scott Sherrill
Jaime Warner
- 22 Terry Kainulainen
- 23 Jacob Bazinette
- 24 Mike Carriere
Allyson Solka
- 29 Lester Hainsey
- 30 Sheenah Kestila

September Anniversaries

- 3 David & Janet Laitinen
- 5 Lyle & Jaime Warner
- 6 James & Sarah Pleaugh
- 9 Dale & Michele Thomas
- 10 Zach & Jenni Quayle
- 13 David "Speck" & Sue Holmgren
- 16 Charles & Claudia Johnson
Brady & McKenzie Buher
- 18 (David)Lu & (Mary)Cookie Holmgren
- 19 Shawn & Jennifer Hodgins
- 20 Alan & Becki Nylander
- 21 Kevin & Heidi Blanck
- 23 Roger & Joanne Bergman
- 26 Brad Blight & Lynn Potila
- 28 Marvin & Ellen Flack





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Here We Go....

When I write my newsletter article, I usually like to make it a mini-sermon. Something that can help your faith walk, or something to consider through a Christian lens.

But this month, we are about to begin the new program year. Like the local schools, our programming calendar at Wesley really begins in September. Below then are a couple upcoming practical programs, ministries and opportunities to help grow your faith and connection with Jesus.

Sermon series beginning August 24th: Taste and See: Living a Life Steeped in Grace and Sizzling with Spirit"

The series explores how ordinary elements—tea and bacon—can reveal extraordinary truths about our life in Christ. Through the imagery of steeping and sizzling, we will reflect on how God's grace shapes us into a people of rest, passion, community, and joy. Like tea steeping in hot water and bacon crackling in the pan, the Christian life is both contemplative and dynamic, rooted in grace and fired by the Spirit.

September Bible Studies & Giveaways

In September we have a couple exciting faith in action tasks for you to work on. One is to read a Christian book. And to help, we are giving away copies of Adam Hamilton's book *Enough*. They will be available Sundays at church or from the office.

And, another faith task is to attend a Bible Study group. Well by luck, wouldn't you know we are going to be covering the book *Enough* in both Wednesday studies? **We will begin Wednesday Sept 3rd. 12noon for the Lunch and Learn group (bring a lunch, get a cookie) and the Wed night group meets at 6:30pm in person or by Zoom.** (of course you can also read another Christian book and attend another Bible Study to complete the faith in action tasks).

September Praying For Our Schools

In September we are also going to be praying for our local schools. Each day in September there is a different group at the schools to pray for. I hope you will join us in praying for our youth and educators.

Faith in Action for Youth

Also beginning in September we are starting a new faith in action program just for the youth. Instead of monthly tasks, they will have a series of tasks to complete over the whole program year (Sept - May). Tasks will be like memorizing a Bible verse or volunteering in the church or coming to Sunday School. **Every student that completes ALL their tasks will receive a \$10 Meijer gift card as a prize and all students who participate (completed or not) will be invited to a year end bowling party.**

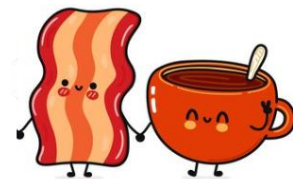
Future Fun

A couple other teasers for this year. In November we will step through a sermon series and church wide book study on gratitude. Also in November we will be hosting the community Thanksgiving worship service. And in December we will have missionaries from Nepal visiting our church to talk about their mission.

So thank you. Thank you for helping support a church that makes disciples for Jesus Christ. Thank you for your help in transforming the world. God bless you this year,

Pastor Scott

Scott



"Jesus, honey, anybody can turn water into tea."



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**



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

Pre K-1st: Downstairs classroom with Abigail Johnson & Jolanna Solka

2nd-3rd: First classroom upstairs with Brianna Johnson & Annie Yeager

4th-8th grades: Second classroom upstairs with Pam Olgren

Hello friends,

This is the September newsletter so that means that it is time for all the fall programs to begin again including Sunday school. Our Sunday school is for kids ages Preschool - 8th grade. Keep in mind if you have a preschooler or young one; you are more than welcome to stay with them in their class. **Sunday school will begin Sunday, September 7th at 9:00 a.m. !** This will be our rally day which is a fun day to get everyone together and play some games.

We have 3 classes; preschool -1st grade which meets downstairs in the large classroom at the end of the hall near the parking lot , **2nd-3rd grade** in the very first upstairs classroom and then **4th-8th grade** in the 2nd upstairs classroom. If any adults would like to start up a Sunday Morning Bible Study/Sunday School class, that could be an option as well, if there are enough people interested and someone would like to teach/lead.

As the congregation started the **Faith In Action discipleship journey** this past summer, **the kids will also have an opportunity to work on their OWN discipleship journey throughout the Sunday school year.** There will be more information sent home on this; please feel free to ask any questions as this is new to all of us and a learning experience.

On **Sunday September 21st**, we will have a **training session** for **Acolytes** (lighting the candles before worship) & **Ushers** (passing the offering plates- delivering to altar) at the end of Sunday School time that week. **If your child is interested in either being an acolyte or an usher but isn't available that week, please let us know so we can make alternative arrangements.** We think our kids will feel like they are a part of things by finding things they can do to participate in worship.

Sunday September 28th we will be giving our 3rd graders Bibles- If you have a child going into 3rd grade this year, please ensure that their Sunday School teacher is aware they are in 3rd grade so they get their Bible.

Subbing/Classroom help: We are always looking for more volunteers to help put on Sunday School and teach our children. Please contact me (Pam Olgren) if you have time to sub or help in a classroom-help is always appreciated & needed.

These kids are the future of our church and they need to be as prepared as we can help them to be! God's Peace,

Pam Olgren





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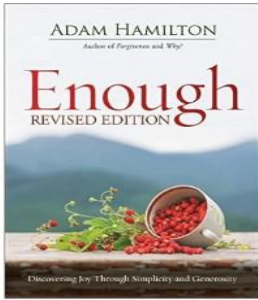
LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 p.m. in fellowship hall starting on Wednesday September 3rd!

Bring your lunch & a Bible!
All are welcome!

Both Bible Studies begin Wed. 9/3/25

We will be reading **Enough** by Adam Hamilton

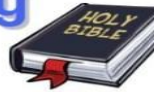


Wed. Night Bible Study

Where: Church Lounge & Zoom

When: Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning on 9/3/2025.

Who: Anyone that wishes to participate



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AT TEAL LAKE ASSISTED LIVING!



UPCOMING DATES THROUGH END OF 2025
9/16/25
10/21/25
12/16/25



All services are on **Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.**
Anyone is welcome to come & participate



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 or pick one up from the church office!

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

thrivent

Do you use Thrivent for life insurance, or retirement planning? Did you know every Thrivent customer can receive 2 \$250 grants/year to support mission and good work in our community (schools, non-profits or the church)?

If you are a Thrivent member, see Pastor Scott for help with a Thrivent Ministry Grant.





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. Our new Granddaughter & family | we have a new granddaughter-Kinsley Rae- born 7/26/25 Mom & Baby doing well | Pam Olgren |
| 3. Happy Anniversary (8/3) Nicole & Brad Stille | prayers | Karen Graham |
| 4. Granddaughter Rachel & family | lucky to find house to move back to U.P. | Cookie Holmgren |
| 5. Niece Alyssa | starting med school on a full scholarship. Thanks be to God! | Annie Yeager |
| 6. My son Mitchell Johnson | He turns 16 today Happy Birthday! (8/17/25) | Rebecca Dales |
| 7. David McCartney | Safe trip to and from Mayo Clinic this past week | David McCartney |
| 8. Adeline | that she continues to grow in faith & discipleship | Jacki & David Crimmins |

Concerns

| <i>Person to Pray for</i> | <i>Need</i> | <i>Person requesting</i> |
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| 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. 17 yr. old Tripp Stratton | infusion treatment for 5 th bout of cancer | Dorothy Kuhn |
| 4. Katie, Vance, Lindy, Gavinn, Brandon & Morgan | Healing from ongoing health concerns | Barb Palomaki |
| 5. Amanda | healing-she had arm amputated due to cancer | Paula Ross |
| 6. Mark | pray for God's continuing healing power/health issues | John Verran |
| 7. Marilyn Jandron | Prayers for healing & relief of pain | Karen Graham |
| 8. The family of John Peterson | he passed away | Barb Palomaki |
| 9. Garrett | recovery from serious chainsaw accident. | Dick Derby |
| 10. Catlin | Healing & peace- path out of depression & anxiety | Dick Derby |
| 11. Family of David Hebein | he passed away | Cookie Holmgren |
| 12. Bob Hicks Jr. | prayers for safe travel | Shirley Hicks |
| 13. Linda Quayle | suffering with insomnia & migraines | Judy Smith |
| 14. Jill | Healing & Strength | Jenifer Rajala |
| 15. Madison | Recovery from an industrial accident fractured skull & broken neck. | Dick Derby |
| 16. Wisuri family | pray for peace, healing & understanding- lost 18yr old in motorcycle/truck accident. | Rebecca Dales |
| 17. Betty Woods | pray for strength & resolution of a joint infection that will require long term antibiotics & rehab. | Patti Kainulainen |
| 18. Daphne Flack | healing & saved vision (eye cancer) | Patti Kainulainen |
| 19. Henry | healing for a little boy who suffers with constant seizures | Dick Derby |
| 20. Madison | continued progress for healing & recovery- fractured skull & broken neck. | Dick Derby |
| 21. Starla | has been missing since last Friday/prayers she is found safe very soon. | Nicole Stille |
| 22. Our daughter, Megan | health concerns | Chad & Steph Hintsala |
| 23. Lee Woods | waiting on stem cell transplant | Cookie Holmgren |
| 24. Joyce | Healing from cancer | Dick Derby |





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MISSIONS: *The hands & feet of Jesus*

Discipleship – A Call to Follow Jesus

We are joined together as a church family through many mechanisms. One of them is a call to grow our faith, and our relationship with God, and with others, through Faith In Action. In July that included reading the Gospel of Luke. Luke records Jesus speaking in Chapter 12. Verse 15: *“Beware...life is not measured by how much you own.”* Verse 34: *“Wherever your treasure is, there the desire of your heart will also be.”* An August Faith In Action item was “Increase your monthly giving to the church by 10%.” In this same time our Leadership Team spoke about the need for increased giving to support our church. Bob Gass writes in *The Word For You Today*, How to become generous. *“If you want to become a generous person, do these things:”*

- (1) **Be grateful for whatever you have.** Generosity rises out of contentment; it doesn't come from obtaining more. John D. Rockefeller admitted, 'I've made millions, but they have brought me no happiness.' If you're not content with a little, you probably won't be content with a lot. And if you're ungenerous with a little, you won't abruptly change when you become wealthy.
- (2) **Don't allow the desire for possessions to control you.** Owning things is an obsession in our culture. If we own it, we think we can control it; and if we can control it, we feel it will give us more pleasure. But if you truly want to take control of your heart, don't let your possessions take control of you.
- (3) **Regard money as a resource.** French author Dominique Lapierre went to India to conduct research for a new book, riding around in a Rolls Royce he bought with a book advance. While he was there, he in fact found the material he needed for his new book, but he also encountered something else: a passion to help the poor. The discovery transformed his life. Until his death in 2022, he distributed his time between writing, fundraising, and giving time and money to help people. His business card said, 'All that is not given is lost.'"

Proverbs 11: 24-25: *“Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will be refreshed.”* Word continues: *“About money: you can't win. If you focus on making it, you're materialistic. If you try, but don't make any, you're a loser. If you make a lot and keep it, you're a miser. If you make it and spend it, you're a spendthrift. If you don't care about making any, you're unambitious. If you make a lot and still have it when you die, you're a fool-for trying to take it with you. The only way to truly win with money is to hold it loosely...be generous with it and achieve things of value.”*

In 1889 industrialist Andrew Carnegie wrote an essay entitled 'Gospel of Wealth,' in which he said that there is a season of acquiring wealth and a season of distributing it. The only way to keep an attitude of generosity is to make a habit of giving your time, talent, attention, resources, and money. **Generosity:**

- (1) **Find out what kind of hold your possessions have on you.** Choose something you truly treasure and give it away to someone in need.
- (2) **Put your money to work.** Help and give to those who can't help and give to you anything in return. John Bunyan: *'You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.'*

Luke 21:2: *“Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins...”*

May God bless us in our giving. No! God will bless us in our giving! God's peace,

Dick Derby
Missions



God loves
a cheerful giver
2 Corinthians 9





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MISSIONS: *The hands & feet of Jesus*

Missions News

Hello Friends,

Our next **Missions Team Meeting** will be **Tuesday, September 2nd 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!*

Delivered: Salvation Army Backpacks & Supplies: Backpacks and school supplies were delivered to the Salvation Army! We collected 40 backpacks and a trunk full of school supplies - They were so very grateful for our donation.

August Mission Project: was a snack collection for Birchview and Aspen Ridge Schools. we will be bringing the snacks to the schools after Labor Day. Thank you for all of the snacks you've donated so far!

September Mission Project: Randy Hildebrant -Church and Community worker - God's County Community Ministry, Newberry MI

Project: Keep Kids Warm

I was happy to accept a \$1000 grant from TruNorth Credit Union for Project: Keep Kids Warm. We are so thankful for all the monetary donations and to all those who contribute their time and effort to Keep our Kids warm during our cold winter months.

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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HOW LONG O LORD? A JOURNEY THROUGH LAMENT

SCOTT SHERRILL

If you were moved by Pastor Scott's sermon series on Lament and would like to review again, or would like to bless someone else with the message, the sermons have been edited and are now available as both a Kindle and paperback book.

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0FN5GSFL7>

100% of proceeds from sales will be donated to Ministry Shares.

NORTHERN SKIES DISTRICT EMAIL NEWSLETTER



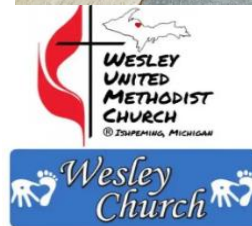
Wesley Church sends out our own separate email newsletter, but there is also our District Newsletter!

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

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



L to R: Dean Laitinen, Robert Hicks, Jr., Rev. Scott Sherrill & Janis Shaffer



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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My UP Weather: 906 Weather Watchers 8/19/2025 photo taken by **Kelsey Ann Grigg**
Twin Lakes/Roland area. Gorgeous photo Kelsey!!!



Artwork by: Kyleigh Chartre *one of our 6th grade youth.*
Thank you for the great artwork Kyleigh!



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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 are \$21,477.38 away from being able to pay all 3 Shares (District. Pension. Conference)



Did You Know?

Ministry Shares ensure that every church, regardless of size or location, has a role in supporting the mission of the wider church.

Just as early Methodists pooled their resources to support ministries, today's giving continues this tradition of collective faithfulness.

(Acts 2:44-47 shows the early church sharing resources for the common good.)



3 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



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FAITH IN ACTION

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Attend or start a Bible study group that meets weekly for at least a month.

(Work of Piety – Group Study)

Bring a donation for the monthly missional program.

(Work of Mercy – Generosity & Justice)

Read one Christian book.

(Work of Piety – Spiritual Growth through Learning)

Pray for our schools.

(Work of Piety - Intercessory Prayer)

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

bit.ly/faithinactionSept2025



FAITH IN ACTION

FOR THE YOUTH

And why should the adults have all the fun?

Starting in September there will be a Faith in Action for our Youth!!!

More details coming soon through Sunday School!



30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE SCHOOL



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| | 1 Kindergarten Students | 2 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Grade Students | 3 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Grade Students | 4 Middle School Students | 5 High School Students | 6 Special Education Students |
| 7 New & Transfer Students | 8 Graduating Seniors | 9 Classroom Teachers (K-12) | 10 Special Area Teachers <i>(Art, Music, PE, STEM, Library, etc.)</i> | 11 Paraprofessionals & Aides | 12 School Counselors & Social Workers | 13 Principals & Superintendent |
| 14 School Board Members | 15 Bus Drivers & Transportation Staff | 16 Cafeteria Workers & Nutrition Staff | 17 Custodians & Maintenance Workers | 18 School Nurses & Health Aides | 19 Office Staff & Secretaries | 20 Substitute Teachers |
| 21 Coaches & Athletic Directors | 22 School Security & Safety Officers | 23 Parents & Guardians | 24 PTA & Parent Volunteers | 25 Before & After School Program Staff | 26 Students Struggling with Mental Health | 27 Students Facing Food or Housing Insecurity |
| 28 Community Mentors & Tutors | 29 Local Businesses & Organizations Supporting Schools | 30 All Who Work in Education That They May Be Encouraged | | <p> Father God, Come be with us today. Fill our hearts with joy. Fill our minds with learning. Fill our classrooms with peace. Fill our lessons with fun. Fill our friendships with kindness. Fill our school with love. Amen. </p> | | |



September 2025

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

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| | <p>1</p> <p>TOPS Al-Anon 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>2</p> <p>MISSIONS TEAM 6:00p.m</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Wed. Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p> |
| <p>7</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m. WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.</p> | <p>8</p> <p>TOPS Al-Anon 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Wed. Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Community Fellowship Dinner 5:00-6:30 p.m. LEADERSHIP BOARD ZOOM WITH DS 8:00 p.m.</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13</p> |
| <p>14</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m. WORSHIP 10:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday Meal 11:00 a.m.</p> | <p>15</p> <p>TOPS Al-Anon 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Teal Lake Senior Living Worship Service 2:00 p.m.</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Wed. Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20</p> <p>CHARGE CONFERENCE at Gwinn U.M.C. 12:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p>21</p> <p>ACOLYTE & OFFERING TRAINING FOR YOUTH</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m. WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.</p> | <p>22</p> <p>TOPS Al-Anon 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>23</p> <p>LEADERSHIP BOARD 5:15 p.m.</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Wed. Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>25</p> <p>OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Game Night & Potluck at The Stilles 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>27</p> |
| <p>28</p> <p>3rd Graders Bible Sunday</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m. WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.</p> | <p>29</p> <p>TOPS Al-Anon 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>30</p> | | | | |