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FEBRUARY 2026



February 2026



February Birthdays

- 2 Mary Jeanne Chapman
- 3 Eric Lynch
Seth Nora
- 4 Paul Wolfson
- 5 Heidi Blanck
- 6 Jennifer Hodgins
- 7 Landen Kiviniemi
- 10 Keith Lawson
Evelyn Nicholas (t)
- 12 Kyle Kestila
- 13 Janet Laitinen
- 14 Meghan Johnson
- 15 Paige Palomaki
Ryan Reno
- 17 Rick Hendra Sr.
Llewellyn "Buster" Pope
- 18 Al Sunne
Kathy West
- 19 Harry Farley
- 20 Kim Cornish
- 21 Doug Pearson
- 22 Ricky Hendra
- 26 Julie Ellis
- 27 Sarina Maki
Kim Potter
- 28 Roger Bergman
Brad Stille

February Anniversaries

Interested in becoming a Member?
We'd love to have you!



**MEMBERSHIP CLASS
after worship**

2/15/26 at 11:00 a.m.

**Please R.S.V.P. to Pastor Scott
or Renee in the office.**

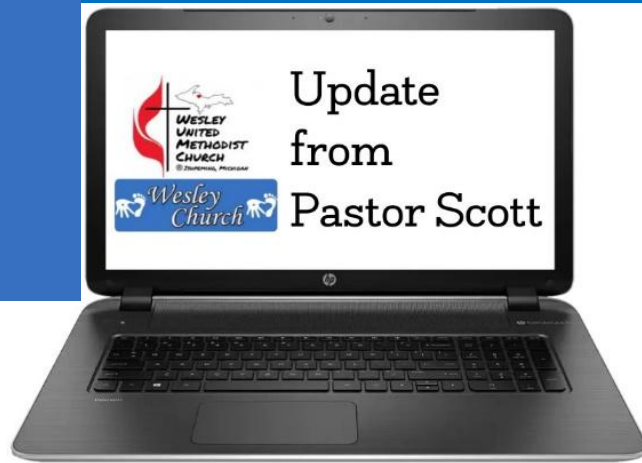
*Give thanks to the God of heaven.
His love endures forever.*

Psalm 136:26





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I'm Tired. So I Rest. And Then I Pray

I'm tired.....

I'm tired of the war and pain that seems to never end.

I'm tired of worrying about our children, their safety, their health and their future.

I'm tired of gun violence and our collective paralysis when it comes to change.

I'm tired of cancer, illness, and disease and the way they disrupt.

I'm tired of people choosing political loyalty over the well-being of their neighbor.

I'm tired of starvation, malnutrition and communities without safe drinking water.

I'm tired of poverty, abuse, neglect and the systems that allow them to continue.

I'm tired of intentional misinformation being shared as truth.

I'm tired of hatred rooted in race, beliefs, age, gender, or fear of difference.

I'm tired of pollution, addiction, violence and people forced to sleep without safety.

I'm tired of the bickering, the backstabbing and the endless strife.

So I rest.....

I rest in a God who is faithful and full of steadfast love. (*Deuteronomy 7:9*)

I rest in the one who is doing something new, even when I might not yet be able to see it (*Isaiah 43:19*).

I rest in the one who says do not let your hearts be troubled (*John 14:27*).

I rest in the one who's love endures forever (*Psalms 136:26*).

I rest in the one who gave himself for me (*Gal 2:20*).

I rest in the love of the one I call father (*1 John 3:1*).

I rest in the one who takes all my anxiety so I can rest in him (*1 Peter 5:7*).

I rest in the one who's peace surpasses all understanding (*Philippians 4:7*)

I rest in the one who gives strength to his people (*Psalms 29:11*), who promises peace to his people (*Psalms 85:8*) and who gives strength to the weary (*Isaiah 40:29*).

I will rest in the one who offers respite for our souls (*Matthew 11:28-30*), who is our salvation (*Isaiah 12:2*) and securely in the knowledge that nothing can separate me from God's love (*Romans 8:38-39*).

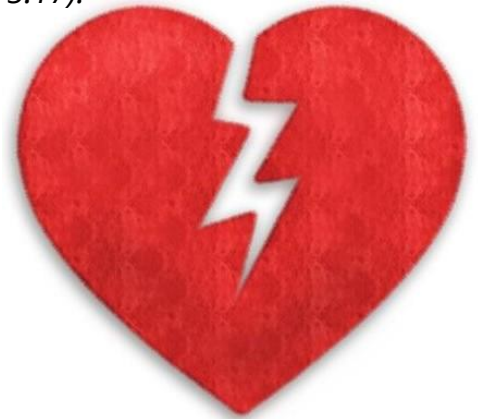
And then I pray.....

I pray that all who are tired may find rest (*Matthew 11:28*).

I pray that the weary may discover strength (*Isaiah 40:29*).

I pray that the church may become a place of healing and holy resistance (*Isaiah 1:17*).

I pray that God's work of making all things new would begin in us and out into a world that is longing for hope (*2 Corinthians 5:17*).



Putting our *love* into action



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Adeline Solka gave the Children's Message when Pastor Scott was absent one Sunday in January. She did a great job! **Paulette Kordish** was our guest speaker that same Sunday and she assisted during the children's time. Thank you for giving the message Paulette! **More people putting their love into action.**

Camp Michigamme to Suspend Operations After 104 Years of Ministry



<https://northernskies.michiganumc.org/camp-michigamme-news/>

Northern Skies District Leadership have announced that Camp Michigamme, located on the shores of Lake Michigamme in the Upper Peninsula, will not reopen for the 2026 season due to financial challenges including declining membership, reduced attendance, rising maintenance costs, and insufficient reserves.

Over the next six months, the Northern Skies District Leadership Team will be securing the property, hosting three listening sessions, and making a final decision by March 2026.

If you are interested in attending any of the listening sessions- the dates/times/locations are below

LAST REMAINING Camp Michigamme Listening Session
Saturday, February 14th 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. (Eastern)
Gladstone Memorial .U.M.C.

Sign Up

TO OUR ALUMNI LIST



Stay up-to-date on all things that are happening with Camp Michigamme

Scan the QR Code to join





Joys & Concerns

Month Of Jan.2026

(1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25)

And now these three remain:



but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

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. My Grandma Mary	she is feeling better	Brock Verville
3. Lee Woods	Joy! Stem Cell Transplant a success- he is in remission	Patti Kainulainen

Concerns

<i>Person to Pray for</i>	<i>Need</i>	<i>Person requesting</i>
1. 18 Yr. Old Tripp Stratton	cancer treatment for 6 th time	Dorothy Kuhn
2. Ann Marie, Gail, Jason, Bruce & Tracy	healing from ongoing health problems	Dorothy Kuhn
3. David Culliton	healing from back, leg, & eye problems	Dorothy Kuhn
4. Andrea	suffering PTSD & other health problems	Dorothy Kuhn
5. Katie, Sarah, Lindy, Alan, Morgan, Vance	pray for health	Barb Palomaki
6. The Family of Dave Myers	passed away	Barb Palomaki
7. Jill	healing & strength	Shirley Hicks
8. Jill, Jean & Ann Marie	strength, patience & healing	Shirley Hicks
9. Caitlin	Healing & a path out of depression	Dick Derby
10. Henry	miracle healing from constant seizures	Dick Derby
11. Daphne Flack (2.5 yrs)	continued prayers for healing & saved vision	Patti Kainulainen
12. Lee Woods	prayers for healing of other health issues	Patti Kainulainen
13. Friend undergoing chemotherapy	healing & comfort- minimal side effects	Pam Olgren
14. Our Country & our World	wisdom, guidance, courage to lead to PEACE.	Pam Olgren
15. Ruth	receiving chemo for cancer	Pam Olgren
16. The homeless	pray	Pam Olgren
17. Our Country	pray for direction	Pam Olgren
18. Our Country	prayers for civility	Karen Graham
19. Wayne	chemo. not effective- Going to Mayo more chemo/red.	Deb Sherrill
20. Michele	healing after falling & shattering her hip	Deb Sherrill
21. Bill Tibor (Norma's husband)	continued healing from recent bout of serious illness	Cookie Holmgren
22. Daughter	cut her hand- healing	Cookie Holmgren
23. Granddaughter Ashley	healing- physical & emotional	Cookie Holmgren
24. Lee Woods	donor cells working in rehab to gain strength	Cookie Holmgren
25. Linda Quayle	she fell & hurt her neck & back	Judy Smith
26. Donna	prayers for successful hip surgery & easy recovery	Chad & Steph Hintsala





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MISSIONS: *The hands & feet of Jesus*

Discipleship – A Call to Follow Jesus

We began the new year with the word ‘*optimism*’, and reflection over the fact that as Christians our faith and trust in God will lead us into the “best.” Not a path of fear and dread, but one of hope and joyful expectation. We were reminded that even though the world may challenge us, Jesus said’ *“I have overcome the world” (Jn 16:33).*

Thousands of years ago a man named Abraham, who faced his own life challenges, remained faithful to God. In Genesis 12 God brings favor to Abraham’s faithfulness. *“The Lord said to Abraham, ‘Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you...”* Do any of us have such a command or vision on that scale from God? Yet each of us should be seeking with vigilance, and ‘*optimism*’, for whatever God may be directing us to do. Abraham’s story was retold in Hebrews 11:8: *“...he went out without knowing where he was going.”* *If someone asked, “Yes, but what am I to do? How am I to know?”* The answer, talk to God – pray. And expect...

Joyce Meyer writes in *Quiet Times with God: Waiting with Expectation.* *“Wait for and confidently expect the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for and confidently expect the Lord” (Psalm 27:14).*

At some point in our lives, we all find ourselves praying about a situation and waiting for God to answer that prayer. **[Go back to January 1st and look ahead into the new year.]** Be assured, God does hear every prayer you pray, and He is working out the answers even though you may not know all the details. Until you get an answer to your prayer, you can wait either passively or expectantly. A passive person gives up easily, but an expectant person is confident, believing the answer is just around the corner. Expectancy fills us with hope. It gives us the faith and strength to wake up each morning with excitement: This could be the day God does something amazing. **[Insert: Please read the book *Choosing Gratitude* by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. You will discover that instead of “could be the day”, this will be the day God does something amazing.]**

Oswald Chambers writes more in *My Utmost for His Highest.* *“... you do not know what you are going to do; but you accept that God knows what He is going to do. It is this attitude that keeps you in perpetual wonder. Each morning you wake it is to be a “going out”, ever confident in God. Do you believe in a miracle-working God, and will you surrender to Him [trust] until you are not surprised by anything He does?*

All worry then disappears. Let the attitude of life be a continual “going out” in dependence on God, and your life will have the beautiful relationship with God that He desires.”

Optimism, prayer, expectation, “going out” with God. By the time we get to February it is well past the time to say, “Happy New Year.” But it is never past the time to say, “Praise God!”

God’s peace, always.

Dick Derby
Missions





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January Mission Project: Thanks to all who donated monetarily to Michigan Disaster Preparedness and Response. We hope those funds go to help many. **Below is a picture of David McCartney with a group in Costa Rica.** He is putting his love into action with UMCOR Disaster Response.

February Mission Project: Collecting Snacks for Birchview & Aspen Ridge Elementary/Middle Schools.

March Mission Project: We will be collecting funds for **UMCOR-United Methodist Committee On Relief. UMCOR SUNDAY** falls at the end of the month, so we'd like to be able to send them some funds.

February Community Dinner: Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad & Dessert- we hope you'll join us and bring a friend.

Greeting Card Mission: Please visit the cards at the table in the narthex and feel free to write a short note to the recipients. Several have shared their appreciation for the cards and our thoughtfulness.

2025 Project: Keep Kids Warm Update: we had **383 requests** and filled those requests **providing 1700 items** which included jackets, snowpants, boots, mittens, gloves and hats. Thanks to all the volunteers for shopping and filling the requests. Thank you to all of our financial donors for your generosity!

2026 MINISTRY SHARES

Through Ministry Shares, our congregation's ministry extends beyond our local community to places where we may never physically go.

From providing disaster relief through UMCOR to supporting missionaries worldwide, Ministry Shares make it possible for Wesley Church to be the hands and feet of Christ on a global scale.

Because of your efforts, Wesley will be an Engage Michigan Church for 2025
THANK YOU!!

SCAN CODE
To go to our ONLINE GIVING WEBSITE!



David McCartney

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Sunday in Costa Rica before we begin labor on Monday





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FAITH IN ACTION

February 2026: *Silence & Connection*



10 Minutes a Day in Silence

Begin with:
"Speak, Lord, your servant
is listening."

(Work of Piety – Listening for God)



Call 5 Church Members
You Haven't Spoken to in a While

Reach Out & Reconnect



Learn One Local Injustice and
Take One Small Action

(Work of Mercy – Social Justice Advocacy)

Read Martin Luther
King Jr.'s Letter From
a Birmingham Jail

*(Work of Mercy –
Social Justice Advocacy)*



The letter is found at:
bit.ly/4rmq0G1

Please Take This 10 minute United Methodist Church Survey

2026 UMC Leadership Gathering:
Future of The United Methodist Church Survey

This survey is being conducted by United
Methodist Communications on behalf of the
2026 UMC Leadership Gathering Design Team
to inform their churchwide learning and
discernment.

To take this survey (please try to do so!)
Use the QR CODE or go to:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/UMCLG2026

Survey QR code:



SPRING 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 SUNDAY MARCH 1st 2026**



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And the Winner Is.....
2nd Sunday Fellowship Meal
CHILI
Cook-Off



L to R: Bonnie Howe, Annie Yeager, Brady Buher & Rose Sunne

The Golden Ladle:
1st Place:
2nd Place:
3rd Place:

Rose Sunne
Brady Buher
Annie Yeager
Bonnie Howe



**Rose Sunne's
Golden Ladle
Chili Recipe**

(She noted "Given to me by Dale Johnson")

- 1- 28oz can Bush Baked Beans (original)
- 1- 16oz can Kidney Beans
- 1- 4oz can mushrooms (optional)
- 1- 16oz Tostitos Salsa mild or medium
- 2- 14.5 oz cans Stewed Tomatoes
- 1- 6oz can Tomato paste
- 1- onion/size dependant on how much you like onion
- 2 stems celery (optional)
- Green Pepper
- 2 lbs. Ground Chuck
- Chili powder
- Salt
- Pepper

* I used the mild Salsa. Did not use celery, green pepper or mushrooms *

- * Brown meat with salt, pepper, diced onions, mushrooms & green peppers.
- * Sprinkle chili powder over top to cover & mix in.
- * Add stewed tomatoes (I usually chop them up first)
- * Add salsa, sprinkle top with chili powder.
- * Drain & wash kidney beans & add.
- * Add Bush Baked Beans & tomato paste.
- * Add more chili powder to taste.
- * Bring to boil, turn down & simmer 3 hours.
- * ENJOY!





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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m. WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.	2 TOPS Al-Anon 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	3 Nurtured Mama's MeetUP 5:30p.m. LEADERSHIP BOARD (CHAPEL) 5:15p.m. MISSIONS TEAM (LOUNGE) 6:00p.m.	4 Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Wed. Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7
8 SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m. WORSHIP 10:00 a.m. 2 nd Sunday Meal 11:00 a.m.	9 TOPS Al-Anon 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	10	11 Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Wed. Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	12 Community Fellowship Dinner 5:00-6:30 p.m.	13	14 Private Party Fellowship Hall
15 SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m. WORSHIP 10:00 a.m. MEMBERSHIP CLASS 11:00 a.m.	16 TOPS Al-Anon 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	17	18 ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP IN CHAPEL 7:00 p.m.	19	20 MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.	21
22 SUNDAY SCHOOL & COFFEE HOUR 9:00 a.m. WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.	23 TOPS Al-Anon 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	24 Teal Lake Assisted Living Worship 2:00 p.m. LEADERSHIP BOARD 5:15p.m.	25 Lunch & Learn Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Wed. Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	26	27	28