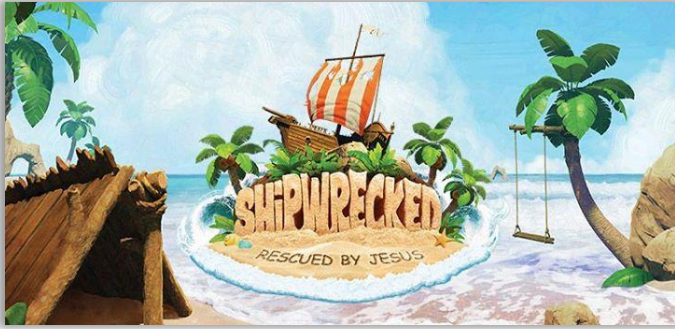


NEWS FOR JULY 2018
Wesley United Methodist Church
Charleston, IL
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

SHIPWRECKED VBS!



This summer, kids who attend **SHIPWRECKED VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. **VBS kick-off** will take place on **Sunday, July 8th beginning at 4:30PM**. Families are invited to come and enjoy games

and snacks together until **6:00PM** when VBS begins. VBS will take place from **6:00 – 8:30PM Sunday through Thursday (July 12th)**. Registration forms are available at the Information Center and in the church office. Stop by the church any time the office is open to register your child or grandchild for **SHIPWRECKED VBS!**



LADIES' ENSEMBLE TO SING JULY 22ND

Our choir director Juliane Sharp will be on hand to put together a Ladies' Ensemble to sing at both the 8:30 and 10:45 worship services on Sunday, July 22nd. A rehearsal will be Tuesday July 17th at 6:30 in the choir room. All women ages high school and older are invited to sing!

REV. CORUM'S FIRST SUNDAY IS JULY 1!

We hope you will join us this Sunday, July 1 when our new pastor, Rev. Tom Corum, will be leading us in worship. Rev. Tom comes to us from Champaign First. His wife Stephanie and son Ben have also moved to Charleston. If you have not yet signed a welcome card, please stop by the table in the sanctuary hallway to do so. We ask for your prayers for Rev. Corum and his family as they make their transition to a new church and a new home!

Welcome to Wesley UMC Rev. Tom, Stephanie & Ben!



JULY MISSION PROJECT: UMCOR SCHOOL BAGS



The Missions Ministry Team has designated **MMDC School Kits** (Midwest Mission Distribution Center) as our July Missions Project. In some countries, children don't have books or school supplies. The school kits might be these children's only educational resources.

School bags have recently been shipped to Haiti & multiple countries in Central America. They also go to local service organizations and multiple areas around the Midwest and neighboring states such as Appalachian areas in Kentucky and Ohio.

WHEN SHOPPING FOR JULY MISSION SCHOOL SUPPLIES, please follow this MMDC School Bag Shopping List:

- 3 spiral, one-subject spiral notebooks (8" x 10 1/2")
- 3 pens (blue or black)
- 3 unsharpened pencils
- 3 glue sticks
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pencil eraser (2" or larger)
- 1 ruler 12" long with metric
- 1 box of 24 crayons (Crayola preferred)
- 1 pair round tip scissors (no plastic scissors)

Monetary gifts will be used to cover shipping

expenses from Midwest Mission Distribution Center where the school bags are checked and filled for shipping. This usually totals about \$150. Any contributions over \$150 will be used to buy additional school supplies.

You can write a check to **Wesley UMC** with **School Bags** on the memo line or use the blue Mission envelope in the hymnal rack. You can also donate online by going to visit our website at **charlestonwesley.org** and click on the **\$ button** at the bottom of the page. Once again, thank you very much for your support.
Your Missions Ministry Team



Happy **JULY** birthday to the following Wesley folks!

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| Ryan Bensley | Suzie Bosler |
| Genavieve Braden | Chad Braden |
| Murray Choate | Karen Clausing |
| Maxine Clayton | Travis Coffey |
| Brad Cox | Richard Craig |
| Lisa Doughty | Mel Fleming |
| Sam Gubbins | James Hatfield |
| Bonnie James | Janet Johns |
| Pam Johnson | Doug Klarup |
| Nicholas Kramer | Ron Leathers |
| Nancy Marlow | Karen Murphy |
| Leif Nielsen | Marie Nielsen |
| Monte Nugent | B'Ellana Shott |
| Jordan Socarras | Joy Starwalt |
| Julie Sterling | Robert Sterling |
| Darlene Stoltz | Jilliann Symonds |
| Jessi Vanatta | Jacob Wilson |
| Justin Wilson | |



Seven inches of rain over the first three days didn't dampen the spirits of the twenty Wesley boy scouts who had a great week at Rhodes-France Scout Reservation near Pana. Family members joined them for a Wednesday evening potluck, then stayed for the camp's impressive fire bowl ceremony during which scouts, including six from Troop 141, were "tapped out" as candidates for membership in the Order of the Arrow, scouting's honorary brotherhood.

Five scouts and three adults depart on July 7 for a week of backpacking in the Porcupine Mountain wilderness along the Lake Superior coast of Michigan's upper peninsula.

Troop 141 has offered the use of our canoes and kayaks for Embarras River outings by the scouts of Pastor Corum's former church, Troop 1 at Champaign First UMC, and also alerted them to the great trails available here.

In recent service projects, our scouts built two monkey bridges at the Lake Shelbyville Visitor's Center for children to clamber on at the Army Corps of Engineers summer youth program and manned a water station on the

50-mile route during the Tour de Charleston bike race.

Troop 141 is sponsoring a Community Blood Services of Illinois blood drive from 3:00 to 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 17 at St. Charles Catholic Church. Walk-ins are welcome.



Our sympathy is expressed to the family & friends of
Alice Lemkau
who died May 24, 2018,
and to Vivian Taylor and her family
on the death of her brother
Joe Gary Hicks
who died June 6, 2018.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

The Wednesday morning Women's Study Group meets each Wednesday at 7:30AM in the parlor for book study, discussion and fellowship. New members are always welcome!

PLEASE NOTE:

The Wesley Church office will be closed Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.





DO YOU HAVE A NAMETAG?

Rev. Tom and his family are here and eager to learn

new names and faces! We ask that you wear a nametag to help them do just that. If you need a nametag, please check the *I'd like to receive a nametag* box on your Making Connections card, then check for your tag on the appropriate nametag rack just outside the sanctuary doors the following Sunday morning. It's THAT simple!

FLOWER DELIVERY MINISTRY

Thank you to those who have donated altar flowers to be taken to our homebound. They are much appreciated! If you would like to participate in this ministry by helping arrange or deliver flowers on Mondays or



Tuesdays, please write FLOWER DELIVERY on your Making Connections card, or contact Rev. Janice at jkahl@charlestonwesley.org.



MEET OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER!



Jessica Ulrich is thankful to be a part of the Charleston Wesley UMC family as the Director of Children's & Lay Ministries. She was born and raised in the small town of Flanagan, IL. While studying

Theology and Pastoral Ministries at Greenville University, Jessica pursued her calling as Director of Tutoring at The Simple Room (a Christian K-12 Non-Profit After School Program), and in advocating for women and minorities. If you do not see Jessica wandering around the church, you might find her reading in the park, searching for good bargains at local antique shops, or at home watching hilarious YouTube videos! Jessica will be joining us on July 8th – just in time to hit the ground running with Vacation Bible School! Welcome to Wesley, Jessica!

PRAYER SHAWLS AND SQUARES



Do you know someone who could use an extra "hug" from Wesley Church? Stop by the church office any time we are open to pick up a prayer square or shawl. A staff member will be glad to help you. Many are available!



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Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM

A Time of Fellowship takes place at 9:30AM

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45

THE WESLEY CIRCUIT
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