

## NEWS FOR May 2018

### Wesley United Methodist Church Charleston, IL

Connecting everyone to a growing relationship with  
God through Jesus Christ and His mission on earth.

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 6

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** will be the day we recognize and celebrate our 2018 graduates. If you have a **child or grandchild** who is graduating from high school, college or graduate school, please send an email to Wesley's youth director, Brock Warren at [bwarren@charlestonwesley.org](mailto:bwarren@charlestonwesley.org), call the church office at 217-345-3917, or write the info on your Making Connections card on Sunday morning to be sure they are included. Please give us their name, parents' name, school graduating from, and the graduate's future plans (if applicable). The deadline for turning in graduate information is Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## SIGN UP TO HELP WITH THIS SUMMER'S VBS!



This summer kids in our church and community will experience the love of Christ through Shipwrecked VBS! The evenings of **Sunday, July 8 through Thursday, July 12** kids will go on an adventure to an uncharted island where they will be rescued by Jesus and anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. There are SO many ways in which you can help – from

being a helper, to acting as a group leader, decorator, game leader, assistant, to registration and crafts (ETC.!). Sign-up sheets are available at the Information Center, or in the church office. Please fill one out and place it in the offering basket or in Brock Warren's mailbox in the office.

## WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP HAS RESUMED

The Wednesday morning Women's Study Group has resumed meeting. All women are invited to join them in the Parlor at 7:30 AM each Wednesday for book study, discussion and fellowship. New members are always welcome!



Congratulations to  
*Mike Wayne and Nico Walters*  
who were baptized on  
Sunday, April 8!

We also extend a welcome to the following  
folks who joined Wesley's  
membership that morning!  
*Ally Weidler & Ben Leman*  
*Mike & Sheryl Wayne*  
*Shayna Williams*  
*Dan, Erin & Nico Walters*  
*Butch & Linda Hackett*

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## MAY MISSION PROJECT: OUR CONFERENCE, OUR KIDS



Our May mission project is the “Our Conference/Our Kids” endowment sponsored by the United Methodist Illinois Great Rivers Conference. The 2018 Bishop's Golf Open, will be held May 11 near Springfield, Illinois, and

will be the soft opening for the “Our Conference/Our Kids” endowment. The major kick-off for this fundraiser will be at Annual Conference in June.

The plan is to raise \$2,500,000 for an endowment that will fund the “spiritual life” programs at our Conference Children's Homes which include: The Baby Fold, Chaddock Children's Home, Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, and the United Methodist Children's Home.

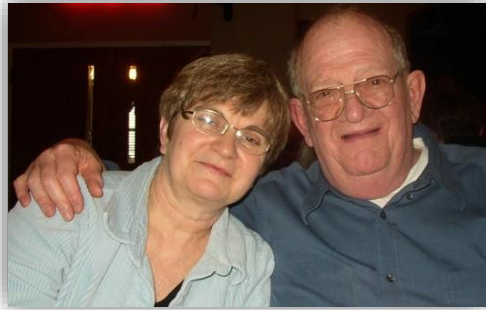
If you would like to help with this effort, please make your check to **Wesley UMC** with **Kid's Endowment** on the memo line or visit our church website at **charlestonwesley.org** and click on the **\$ button** at the bottom of the page. If you prefer to make a cash donation, there are blue mission offering envelopes in the pew backs. Thank you very much for your support.

*Your Missions Ministry Team*

### DO WE HAVE YOUR INFO?

If you do not see your birthday or wedding anniversary listed in our monthly newsletter, please be sure to contact the church office with your information. You can also list the info in the comment section of your Making Connections card on Sunday morning. Also – please be sure to let us know of address and phone number changes. Thanks for helping us stay up to date!

## GET TO KNOW OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS



Ruth Ann with her husband, Dick Craig

(NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles about the people who make up Wesley's Stephen Ministry.)

Ruth Ann Craig came to Charleston as a freshman at EIU, rented a room from a Charleston family, and began attending Wesley. When she married her landlord's son, both the town and the church became her permanent homes.

Ruth Ann is a gifted musician who taught music in Charleston public schools and also gave piano lessons for many years. She is a member of Wesley's handbell choir and directs a handbell choir at a senior living center. She is a familiar figure as our substitute organist on Sunday mornings when Rev. Harry is not available.

Ruth Ann was a member of Wesley's first Stephen Ministry class in 1991 and is one of the program's co-leaders. She says, "I have gained more from Stephen Ministry than I can ever give. Watching the work of God in the lives of others, being allowed to share God's love, and being a physical presence as God works through both of us is transforming. My faith is

stronger. I am more committed to sharing God's love every day."

### OUR NEW WEBSITE MANAGER

If you need to have something placed on the Wesley website, or if you notice something that should be changed or updated, please contact our new website manager Brock Warren at [bwarren@charlestonwesley.org](mailto:bwarren@charlestonwesley.org). Find us at [www.charlestonwesley.org](http://www.charlestonwesley.org). You can also follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/charlestonwesley](https://facebook.com/charlestonwesley). Facebook questions, corrections, or additions should be brought to the attention of Rosalie Addison at [raddison@charlestonwesley.org](mailto:raddison@charlestonwesley.org).

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE ASP MISSION TRIP!

We are excited to share that the ASP mission team of 55 youth and adults will be going to Martin County, Kentucky June 10-16! Thank



you, thank you for your generous donations through our ASP Stock sales. You have blessed us with donating \$2,230 to this awesome mission. If you would still like the opportunity to support this project, the ASP Stock forms are at the Information Center. You can place your donation in the offering basket on Sunday or bring your donation to the office anytime. Be sure to note **ASP Mission Trip** on the memo line. Please contact Tory Wilson or Brock Warren with any questions.



Dear Wesley Friends - Pat and I are leaving Charleston and selling our home there. It has become difficult to make the transition on our twice-yearly pilgrimage.

These three years we spent in Charleston on a half-time basis have been among the happiest years of our lives. The chance to renew old friendships and make new ones were the brightest spots in those last years. This is particularly true with the members of WUMC. The warmth of the people in the church has been something we will always remember and cherish. Having been born in Charleston, the time we've spent in this place during the last few years has given us a chance to renew many warm past relationships. This rather small town has a special place in our childhood and in our hearts.

Thanks, Charleston and Wesley UMC, for your gift!

*Carlos & Pat White*

## FLOWER DELIVERY MINISTRY

Many people who provide altar flowers on Sunday morning choose to leave their flowers at the church, so they can be divided into smaller bouquets which are then delivered to our shut-ins and care facility residents. We are seeking



a few volunteers who would be willing to help deliver flowers during the week. Pastor Janice Kahl has a list of those we deliver to and is happy to give volunteers the names and addresses of those who would appreciate a small bouquet. It is not time consuming but is a wonderful reminder of God's love to our members who can no longer attend worship. To volunteer to help or to find out more about this important ministry, please call Pastor Janice (217-345-3917) or email her at [jkahl@charlestonwesley.org](mailto:jkahl@charlestonwesley.org).

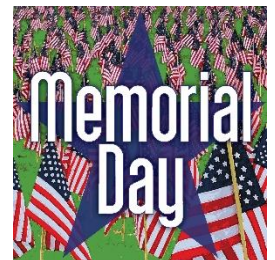
## GREAT DAY OF MUSIC!

Join us for our annual **GREAT DAY OF MUSIC** on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13! That morning all of our choirs will be ringing and singing. The congregation will raise a joyful noise as well! Mark your calendar and bring a friend – or you mom!



## PLEASE NOTE

The Wesley Church office will be closed Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.



*A gift was given to the Wesley Memorial Fund in memory of Joanne A. Sharp.*



*Our sympathy is expressed to  
 Jamie & Juliane Sharp  
 on the death of Jamie's mother  
 Joanne Sharp on March 23,  
 to the family of Genevieve Bredesen  
 who died on April 12,  
 to Emma Daum on the  
 death of her sister Opal Kent on April 16,  
 and to the family of John Faust  
 who died April 21.*

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

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Don Bardsley           | Robyn Carr      |
| Dave Clausing          | Rita Cox        |
| Brenda Crimmins        | Libby Damann    |
| Michael Dietz          | Alec Easter     |
| Jim Ernst              | Brock Esarey    |
| Daniel Fagaly          | Frank Fraembs   |
| Jane Gilbert           | Jim Grant       |
| Ally Guinto            | Jack Helton     |
| Judy Jewell            | Bob Jorstad     |
| Lori King              | Graydon Kramer  |
| Hannah Larson          | Dorothy Macy    |
| Jean Mapes             | Janice McMorris |
| Pat Meyerholtz         | Terry Noble     |
| Jim Replogle           | Sheryl Snyder   |
| Susan Snyder           | Juan Socarras   |
| Janet Truesdale        | Kris Vaught     |
| Maria Fichter-Wandling |                 |
| Bonnie Woodyard        |                 |

**Happy May anniversary to the following Wesley couples!**

- Max & Kim Coffey
- Jeff & Cheryl Laursen
- Bob & Julie Sterling
- Eric & Dustha Wahls

*Don't see your information? Please email Rosalie Addison in the church office at [raddison@charlestonwesley.org](mailto:raddison@charlestonwesley.org).*



**NEWS FROM SCOUT TROOP 141**

Scouts Andrew Pearson, Mikey Fleming, Alex Pearson, Daniel Fagaly, and Danner Van Hise will be recognized at Sunday worship services on April 29 for completing the requirements for the United Methodist Church's God and Family, or God and Church awards.

A little wind and rain (well, actually a lot), did not deter Troop 141 scouts from enjoying their recent backpacking on the Chief Illini trail and campout overlooking Lake Shelbyville. Recent scout service projects included helping at the food pantry, and teaming with Embarrass River Stewards to remove invasive species from Lafferty Woods adjacent to Carl Sandburg School.

We hope all found the food yummy and filling at the scout's recent pancake and sausage breakfast and thank everyone from Wesley who supported the troop by attending.



Pictured: Jan Grewell, 1<sup>st</sup> in 1<sup>st</sup> row; Mark Hudson, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2<sup>nd</sup> row

## 2018 Jefferson Award Winners

Congratulations to Wesley members Jan Grewell and Mark Hudson who are Jefferson Award for Public Service honorees this year!

Read more about them at [http://jg-tc.com/news/local/mattoon-charleston-area-jefferson-award-winners-announced/article\\_f39f4ba1-911a-5e37-be78-8d5373ca19cd.html](http://jg-tc.com/news/local/mattoon-charleston-area-jefferson-award-winners-announced/article_f39f4ba1-911a-5e37-be78-8d5373ca19cd.html).



Please remember to stop by our **Prayer Wall** in the sanctuary hallway each week to pick up a current list of prayer needs, to leave your own prayer (it can be anonymous if you would like), or to leave a praise. Each week, the Wesley Staff, the Monday Afternoon Prayer Group, our private Facebook Prayer Group, and our Prayer Chain will pray for you, as will other Wesley folks who grab a prayer list from the wall. You may stop by to leave a prayer or praise any time the church building is open, or you can email Rosalie Addison in the church office at [raddison@charlestonwesley.org](mailto:raddison@charlestonwesley.org) to leave your request. To be added to our Prayer Chain or Facebook Prayer Group, please email Rosalie at the above address. Let us pray for you!

We would like to extend a special Happy Birthday to Wesley member Jane Dawson who turned 103 on Sunday, April 22!



## NEW LEADERS COMMISSIONED

Congratulations to Jeff Baker and Maria Fichter-Wandling who were commissioned as Stephen Leaders in worship on Sunday, April 22.

## IGRC SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

Is church camp part of your plans for this summer? Our Conference offers camps at four unique locations. If you are between the ages of 6 and 100, there is a camp for you! Each camp has a unique theme and mission to help campers become aware of God's love in an outdoor setting. For more information, pick up a camping brochure in the church office or visit the IGRC Camping Ministry site at <https://www.igrc.org/camping>. WUMC will help with half your expenses up to \$325, so don't miss out on the camping fun this summer!



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**Our Sunday Schedule:**

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM

A Time of Fellowship takes place at 9:30AM

Sunday School for all ages - 9:45AM

**THE WESLEY CIRCUIT**  
*May - 2018*



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