

Wesley UMC
1322 W. Broadway Blvd.
Sedalia, Missouri, 65301-5302
Sunday Service 10:00 am

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September 24, 2023

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Leading People to an Active Faith in Christ

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OUR CALENDAR AND PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sunday, **September 24** *Jennifer Barnier*
9:00 a.m. — Sunday School
10:00 a.m. — Worship Service

Monday, **September 25** *John Homan*
5:00 p.m. — Show Me Sound

Tuesday, **September 26** *Roberta Myers*

Wednesday, **September 27** *Kathryn Marshall*
12:15 p.m. — Midweek Prayer-FB Live
6:00 p.m. — Bell Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. — Wesley Faithful Men Practice
7:00 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, **September 28** *Carolyn Thomas*

Friday, **September 29** *Joseph Mikesic*
2:00 p.m. — Show Me Sound

Saturday, **September 30** *Sue Cromley*
Card Shower for Sue Cromley's 95th Birthday

Sunday, **October 1** *Ashley Pyle*
9:00 a.m. — Sunday School
10:00 a.m. — Worship Service with Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. — Youth Group

Monday, **October 2** *Silas Waddle*
5:00 p.m. — Show Me Sound

Tuesday, **October 3** *Sharon Vannoy*

Wednesday, **October 4** *Martin White*
12:15 p.m. — Midweek Prayer-FB Live
6:00 p.m. — Bell Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. — Wesley Faithful Men Practice
7:00 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, **October 5** *Barbara Schrader*

Friday, **October 6** *Misty Bolds*

Saturday, **October 7** *Troy Curtis*

Sunday, **October 8** *DeWayne Duncan*
9:00 a.m. — Sunday School
10:00 a.m. — Worship Service

Monday, **October 9** *Amanda Foote*
5:00 p.m. — Show Me Sound

Tuesday, **October 10** *John Lindstrom*

Wednesday, **October 11** *Rick Langdon*
12:15 p.m. — Midweek Prayer-FB Live
6:00 p.m. — Bell Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. — Wesley Faithful Men Practice
7:00 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, **October 12** *Amelia Esselman*

Friday, **October 13** *Victor Garnik*

Saturday, **October 14** *Kjay Mahalovich*

Sunday, **October 15** *Tim Noland*
9:00 a.m. — Sunday School
10:00 a.m. — Worship Service

Monday, **October 16** *Karen Parker*
5:00 p.m. — Show Me Sound

Tuesday, **October 17** *Scarlett Pettis*

Wednesday, **October 18** *Chelley Plowman*
12:15 p.m. — Midweek Prayer-FB Live
6:00 p.m. — Bell Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. — Wesley Faithful Men Practice
7:00 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, **October 19** *Tom Saulbeamer*

Friday, **October 20** *Karen Kay Taylor*

Saturday, **October 21** *Myra Tuggle*

Sunday, **October 22** *Andrew Harper*
9:00 a.m. — Sunday School
10:00 a.m. — Worship Service

Monday, **October 23** *Leslie Wimer*
5:00 p.m. — Show Me Sound

Tuesday, **October 24** *Maverick Mahalovich*

Wednesday, **October 25** *Melissa Stover*
12:15 p.m. — Midweek Prayer-FB Live
6:00 p.m. — Bell Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. — Wesley Faithful Men Practice
7:00 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, **October 26** *Marcy Sandidge*

Friday, **October 27** *Anne Tempel*

Saturday, **October 28** *Kim Graves*

October Anniversaries

5th William & Misty Bolds
18th Marion & Carolyn Thomas

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Norris & Peggy Kelley, Kathryn Marshall, Katie Pettis and Dean Vannoy

Youth Group is having our first meeting on **Sunday, October 1 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the church.** There will be pizza. Youth Group is for youth from 6th – 12th grade.

Church Survey coming up during the month of October. We are putting out a survey to get feedback on people's favorite things about Wesley and what they think about what God may be leading us to do in the future. Info will be available soon!

Pastor's Thoughts...

My dog and I take a daily walk, and it is the highlight of the day for my canine friend. We usually walk in the late afternoon before dinner and after the kids have arrived home from school. My youngest son likes to tag along, too. Our dog is a retired greyhound. She is long, tall, and skinny, but even though she may look slight of build, she is 82 lbs. She is certainly considered a large dog and can be somewhat intimidating to someone who does not know better. She is a coward.

My dog is actually a huge coward. She is afraid of sticks. I have a dog that is afraid of sticks. Greyhounds are not the kind of dogs that like to play fetch. If you throw something they want they will go get it, but they have no interest of bringing it back to you. They are almost offended you threw it when they were standing right next to you. So, my dog is scared of sticks. She must have tripped on a stick when she was running the backyard at some point and decided that the pain of being poked with a stick was the worst thing that could happen to her. If there is a stick on the sidewalk, she makes extraordinary effort to go around it at all costs. She will not be hurt again and does not care what I think about it. For the record, I do find it annoying.

In 1 John chapter 4 it says, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love." This verse is probably not talking about my dog and her fear of sticks, but we can be consumed by fear. The author of 1 John is talking about fear of punishment from God for not living up to God's expectations and making that if we have encountered the love of God in Jesus Christ, and we live our lives focused on that kind of love, we have nothing to fear. Love overcomes fear.

Our love for God and on another overcomes fear, not just at the time of death or judgement, but right now. We believe that God's love in Christ is a gift that we don't have to earn, but we accept. We are valued and loved and are expected to share that love with others. Have faith, God loves us, and we have the capacity to love one another. We can love each other and share that love with our community. Don't be afraid, you are loved. Don't miss the opportunity to love others. I have a dog that is afraid of sticks, and I'll keep showing her that it's not a big deal. We have God who fills this world with love. Let's make sure everyone knows it.

In Christ, *Dennis*

Sunday, October 29 from 5 to 6:30 p. m. we are having a Children's Ministry event called Glow Night. Be on the lookout for more information, coming soon!



Sue Cromley is turning 95 on September 30.

**Let's help her celebrate by sending cards to her at:
3411 W. 12th St.
Sedalia, Mo. 65301.**

October Birthdays

- 1st Cheyenne Garnik
- 4th Kjay Mahalovich
Scarlett Pettis
- 8th Roberta Knight
- 12th Brandon Mahalovich
- 16th Barbara Schrader
- 17th Preston Hunter
- 19th Jerry Greer
- 21st DeWayne Duncan
Karen Hamilton
- 22nd Alex Foote
Molli Mahalovich
Randall Whitcomb
- 24th Kay Greer
- 26th R.J. Lindstrom
- 29th Lorri Saulbeamer
Ben Whitcomb
- 30th Myra Tuggle

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

Paper Product Pack

Our second kit option for this year's Festival of Sharing is the Paper Product Pack. These packs remain in central Missouri to serve persons in need. Last year, statewide 4,659 packs were requested by various agencies and only 1,119 were received.



Pack contents are:

- 2 facial tissue (large rectangle boxes)
- 2 rolls paper towels (good quality)
- Toilet Paper -Double/ mega rolls --
3 pkgs of 4 or 2 pkgs of 6

All items are placed in a tall kitchen trash bag.

For your convenience, trash bags with the list of pack contents are available in the church library. Cash donations are also appropriate and we will do the shopping.

Please return all completed packs (paper or school) or cash donations by Sunday, October 1st.