

# GoodNews

May 2021

Love God • Welcome All • Serve Everyone



## GRACE NOTE

### *At the root of it*

Lately, I've been cooking a lot! I have mostly been cooking comfort food. My comfort food. My mom's cooking. I'm going by my memory of the times I saw her cooking—from buying the ingredients to the prepping to the cooking. I don't remember all of the steps nor the ingredients, so I go by remembering what it tastes like. I know I'm not remembering all the ingredients, nor the steps, so I am gratified when it's close enough. More than anything, I think what I want to do is bring her back in my life—replaying those memories when I felt safe and taken cared of by her. Comforted by her love. Comfort food means comforted soul.

Even when more people are getting vaccinated, the future “normalcy” is not so certain. Normal gave me a routine, a pattern, I can hang my hat on, so when an unexpected thing happens, I can have the mental and emotional space to give it. Not that normal was all good. It was just that I knew what to expect. But with almost everything uncertain, I feel I'm living in the liminal space of life. And... liminal is not bad. Liminal can be good. It can invite us to suspend expectations because we don't know yet what's coming. So, we can be still and reflect on what is happening in a non-anxious way, opening ourselves up in wonder and curiosity.

The same goes for the church—the pandemic has me reflecting on the root of our relationship with God and our reason for being church. We may not come back to the same way, the same things, the same routine when we get back in full swing. But we can go by the essence and the foundation of our faith in God through one another. What needs to come back and in what way (s)? Who needs what and who can witness? At the root of it, we need God—the God who calls each one of us by name and given each one of us a part in the body of Christ. And we can do it and be together in a kind and vulnerable way. Life is too precious to behave hurtful. What if, instead of giving opinions, we can ask questions and clarify? What if, instead of being offended so quickly, we check our own feelings and give grace?

I need your help in seeking old and new ways as a faith community to be comforted by God. As well as finding ways and means in sharing God's comfort to the hurting world.

*God needs you, the church, to love and serve as God loves and serves.*

*Pastor Grace*



## Prayer Requests

Ruth Callan  
Alyceann Stevenson  
Ellen Shuemate  
Bob Callan

*To keep our list updated, we will remove names after 30 days. Please notify the office to place/re-place a name on the list. Thank you for your help with this ministry.*



Rochelle Heideman wants to thank everyone who acknowledged the passing of her husband, William Pat Heideman. She said your words of kindness and sympathy, cards and letters, were a great comfort for her and her family.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING (EFT Electronic Fund Transfer)

In this difficult time, we at Wesley are aware of the many pressing issues on your mind, and we want you to know we are still here to help. Our Finance Committee is charged with doing what we can to keep the church as financially healthy as possible during this challenging time period.

Approximately 22% of our church presently donates electronically, so we are very dependent upon weekly plate offerings. For those of you who give faithfully at worship services, we encourage you to continue your gifting by mailing your offering in or by Electronic Fund Transfer. You can sign up to give electronically through this link from our website.

[https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco\\_ver3.vps?ap-ver3=tYgT1GfNxRUldiimjHMvORs1ZSnIPPEmU8WiSPeA170nMWzUXQHa11zWpArjmup2ums9tj3wl7okSf0MyMa8uroHN2od\\_as\\_pX9MayAh1PU=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?ap-ver3=tYgT1GfNxRUldiimjHMvORs1ZSnIPPEmU8WiSPeA170nMWzUXQHa11zWpArjmup2ums9tj3wl7okSf0MyMa8uroHN2od_as_pX9MayAh1PU=&ver=3)

Create a profile and fill in the form as directed.

If you are not computer savvy you may contact Kathy Mulroy 262-942-1744 and she will sign you up.

Wesley is a caring and generous congregation and we know you look forward to see church return to normal. With your help and God's guidance, we will get through this together.

Are you vaccinated

Vaccinefinder.org is a website dedicated to making getting your vaccine easier and often times without an appointment.

Right now there are more vaccines than people who are getting them, so there is no problem if you want one, you can get one.

And... Office Max/Depot has a program that they will laminate your vaccination card through July 25 at no cost to you!

Take advantage of all that is being offered to you.



Upcoming Events in May!

2	Communion Sunday	
	Scrip—Order online or on paper	
	Church Council Meeting	10:15 am
3	Scout Meeting	6:30 pm
4	UMW Meeting	9:30 am
9	Mother’s Day	
10	Scout Meeting	6:30 pm
17	Scout Meeting	6:30 pm
23	Counter Training	10:00 am
30	Memorial Day	



United Methodist Women will gather at Wesley on **Tuesday, May 4th** at **9:30 am**.

The UMW is helping supply people who are leaving the Shalom Center and moving into their own home.

You can help support the

*Shalom to Home Project*

by bringing in bath towels, paper towels, facial tissue, toilet paper, comet and/or window cleaner.



United Methodist Women



Did you know that Wesley has a Facebook page?? NO?  
Check it out! And when you do, hit LIKE and follow us!

<https://www.facebook.com/WesUMC>

# Happy Birthday MAY

- 1 Carlton Gaines
- 2 Charlene Nelson
- 4 Mike Gerdes
- 4 Jane Sekas
- 5 Bob Callan
- 6 Erin Gerdes
- 8 Sandi Daugherty
- 8 Dan Voigt
- 11 Cindy Escue
- 14 Reyes Jimenez
- 14 Jill Misurelli
- 17 Moises Guerrero
- 23 Bob Petersen
- 23 John Walker
- 25 Eileen Koehler
- 26 Paul Fegley
- 28 Pastor Grace
- 31 Atha Atkinson



*Happy Birthday*

# JUNE

- 3 Margaret Christian
- 10 John Khoury
- 11 Virginia Rodgers
- 17 Pete Krystowiak
- 19 Kelly Euler
- 20 Isaiah Frieri
- 21 Marna Frank
- 25 Elise Valentine
- 28 Dennis Koehler
- 30 Janet Truax



## SCRIP ORDERS GO IN May 2nd

One way that you can still support the Church at this time is through SCRIP. Now is a great time to sign up to purchase SCRIP on your computer or phone! Many businesses allow you to upload SCRIP gift cards to your phone such as Amazon, Home Depot, Kohl's, Lowe's, Starbucks, Target, Walmart, Meijer, Pick n Save, Kwik Trip and more. Also, many of the gift cards you already have can be reloaded online.

Sign up at [ShopWithSrip.com](http://ShopWithSrip.com) or [MyScripWallet.com](http://MyScripWallet.com).

The Wesley enrollment code is:  
76gDLL2B6L818.

You will need this code to sign up under Wesley.

You can still purchase physical SCRIP gift cards by filling out the attached pdf form and mail it or drop it off at the church.

If you need help or have questions contact Beth Brooks 847-344-1312



**SHALOM FOOD  
PANTRY  
COLLECTION**

We continue to collect food for the pantry. You may drop your nonperishable items off at the church from 8-noon, Monday through Friday or leave them at the front door if you feel safer doing that.



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The Wesley Knitting Group will restart in June.

First Thursday session will be in the evening, starting at 6:30, Second Thursday will be in the morning, starting at 10:00 am. These times have changed since the April Newsletter.



***VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES!***

Did you just say to yourself,  
“Oh, I wish there was some way I  
could help at church?”

**Well, here’s your chance!**

Counters needed:

We are looking for detail-oriented people to help count our offerings 1-2 Sundays per month. Must be willing and able to use the computer. We will be doing training May 23 at 10. If you are interested in counting, please contact Kathy Mulroy (942-1744)

Counter training:

May 23 at 10 for all current and interested counters



Electronic Offering  
training:

If you are a currently using or are interested in Electronic offerings, our Vanco Website and NEW mobile app, we will be offering a training session on June 13 after service.

# Outreach Team   Reaching Out

For May and June the Outreach team is requesting donations for the following organization. This fall if the virus permits, we will volunteer to help fill the backpacks for the foster kids.  
(see info below)

## "Faith Hope and Love"

## HELP US FILL OUR BAGS

We accept only brand new items for donations for the contents of each of our Duffels For Kids, Blast Packs and New Beginnings bags. Currently, these are the items that we are in need of. If there is an item that you would like to donate that is not on the list, please let us know when you contact us by clicking the "Donate Items" button below. Thank you!

- Fleece blankets
- Infant Receiving Blankets
- Flashlights
- Stuffed animals
- Story books
- Journals
- Colored pencils
- Crayons/coloring books
- Yo Yo's
- Rubik's Cubes
- Travel Size (Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion, baby powder, baby shampoo, baby lotion)
- Toothpaste/Toothbrush
- Hairbrush/Comb
- Baby Wipes
- Gray/Black/White T-shirts and Sweatpants, (must not have writing) – children sizes: S,M, L, XL and adult: S, M, L
- Sports Bras (S, M, L, XL)
- Underwear – children sizes: S,M, L, XL and adult: S, M, L
- Flip-Flops
- Gas Cards
- Socks
- \$5 Fast Food Gift Cards

*If you would like to donate anonymously, please send your donations to  
2314 LaSalle Street Racine, WI 53402.*

Fill a Back Pack!



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***The People of the  
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Church  
MAY 2021***

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