



“WORLD THANK OFFERING SUNDAY”

September 22, 2024



Check In

Welcome to World Thank Offering Sunday! This service celebrates God’s abundance in our lives and invites us to offer gifts of gratitude and compassion to those in need. Today we recognize the witness of United Women in Faith here and around the globe who dedicate their gifts of time, talent, and service to make the world a better place for all God’s children.

Flowers on the altar are presented by the Wesley United Women in Faith in honor of World Thank Offering Sunday and as a thank you to our speaker Wendy Miller.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**



WELCOME and INTRODUCTION

Fay Wilson



PRELUDE



+CALL TO WORSHIP

Stand in body, stand in spirit, however you are led and able. Please share in the words in bold.

Give thanks to the Lord, proclaim God’s Greatness.

Tell the nations what God has done

Sing Praise to the Lord

Tell the wonderful things God has done.

Be glad we belong to God

Let all who worship God

The Lord is our God: God’s commands are for all the world.

God will keep his covenant forever, God’s promises last for a thousand generations.

Praise the Lord!



+OPENING HYMN

Many Gifts, One Spirit

UMH 114



GATHERING PRAYER

O God, in our time of worship, and throughout the hours of our days, remain at the center of our thoughts and actions, When all we do seems to fly off in scattered bits and pieces, draw us back to you. Hold us together as individuals and as a community of faith. In our looking outward and toward your creation, enable us to focus our hopes on you and your will. Be for us a home base, a center of gravity, a balance point, a source of loving support through Christ Jesus in whose name we pray.



TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES



SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Pew Bible NT pg.183



HYMN OF PREPARATION

Surely the Presence of the Lord

UMH 318

 MESSAGE


“Offering Our Thanks to Our Loving Father”

Wendy Miller

 ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Diane Hannibal

 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to share your prayer requests with Pastor Megan, Pastor Duane, or Alexander. You can also share by contacting the church office, or via prayers@wesleynaperville.org. Your prayers are private, unless you give express permission for your request to be shared

 INVITATION to the PRACTICE of GIVING *Thank you for sharing your gifts!*

Give by Text: (630) 528-0155, Online: wesleynaperville.org/giving

The offering basket is also available at the front of the sanctuary.

Special offerings received today will be given to support the United Women in Faith's World Thank Offering, serving God through missions

 PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For the many gifts you give us, we give to you our thanks, O God. Our lives are also a gift from you. We offer now to you a part of our material possessions to be in meeting the needs of our neighbors, and we offer our lives that they be faithful to your call to “bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to let the captives go free.” Amen.

 +CLOSING HYMN

The Summons

TFWS 2025

 +BENEDICTION

Go from this place in peace: be the church and take the church with you.

We'll make each place a sacred place.

We'll let the others see and experience God through us.

May God take delight in all you do and all that God has made you to be. God bless!

God Bless. Amen

 POSTLUDE

Our Worship Celebration has ended. Let our Service begin!

All are invited for fellowship and refreshments in the Atrium.



Wendy is the Administrative Assistant for the New Lenox United Methodist Church. She is also the President of the Lake South United Women in Faith as well as the Treasurer of Paumcs and the NIC Treasurer of Paumcs. This is her second time of giving the Thank Offering message.

THANK OFFERING SUNDAY

September 22, 2024 - Guest Speaker: Wendy Miller



Wendy Miller is the President of the Lake South United Women in Faith. We invite you to take a Thank Offering Envelope (placed next to the offering basket in the sanctuary).

Thank you for considering this opportunity.



Saturday, October 19th, 6-8pm

**Warming Fire and
S'mores provided!**



**Danada Equestrian Center
3S507 Naperville Rd. Wheaton, IL**



Contact Alexander to register at alexander@wesleynaperville.org

Center Street Trunk or Treat

Join in on this effort of us Center Street "Corner Churches"! dress up (or not) and have some fun with our neighbors!

To sign up to provide a trunk or giveaway items, please contact Minister of Family & Justice, Alexander Dungan at alexander@wesleynaperville.org

Saturday, October 26th
1:00-3:00pm

Games!

Candy!

Music!

Food!

Center Street Parking Lot
Rain location at Wesley UMC

Contact Alexander to sign up for a trunk/booth at alexander@wesleynaperville.org



Daniel For All Ages

Join us as we explore the first three chapters of Daniel. We will navigate themes of names and identity through war, dreams, and a fiery furnace.

For Kids and Youth:
Sundays during Sunday School
October 13th, 20th, and 27th

For Adults:
Wednesdays at 12:30pm
October 2nd, 9th, and 16th

Support our Minister of Family & Justice by participating in this original Bible Study opportunity. If you would like an evening opportunity, please let Alexander know at alexander@wesleynaperville.org

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

SEPTEMBER: Lectio Divina - reading, meditation, prayer, and contemplation. Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. (in person and via Zoom). To sign up contact the church office or [Pastor Megan](#).

OCTOBER: For the first three weeks of October, an original Bible Study by our Minister of Family & Justice will be offered. See the insert for further details.

Coming Soon: Pastor led book study on Nadia Bolz-Weber's *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People*

GIVING TO OUR ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund invests donations to provide for outreach programs and to supplement the church budget. You can donate directly, dedicate a leaf on our Wesley Family Tree or put Wesley in your will. I am happy to help answer your questions. Please contact Barbara Burke, 239-405-5898, or barbaraburke123@att.net for information on contributing to the Endowment Fund.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL HAS BEGUN!

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
All voices are welcome.
Contact Nicole Melody (Director of Music) info@wesleynaperville.org

STYROFOAM RECYCLING

You are welcome to bring your styrofoam recycling to the special recycling bins on the lower level. Stained and soiled items are not accepted. Please rinse ahead of time.

LITURGIST OPPORTUNITIES

To be a liturgist, please sign up in the Atrium or contact the office at info@wesleynaperville.org or 630-355-1834.

COFFEE HOUR

Join us after Worship in the Atrium for a cup of coffee or tea, and a little nibble. If you would like to bring a treat or help with set-up, contact our church office at 630-355-1834 or infowesley@naperville.org

CENTER STREET TABLE

Dinner dialogues hosted at Community UMC on Sundays @ 5pm. A community meal. All are invited. All can serve. There are various volunteer opportunities.

HELPING ONE ANOTHER

The bins on the Lower Level (B) are available for donations and use of whomever may have need of these items that comes to our door.

- Deodorant—MOST NEEDED
- Menstrual Hygiene Products
- Shampoo & Conditioner (Travel Size Preferred)
- Soap
- Socks
- Toothbrushes—MOST NEEDED
- Toothpaste
- Wash Cloths (New or Gently Used but WASHED and ready for use)



DAYCARE ENROLLMENT

AGES 6 MONTHS - 5 YEARS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Full days: 9am-2pm
Half days: 9-11:30 or 11:30-2

SUMMER PROGRAM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Full days: 9am-1pm

630-355-1758

wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com

Sundays Additional parking is allowed in the Old National Bank (formerly, Midwest Bank) lot

10:00 AM (Hybrid): **Worship in-person or online** wesleynaperville.org (Sanctuary—Level 1)
2nd - 5th Sundays: **Sunday School** immediately following the time for Young Disciples.
After Worship In Person **Fellowship in the Atrium** (Coffee and Nibbles—Level A)

5:00 PM **Center Street Table Dinner Dialogues**
(Across the Street @ Community UMC).
A community meal. All are invited. All can serve.

The United Methodist Hymnal, The Faith We Sing, The United Methodist Book of Worship, Worship&Song, Scripture: NRSV and NRSVUE, CVLI #505421815 CCLI #11444135

UPCOMING LIMITED OFFICE HOURS:

SEPT 16-23: CLOSED

SEP 24 -SEPT 27: 8:30-3:30 PM

SEPT 28 - OCT 6: CLOSED



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**God, as known to us
in Christ Jesus
welcomes ALL people.
So do we.**

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IN PERSON HOURS

CHURCH OFFICE

(630) 355-1834

Emily Torres, Administrative Assistant

Sun 9am –1pm

M, T CLOSED

W, TH, F 8:30am—3:30pm

Tiara Martin, ext. 110

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WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Nicole Wilhelm Allison Riordan

Director Assistant Director

M, W, F 9am—2pm

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Minister of Family & Justice

W, TH 9am –2pm

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Rev. Duane Mevis, Pastor Emeritus

Nicole Melody, Director of Music

Svetlana Mars, Accompanist