



“BE SALT, NOT BITTER”
29TH SUNDAY AFER PENTECOST, YEAR B
September 29, 2024



Check In

Flowers on the altar are presented by the Trygstad Family in honor of Grandson Ansel's 5th birthday and other September birthdays and anniversaries.

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



WELCOME



PRELUDE

Jesus Is All the World to Me

arr. M. Hayes



+CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Beloved, God’s wisdom guides us to reflect, yes, but also to act.

Will we be a people who act with wisdom?

We will respond to wisdom’s call with our actions.

God’s wisdom may call us to speak when it’s safer to be silent, to resist when it’s easier to back down. Will we be a people who act with wisdom?

We will respond to wisdom’s guidance wherever it takes us.

God’s wisdom may call us to accountability, to recognize and reconcile when we have missed the mark, and to hold others accountable when they do harm.

Will we be a people who act with wisdom?

We will respond to wisdom’s counsel with humility and grace.

Beloved, this is the time, here and now and in every moment after, to live out God’s uncommon wisdom in the world.

We will follow the path of God’s love with wisdom as our guide. Amen.



+OPENING HYMN

There’s A Spirit In the Air

UMH 192 (v. 1, 3-6)



OPENING PRAYER

Christ Jesus, we come into your presence from many different places. We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude. We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering.

As you welcome us into your house, lift our burdens and receive our praise. Salt us with your grace and flavor us with your mercy. Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another and be strengthened to go forth in service to the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.



+SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

Pew Bible NT pg.45

Please stand in body and in spirit, however you are led and able. Listen to your body.



+DOXOLOGY

UMH 94



TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Alexander Dungan



HYMN OF PREPARATION

Make Me A Servant

TFWS 2176



SERMON and INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Megan Tobola



ANTHEM

Lift Your Voice and Rejoice

Victor Johnson



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 UNITED VOICES FOR CHILDREN



Since 1979, Northern Illinois congregations have provided more than \$1 million to support United Voices for Children's affiliated agencies—Kids Above All, MYSI and Rosecrance—through the Fifth Sunday Appeal. Congregations participate by inviting their members to give to a special offering on the fifth Sunday of any month. Through

this collaborative giving effort, United Methodist congregations of all sizes can make a real difference in the lives of at-risk children, youth and families.



+CLOSING HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

TFWS 2025



+BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

Abide with Me

arr. B. Erdstrom

Following the postlude, all are invited for fellowship and refreshments in the Atrium.



Wesley KDO Leadership Change

We welcome Allison Riordan as the new Director of Wesley Kids Day Out.

Since beginning as Assistant Director in January of this year, Allison has worked diligently to understand the ethos of our daycare ministry, and shared her gifts and graces to support teachers and students in the classrooms; as well as carry out front facing duties of providing tours, following up with care, and other tasks. Over the last couple of weeks she has enthusiastically and successfully taken on additional challenges with creativity and efficiency. Thank you for supporting her in the days ahead.

We wish Nicole W. well as she embarks on her next chapter. During her time as an Assistant Director and Director, she provided much hard work and determination. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



Fall Blessings, Pastor Megan and the Wesley UMC SPRC

Allison Riordan, *Director*

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE 2024

PRAIRIE CENTRAL
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
REV. WENDY
HARDIN-HERMANN



IN PERSON & ZOOM

SAT. OCT 19

2:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL



SPRC WILL MEET WITH DS WENDY AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM

TO JOIN VIA ZOOM:

[TINYURL.COM/WESLEYCHURCHCOUNCIL](https://tinyurl.com/wesleychurchcouncil)

BY PHONE: (312) 626-6799
MEETING ID: 854 8623 4795



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

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

CHILDREN and YOUTH

Time for Young Disciples in worship, immediately followed by Sunday School (2nd—4th Sundays)

5th Sundays beginning in December: Worship through hands on mission at 10am

OCTOBER: Daniel Study in Sunday School (see flyer for dates), Oct 19: Hayride @ 6pm—8pm (see flyer), Oct. 26: Trunk N' Treat (see flyer) For music opportunities, talk to Nicole Melody.

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Part-time daycare ministry Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9am to 2pm for children 6 months to 5 years of age. Contact Allison for more information and tours (630) 355-1758 wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT BOOSTERS

If you would like to help support this ongoing ministry through volunteering your ideas and time, join us on the last Tuesday of the month at 6pm via Zoom at tinyurl.com/WesleyKDO. Contact Allison for more info.

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 email 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 (details on back).

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)

LOAVES & FISHES COMMUNITY SERVICES

The needs in our community outpace supply. You are welcome to drop off items to the donation baskets.



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 - 4th Sundays: **Sunday School** immediately following the time for Young Disciples.

After Worship In Person **Fellowship in the Atrium** (Coffee and Nibbles—Level A)

Starting December 29th: 5th SUNDAYS ARE WORSHIP THROUGH MISSION

5:00 PM **Center Street Table Dinner Dialogues**
(Across the Street @ Community UMC).

A community meal. All are invited. All can serve.

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

Building Events Manager

events@wesleynaperville.org

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Nicole Wilhelm Allison Riordan

Director Assistant Director

M, W, F 9am—2pm

(630) 355-1758

wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com

Rev. Megan Tobola, ext. 102

Lead Pastor

Tuesdays are sabbath

pastor@wesleynaperville.org

Alexander Dungan, ext. 104

Minister of Family & Justice

W, TH 9am – 2pm

alexander@wesleynaperville.org

Rev. Duane Mevis, Pastor Emeritus

Nicole Melody, Director of Music

Svetlana Mars, Accompanist



The church office is closed this week, to re-open on Wed., Oct. 9.

Keeping In Touch

Our weekly e-news helps us stay connected.

We can also send it in the regular post per your request.

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wesleynaperville.org and click "Subscribe.

You can also contact the church office.



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

So do we.

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