



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024



WELCOME

*Flowers on the altar are in celebration of the 90th birthday of Pastor Emeritus Duane Mevis.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***



PRELUDE

Allein zu dir, herr Jesu Christ

J. Pachelbel



+CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to the vineyard of God.
We seek Christ, the vine of great love.
Drink from the waters of life.
We live in the light of God's grace.
Come to the vineyard of God.
All are welcome here.



OPENING PRAYER of CONFESSION

Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love; you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Imbue us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE



+OPENING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384 (v. 1-3)



SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-21

Pew Bible NT pg. 241



+GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

Pew Bible NT pg. 109

Please continue to stand in body and in spirit, however you are led and able, for the reading.
This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.



HYMN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

UMH 402



TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children are welcome to join Alexander for Sunday School afterwards

Alexander Dungan



SERMON & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Megan Tobola



ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to share your prayer requests at prayers@wesleynaperville.org



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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.



+CLOSING HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians

TFWS 2223



+BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

Thou Art Worthy

P. Willis, arr. M. Hayes



Join the ministry of song by adding your voice to the CHANCEL CHOIR.
Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings. Nicole would love to hear from you!



630-355-1758

wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com

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

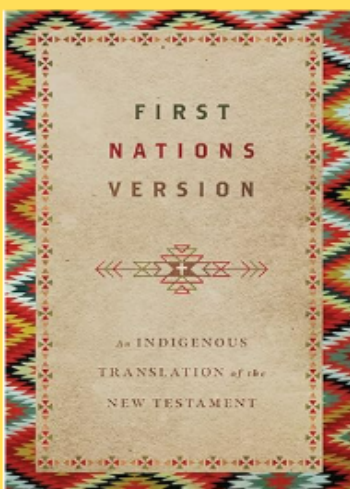


SUNDAY SCHOOL—2nd through 5th Sundays after the Time for Young Disciples in Worship

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES— Do you sing or play an instrument? Our music director Nicole would like to meet you!

SPRING 2024 BIBLE STUDY

with Pastor Megan



First Nations Version:

An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament
Available for \$12

Start: April 15 (Mon),
April 17 (Wed)

Mondays @ 7pm

Wednesdays
@ 12:30 pm

Contact Pastor Megan to join
pastor@wesleynaperville.org
(630) 355-1834 ext. 102

HELPING ONE ANOTHER AND THE EARTH

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



Loaves & Fishes Community Services

The need for food in our community has grown drastically. The supply has not come close to keeping up. Most Needed Items:

FOOD: Canned Protein (tuna, salmon, chicken), No sugar-added canned fruit, Ready-to-Eat soups, Dried fruit, Spaghetti sauce, Whole Wheat Pastas Instant and Whole Oatmeal, Whole Grain Cereals Rice, Couscous & Grains Corn Muffin Mix, and Canned Tomatoes, **PERSONAL CARE:** Toilet paper, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Household cleaners, Kleenex, Deodorant, and Body Wash.

Donation bins are available at Wesley in the Atrium , Lower Level (B), and the Narthex

Wesley Recycles Styrofoam

Bring your styrofoam recycling to the special recycling bins on the lower level. Stained and soiled items are not accepted, so please be sure to soak and rinse !

Thank you!



United
Women
in Faith



The United Women In Faith have an ongoing opportunity for you!

Using RaiseRight, you can order gift cards for personal use for gifts, as well as help Wesley help folks in our community going through rough times.



Text "Give" to (630) 528-0155. Give to UWF / UM Women

Scan the qr code or visit wesleynaperville.org/giving. Give to UWF / UM Women

Checks payable to "Wesley United Methodist Women." Drop in basket or office.

Sundays

Additional parking is allowed in the Old National Bank (formerly, Midwest Bank) lot for Sunday mornings.

10:00 AM (Hybrid): **Worship in-person or online** wesleynaperville.org (Sanctuary—Level 1)
2nd - 5th Sundays: **Sunday School** for Children (Youth Room and/or Muscle Room—Level 2)
(dismissed from Sanctuary following 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.

Worship Resources

Cover Image: Jesus Mural of Faith, Hope, Love, and Peace, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56412> [retrieved April 24, 2024]. Original source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/36847973@N00/3342340183> - CC BY 2.0. *Ministry Matters. The United Methodist Hymnal, The Faith We Sing, The United Methodist Book of Worship*, Scripture: NRSV and NRSVUE.
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IN PERSON HOURS

CHURCH OFFICE

(630) 355-1834

Emily Torres

Administrative Assistant

Sun 9am –2pm

M, W 9am—3pm

F 8:30am—1pm

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT OFFICE

Nicole Wilhelm Allison Riordan

Director Assistant Director

M, W, F 9am - 2pm

(630) 355-1758

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Rev. Megan Tobola, ext. 102

Lead Pastor

Sundays after worship

M, W, F 9am—2pm

Alexander Dungan, ext. 104

Minister of Family & Justice

W, F 9am –2pm

alexander@wesleynaperville.org

Rev. Duane Mevis, Pastor Emeritus

Nicole Melody, Director of Music

Svetlana Mars, Accompanist



Keeping In Touch

Our weekly e-news helps us stay connected. We can also send it in the regular post per your request. Scan the QR code to subscribe or visit wesleynaperville.org and click on “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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Wesley

Kids Day Out!

Since 1973

BOOSTER CLUB

BUILD COMMUNITY

Meet other families from the Wesley community and work together to support KDO!

PROMOTE

Share information about our program through pictures, social media, and word-of-mouth.

FUNDRAISE

Help think of ways to raise money and participate in fundraisers.

JOIN US!

**Meetings are online via Zoom
Last Tuesday of the month | 6:30pm**

For more information, send us an email!

wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com

GENERAL CONFERENCE: BY THE NUMBERS

The Postponed 2020
General Conference will
take place **April 23-May 3 2024**
in **Charlotte, North Carolina**

133

annual conferences
represented



862 voting delegates,
half clergy and half laypeople

1,099

valid petitions submitted



Delegates:

55.9% from the U.S.
32% from Africa
6% from the Philippines
4.6% from Europe



5 continents represented

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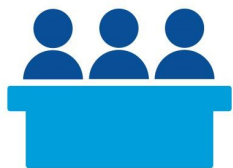
plenary sessions



18
worship
services



**4 official written
languages:**
English, French,
Kiswahili and
Portuguese



14
legislative
committees

9

special addresses
and celebrations

10 languages spoken
via interpreters on site



Learn more about General Conference at
ResourceUMC.org/UMCGC



...and KNOW that I am GOD

The United Methodist Church General Conference | CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA