

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 2025

A ROAD TO REPENTANCE, CONVERSION AND HEALING

SPECIAL SUNDAY



NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church®

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 2025



WELCOME



PRELUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Trad. folk melody, arr. L. Shackles



+CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 30, UMH 762

Stand in body. Stand in spirit. Please share in the words in bold.

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up, And did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, And you healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,

Restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

Surely the Lord's anger is but for a moment; The Lord's favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, But joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain;

you hid your face, I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication.

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?"

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing; You have loosened my sackcloth

And girded me with gladness, That my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

+SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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



+HYMN

Daw-Kee, Aim Daw-Tsi-Taw (Great Spirit, Now I Pray)

UMH 330



OPENING PRAYER

Please share in the words in bold. UMH 329



O Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world, and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze; We need your strength and wisdom. Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us eyes ever to behold the red and purple sunset. Make us wise so that we may understand what you have taught us. Help us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and steady eyes, so when life fades, like the fading sunset, our hearts come to you without shame. Amen



NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts (The Good Story Continues) 9:1-6, FNVNT

¹Man Who Questions (Saul) was on a rampage, breathing threats and murder against the followers of our Honored Chief, Creator Sets Free (Jesus). He went to the chief holy man ²and asked for written documents to give to the tribal gathering houses in the village of Silent Weaver (Damascus). This would permit him to take any followers of the Way, men or women, bind them in chains, and take them to Village of Peace (Jerusalem). ³So on his way to Silent Weaver (Damascus), just as he came near the village, without warning a light from the spirit-world above shone down all around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and then heard a voice speaking. "Man Who Questions (Saul), Man Who Questions (Saul)," the voice called out his name twice, "why are you pursuing and mistreating me?" Man Who Questions (Saul) trembled with fear at the sound of the voice that was coming from the blinding light. ⁵"Honored One," he asked, "who are you?" "I am Creator Sets Free (Jesus)," the voice answered, "the one you are pursuing and mistreating. ⁶Now stand to your feet and go into the village. There you will be told what you must do."

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**


 **+ACCLAMATION** *Heleluyan (Alleluia)* UMH 78

 **TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Alexander Dungan


 **HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know* UMH 163

 **SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP** A ROAD TO REPENTANCE, CONVERSION, AND HEALING
Rev. Megan Tobola

 **MUSICAL WITNESS** *Lift Your Voice and Rejoice* Victor C. Johnson

 **INVITATION TO THE PRACTICE OF GIVING**
Give by Text: (630) 528-0155, Online: wesleynaperville.org/giving
The offering basket is also available at the front of the sanctuary.



 **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**
All are welcome to receive. Sealed gluten free wafers are available, and all cups are non-alcoholic.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.


Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:


 **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.

 **HYMN DURING COMMUNION** *Amazing Grace* UMH 378

 **+CLOSING HYMN** *Many and Great, O God* UMH 148

 **+BENEDICTION**

 **POSTLUDE** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* G. Kendrick, arr. M Hayes

All are invited to a time of fellowship in the Atrium following the postlude.

About Wesley UMC

Founded in 1832

Mission Statement

To proclaim God's grace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to nurture spiritual growth throughout life, and to serve God by caring for all people.

Welcome Statement

God, as known to us in Jesus Christ, welcomes all. So do we. All people of any race, ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, economic status, or life situation are welcome here. Wesley is also proud to be a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network, which is "Mobilizing United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our Church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love." www.rmnetwork.org



What We Believe In

Proclaiming God's grace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Nurturing spiritual growth throughout life.

Serving God by caring for all people.

We try to live into the challenge of John Wesley, who said:

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. For as long as ever you can."

As much as we love our time together on Sunday morning, we believe that our highest ministry is out in the world. This is why we have moved from the "traditional" model of church, to being a Center for Peace and Justice in accordance with our United Methodist Social Principles.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Wesley Kids Day Out was established in 1973 as a Christian outreach to parents and children of our community. Our mission is to offer children a constructive, fun environment, as well as an opportunity to socialize with children their own age while developing skills to aid them in preschool and kindergarten.

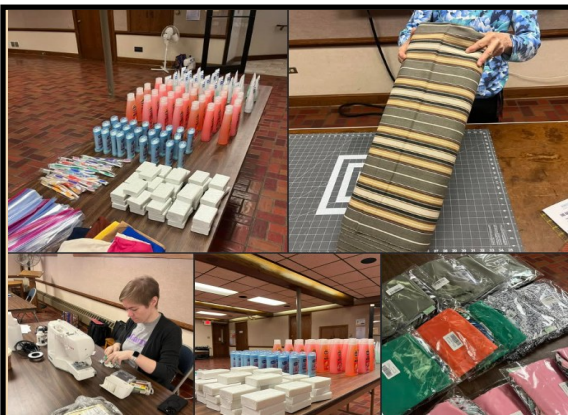
Summer: June & July T, W, TH 9am–1pm

Fall, Winter, Spring: Late August–May M, W, F 9am–1pm



Aurora Pride is June 8th!

The theme for this year is resistance and resilience and we will have a truck to decorate for the parade. If you are interested in marching with Wesley, or decorating the float, or both, please reach out to Alexander! We hope to spread a message of intersectional justice as we protest as one voice



On Sunday, March 30th our Worship Through Mission Opportunity was making items for and assembling Feminine Hygiene Kits and Dignity Kits for Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

There is still some sewing left to do to finish the final touches of these kits that will help 50 young persons.

On 5th Sundays we Worship Through Mission by doing some hands on act of service that helps children and youth.

We also have a special collection for United Voices for Children.

If you have an idea for a Worship Through Mission opportunity, please reach out to Alexander or Pastor Megan.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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)
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.
6:45 PM **Foxhall AA** (Enter through Franklin Street Entrance–Fellowship Hall)

CHILDREN and YOUTH

Time for Young Disciples in worship, immediately followed by Sunday School (2nd–4th Sundays). On 5th Sundays we worship through hands on mission at 10am. Talk to Alexander for more info.

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Flexible part-time daycare ministry during the school year Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9am to 2pm, June & July Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9am to 1pm for children 6 months to 5 years of age. Contact Christine and Sherice for more information and tours (630) 355-1758 wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com.

If you have a love for children ages 6 months to 5 years and are interested in working with them part-time, the Staff Parish Relations Committee would love to hear from you. We are presently considering applications for Substitute Teachers.

Please visit wesleynaperville.org/kdo 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 more information.

MUSIC

Choir rehearses on most Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. All voices are welcome. Instrumentalists are also welcome to share their gifts. 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.

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 info@wesleynaperville.org

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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

To subscribe to our weekly e-news scan the qr code, or contact Emily in the church office. If you would like KIT mailed to your door every two to three weeks, please let Emily know.



THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

5 MON Cinco de Mayo
9am–2pm Kids Day Out
7pm Boy Scout Troop 100
7 WED
9am–2pm Kids Day Out
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Highland Guard
8 THURS
6pm Worship Team Meeting (Google Meet)
7pm Prairie Central Lay Gathering (Zoom)

9 FRI
9am–2pm Kids Day Out
10 SAT
9am–3pm Loaves & Fishes Food Pack
10am Leadership Board Meeting

For the full calendar,
visit wesleynaperville.org/calendar



CHURCH OFFICE

Emily Miller, *Administrative Assistant*

Sundays: 9am–1pm

M- 8am--3pm

T, TH: Closed

W, F: 8:30 am–3:30 pm

(630) 355-1834 ext. 101

info@wesleynaperville.org

Building Events ext. 110

events@wesleynaperville.org

Available by appointment

WESLEY KIDS DAY OUT

Christine Singer, *Director*

Sherice Horton, *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*

Chelsea Guanzon, *Ministry Candidate*



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

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MOTHER'S DAY

May 11, 2025

Join us for intergenerational worship,
with flowers and flower making crafts.
The message will be given by
Minister of Family & Justice, Alexander Dungan.

SERVICE STARTS AT 10 AM

Psalm 69:1-3, 13-17, 30-34, Luke 13:10-17



WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY

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To dedicate altar flowers to honor an important date, person, or event, please sign up on the sheet in the atrium or contact Emily in the main office.



**186th Northern Illinois
Annual Conference**

**Monday, June 9 -
Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center
1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg Ill.

Clergy Session: May 13, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Naperville: Woori UMC
Lay Session: June 9, morning
Celebration of Ministry: June 9, evening
Bible Study: June 10 & 11, mornings
Lunch-and-Learn: June 10, lunch
Memorial service: June 10, late afternoon
Retirement celebration: June 11, midmorning