



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

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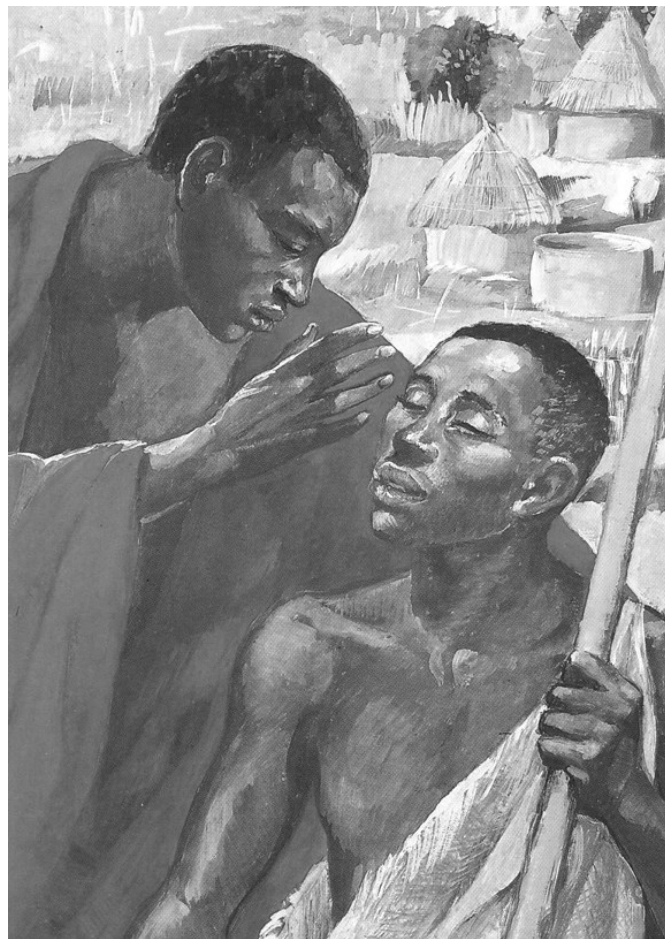
Ken Tobola  
*Wesley Kids Day Out Director*

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*Wesley Kids Day Out  
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## *Fourth Sunday in LENT*

UMCOR Sunday  
United Methodist  
Committee On Relief

March 19, 2023  
~ 10:00 a.m. ~



**WELCOME**



**PRELUDE**

*Passacaglia A. Raison*



**+CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Please stand in body and in spirit.*

**One:** Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

**Many:** **We are learning to follow Jesus.**

**One:** On this Lenten journey, where do we find God's presence among us?

**Many:** **One thing we know: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.**

**One:** On this Lenten journey, how does God's presence work among us?

**Many:** **One thing we know: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.**

**One:** On this Lenten journey, what does God's presence do in our midst?

**Many:** **One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.**

**One:** Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

**Many:** **We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.**



**+HYMN**

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

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## OPENING PRAYER

*You may be seated. You are invited to share in these words.*

One: Gracious God, we pray for our neighbors down the street and around the world who need food, water, clothing, and shelter.

**Many: Our Shepherd, you supply our need; most holy is your name.**

One: Gracious God, we pray for our neighbors who are in distress, whose bodies and minds need your peaceful and loving presence.

**Many: Our Shepherd, you supply our need; most holy is your name.**

One: Gracious God, we pray for our neighbors whose lives have been upended by disaster and who are in desperate need of provision and care.

**Many: Our Shepherd, you supply our need; most holy is your name.**

One: Gracious God, we pray for our siblings who make up the Christian family across the world, that we would be your witnesses and workers for the flourishing of all creation.

**Many: Our Shepherd, you supply our need; most holy is your name.**

One: Gracious God, we pray that goodness and mercy would follow us all of our days that we might be sharers of goodness and mercy everywhere we go.

**Many: Our Shepherd, you supply our need; most holy is your name.**

**ALL: Amen.**

*Silent reflection.*



## +GOSPEL READING

John 9:1-16 CEB

*You are invited to read the words in **bold**.*

1 As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?"

3 Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. 4 While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 After he said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man's eyes. 7 Jesus said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (this word means sent). So the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see.

8 The man's neighbors and those who used to see him when he was a beggar said, "**Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?**"

9 Some said, "**It is,**" and others said, "**No, it's someone who looks like him.**" But the man said, "Yes, it's me!"

10 So they asked him, “**How are you now able to see?**”

11 He answered, “The man they call Jesus made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and said, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and then I could see.”

12 They asked, “**Where is this man?**”

He replied, “I don’t know.”

13 Then they led the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. 14 Now Jesus made the mud and smeared it on the man’s eyes on a Sabbath day. 15 So Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

The man told them, “He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see.”

16 Some Pharisees said, “This man isn’t from God, because he breaks the Sabbath law.” Others said, “How can a sinner do miraculous signs like these?” So they were divided.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**



**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Alexander Dungan



**SONG OF PREPARATION**

*Be Thou My Vision*

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**SERMON**

Rev. Megan Tobola



**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**



**ANTHEM**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Tomlin & Louie arr. Joel Raney



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*If you have a prayer concern, please email us at [prayers@wesleynaperville.org](mailto: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](http://wesleynaperville.org/giving).

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



## BENEDICTION



## POSTLUDE

*A Shelter in the Time of Storm*

Tune: Shelter, arr. T. McKibben

Worship Resources: JESUS MAFA. Jesus cures the man born blind, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59022> [retrieved March 15, 2023]. Original source: <http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> (contact page: <https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>). UM Discipleship Ministries ([umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org)), *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, *The United Methodist Hymnal*, *The African American Heritage Hymnal*  
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*Space for Reflection..*



## 474 LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

*You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake lead me and guide me...**Psalms 31:3*

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For if You lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The score consists of six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords, with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) in both the right and left hands. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## Verses

1. I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r to  
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous-ness, Be my  
 3. I am lost if You take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness  
 aid when Sa-tan and sin op-press. I am put - ting all  
 blind with - out Thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways let me

D.C.  
 Thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
 my trust in Thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
 Thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Text: Doris M. Akers, b.1922

Tune: Doris M. Akers, b.1922; harm. by Richard Smallwood

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## Be Thou My Vision

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*Unison*

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.  
 MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

SLANE  
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## Where He Leads Me

1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, I can  
 2. I'll go with him through the gar - den, I'll go  
 3. I'll go with him through the judg - ment, I'll go  
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, he will

hear my Sav - ior call - ing, I can hear my Sav - ior  
 with him through the gar - den, I'll go with him through the  
 with him through the judg - ment, I'll go with him through the  
 give me grace and glo - ry, he will give me grace and

call - ing, "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low me."  
 gar - den, I'll go with him, with him all the way.  
 judg - ment, I'll go with him, with him all the way.  
 glo - ry, and go with me, with me all the way.

*Refrain*

Where he leads me I will fol - low, where he leads me

I will fol - low, where he leads me I will

WORDS: E. W. Blandy, 1890 (Mk. 8:34; Mt. 8:19)  
 MUSIC: John S. Norris, 1890

NORRIS  
 888.9 with Refrain





*Happy 57th Anniversary!*



Happy Anniversary to Bill and Barb Thompson on their 57th Wedding Anniversary today!

Kids Day Out is hosting a fundraiser to raise money for classroom updates. This fundraiser starts Monday March 20th.



When calling in your order to any Dominos, mention "Slice the price card."



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



**We're excited to invite you!**

## **Sunday School Volunteers**

The children's ministry program is looking for any adults willing to be a second adult for Sunday School time

during Sunday Worship--except for the 1st Sunday of the month. Please reach out to Alexander (alexander@wesleynaperville.org or 630-355-1384 ext. 104) to find a Sunday that would work with your schedule!

**Lent and Palm Sunday** Throughout Lent, our Sunday School time will learn what each section in our worship service means, talk about where we experience God in the service, and think about what we would like to see in a Sunday service. Our children will be learning how to plan and lead our Palm Sunday Service! Even if someone doesn't want a speaking role, we invite them to help write prayers, pick out songs, create art work for the altar, or find another way to bring their gifts to the service! We will be working on this mainly in Sunday school but anyone who wishes to be involved is invited to reach out to Alexander at alexander@wesleynaperville.org.

*5-Week Bible Study Using Lectio Divinia*

## *Imago Dei*

**A Lenten Bible Study of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**



### **SUNDAYS**

Feb 26, March 5 - 26  
after Worship in the Sanctuary

### **WEDNESDAYS** March 1 - 29

12 Noon via Zoom [tinyurl.com/WesleyWednesdays](https://tinyurl.com/WesleyWednesdays)

Dial: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 897 6497 1113 Passcode: 664028

**Easter Egg Hunt** On Easter Sunday, all of our families are invited to join us for an egg hunt. We will have many different eggs filled with objects to help us learn the Easter story, candy, and non-edible treats!



## **JOB** OPPORTUNITY

**Several Job Opportunities  
Available at**

[wesleynaperville.org/job-opportunities](https://wesleynaperville.org/job-opportunities)

Administrative Assistant

Sunday Morning Childcare Worker  
Sunday Mornings 9:30- 11:30 a.m.

Wesley Kids Day Out Classroom  
Teacher



## THIS WEEK at WESLEY

**19 MAR, SUN 10:00am** Time For Young Disciples

**19 MAR, SUN 10:00am** Worship

**19 MAR, SUN 11:15am** Imago Dei Lenten Bible Study

**19 MAR, SUN 11:45am** Hope UMC Worship

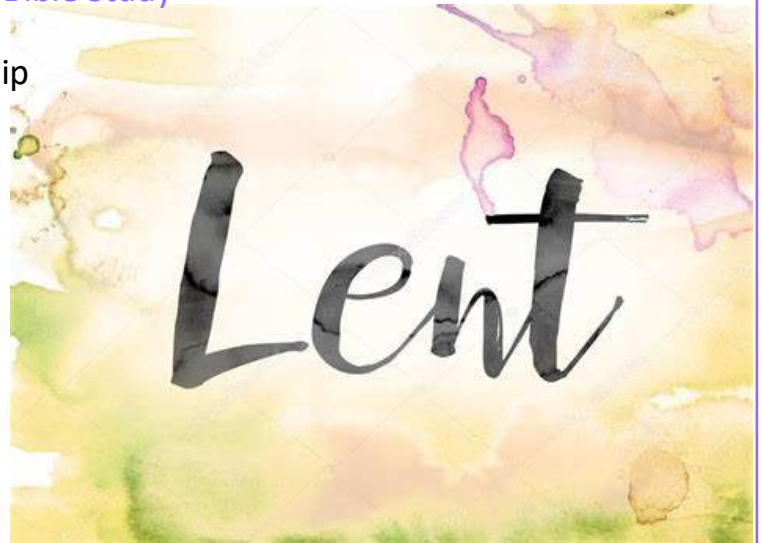
**19 MAR, SUN 6:45pm** Foxhall AA

**20 MAR, MON 9:00am** Kids Day Out

**20 MAR, MON 6:45pm** Scout Troop 100

**21 MAR, TUE 10:30am** Krejci Academy

**22 MAR, WED 9:00am** Kids Day Out



**22 MAR, WED 12:00 NOON** Imago Dei Lenten Bible Study

This is a Zoom class: [tinyurl.com/WesleyWednesdays](https://tinyurl.com/WesleyWednesdays)

Dial In: 312-626-6799 Passcode: 664028 Meeting ID: 897 6497 1113

**22 MAR, WED 6:30pm** Highland Guard

**22 MAR, WED 6:30pm** Choir Rehearsal

**24 MAR, FRI 9:00am** Kids Day Out

**26 MAR, SUN 10:00am** Time For Young Disciples

**26 MAR, SUN 10:00am** Worship

**26 MAR, SUN 11:00am** Imago Dei Lenten Bible Study

**26 MAR, SUN 11:45am** Hope UMC Worship

**26 MAR, SUN 6:45pm** Foxhall AA

**Kids Day Out** will be on recess March 27 - 31

The Church office will be closed March 27 - 31

# Sunday Mornings

For your convenience, our Atrium and Center St. doors will be open at 8:30am.

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** at [wesleynaperville.org](http://wesleynaperville.org)

2nd - 5th Sundays: **Sunday School** for Children  
(dismissed from Sanctuary following Time For Young Disciples)

11:20 AM In Person: **Imago Dei Lenten Bible Study**

11:45 AM In Person: **HOPE United Methodist Church** Worship Service

## Keeping In Touch

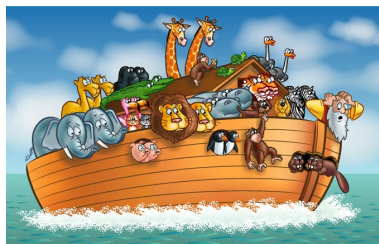
Our weekly e-news helps us connect with YOU! We hope you are finding our Thursday delivery in your e-mail service, however, if you need to have it mailed to you, let us know where to send it!

Contact the church office via email at [info@wesleynaperville.org](mailto:info@wesleynaperville.org),  
or call the church office at 630-355-1834.

**Children are always welcome at Wesley UMC**, and for your convenience, we have child-friendly areas for your infants and children who are not yet in school full-time who need a safe, cozy and fun place to worship. **CHANGING TABLES** are available in the Nursery (Main Level) and in the gender neutral restroom just down the narthex steps.



**Cozy Kids Corner** is located in the narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. There you will find age-appropriate books and toys to keep your little ones engaged in the service so that you can worship. Please stay with your child as they play, as this area is not supervised otherwise.



**Enjoy interacting with the ark animals in the Atrium.**

Adult supervision is required for this area of play. Sanitize your hands or pick a pair of gloves to wear during play. Be careful not to stand or sit on the bow or stern of the ark.

Say good-bye to the ark animals as you leave!

## In Person Office Hours\*

\*As long as there are no emergencies or unforeseen circumstances

**Rev. Megan Tobola**

W, TH, F

9:00 AM - 2:00PM

Cell: (312) 715 - 8752

[pastor@wesleynaperville.org](mailto:pastor@wesleynaperville.org)

### CHURCH OFFICE

**Vicki Stokes**, *Administrative Assistant*

In office T, W, TH

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

[info@wesleynaperville.org](mailto:info@wesleynaperville.org)

**Alexander Dungan**, *Children's Minister*

T, W 2:00 - 5:00PM

[alexander@wesleynaperville.org](mailto:alexander@wesleynaperville.org)



# EDUCATION & ACTION

Tackling the Issues Head On



<https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/23-film-series-the-green-book>

**THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE IS PLEASED TO PRESENT OUR 2023 FILM DISCUSSION SERIES.**

Last year in our [Speaker Series](#), we journeyed together to prayerfully learn, engage, and tackle our personal and corporate role in addressing racism. For the **2023 Film Discussion Series**, we are focused on increasing cultural competency and dialogue as a means to increase advocacy and participation in the spaces around the contexts, causes, and impacts of racism.

Our 2023 goal is for a deeper growth and exploration of our commitment to reduce implicit bias and increase critical thinking about personal and systemic racism. We seek to do this by focusing on the challenges, issues and perspectives of four diverse cultures that experience racism in unique circumstances. This year's Film Series consists of participants viewing a documentary film or movie each quarter before the event, followed by a presentation and expert-led discussions. These discussions will emphasize Dr. Andrew Hart's challenge from our [2022 Speaker Series](#)—to witness "*Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance*."

**We invite you to this year's discussions in the homes, centers, and our churches to discuss and have fellowship. Food and culture of that quarter's table discussion will be highlighted.**

## **FIRST QUARTER: BLACK HISTORY & CULTURE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

**Saturday, March 25, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

[Illinois Holocaust Museum](#), 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, IL 60077

Docent-led tour of [The Negro Motorist Green Book](#) exhibit and a discussion at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. Presentation and discussion available for online participation over Zoom.

## **MORE INFORMATION**

Before visiting the exhibit, it is recommended to read the book [Overground Railroad: The Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America](#) by Candace Taylor, (<https://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org/exhibitions/the-negro-motorist-green-book/>) as well as watch the documentary [The Green Book: Guide to Freedom \(2019\)](#), and the Award Winning movie [The Green Book \(2018\)](#).

[Learn more](#) about the presenter, Dr. Richard Guzman, the panelists, Rev. Tennille Power, Dann Gire, and Dr. Larry Murphy as well as the moderator, Rev. Megan Tobola at <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/23-film-series-the-green-book>.

Wesley

# Kids Day Out!

## BOOSTERS

### MEETING SCHEDULE

Are *you* excited to get other people  
*excited about KDO?*

Are you interested in supporting the  
Wesley Kids Day Out ministry by coming up  
with creative fundraising, advertising,  
and outreach efforts?

Whether you have a little time to  
volunteer, or a lot,  
**you would be  
an excellent BOOSTER!**

Get in touch with one of us to join.



**WE MEET EVERY LAST TUESDAY AT 6PM**

Via zoom [tinyurl.com/WesleyKDO](https://tinyurl.com/WesleyKDO)  
(312) 626-6790

Meeting ID: 892 1262 0674

Passcode: 244178

**Pastor Megan** [pastor@wesleynaperville.org](mailto:pastor@wesleynaperville.org)  
630-355-1834 ext. 102

**Ken Tobola** (KDO Director) 630-355-1758  
[wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com](mailto:wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com)

## Registration Is Open!

For ages 6 months to 5 years

## Contact Us

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### Positions Available!

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