

## From the Pastor's Desk

I love to read, but often find it difficult to work through an entire book without being distracted by something else – sometimes another new book. Thus, I have many half-read books waiting for me to return and finish.

I do subscribe to a number of on-line newsletters and emails that fill my inbox daily. It's much easier to skim through an article than tackle a book. I often focus on those that provide useful information, and/or help me grow personally and spiritually.

This past week, an article showed up in my inbox that aroused my curiosity. Did these 8 areas apply to me?

### **8 Areas Where Pastors Wish They Were Better Equipped** by Thom Rainer

*The expectations of pastors can be overwhelming. In that light, I asked seasoned pastors to share with me the areas they wish they could be better prepared and better equipped. The results were voluminous, and the needs are great. Here are the top eight:*

**Leading the church in evangelism/reaching the community.** Many pastors felt as if evangelism and healthy growth are neglected topics. They admitted their

*own sense of inadequacy in leading their churches to reach more people with the gospel.*

**Leadership development.** Pastors know they can't do the work of ministry alone. Many of them shared poignantly how they wish they could become better at developing leaders in the church.

**Finances/business issues/administration.** "I never considered how much of church life is running an organization," one pastor shared with us. "I was never trained for that aspect of ministry, and it has come back to haunt me again and again."

**Leading staff.** We heard it again and again: "I have no idea how to lead my staff. I have no idea how to evaluate my staff. I have no idea how to deal with conflict among my staff."

**Counseling.** Many pastors shared how much their congregations demand in counseling. They also said the demand seems to grow every year.

**Dealing with change and conflict.** It is a common theme among pastors. They expected conflict before they became pastors, but the reality was consistently worse than the warnings.

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**Dealing with their own depression.** *A number of pastors admitted surprise when depression hit them. They simply did not expect it to happen to them. Many also admitted shame and embarrassment in talking to others about their struggles.*

**Equipping others.** *Similar to number two, leadership development, pastors desire to equip the entire body of Christ, not just leaders. But many pastors feel woefully inadequate in doing so.*

*It was fascinating to see what topics did not make the list: Bible, theology, ethics and preaching, to name a few. The pastors expressed gratitude to the Bible colleges, seminaries and books that prepared them well in the classical*

*disciplines. But the cries were for better preparation in practical issues and practical ministries.*

I found I agree with most of the things on this list, and could even add a few more.

How about you? Where do you think pastors need to be better equipped? How could I do better in my ministry to you, our churches, and our community? Please feel free to share with me. I want to hear from you.

Growing Together with You in Christ,  
*Pastor Dalene*

<https://churchleaders.com/pastors/pastor-articles/331007-8-areas-where-pastors-wish-they-were-better-equipped>

## September

8	Trevor Conroy
10	Judy Wilkins
14	Tori Legan
21	Norma Keys
25	Bruce Brown
26	Gloria Milligan
27	Cathy Conrad
29	Lucinda Hurt
29	Amy Warburton

If we are missing your birthday, please call the church office 815-933-7932.



The UMW will be meeting September 8 at around 9:30 to help with wrapping and packing the Christmas Shoeboxes for Spirit Lake Ministries, ND. Please bring scissors, tape, and Christmas wrap if you have any. Lunch will be served as we will be working all morning and into the afternoon. After lunch we will have a report on Mission u.  
Please let Karen know if you need a ride. (815-693-4573)

### Third Thursday Supper Club



The 3rd Thursday Supper Club will meet at 5:30 pm on September 20 at Olive Garden. All adults are welcome to join. Reservations are needed by September 18 to ensure enough seating is available. Contact Kay Fisher at 815-549-0199 or send an e-mail to [kay@bradleywesley.org](mailto:kay@bradleywesley.org) to make your reservation.



### Women's Book Club

September 24,  
6:30 pm  
"The Dry", by  
Jane Harper

### Charge Conference

October 7

3:00 pm Bonfield  
Evangelical UMC



All are invited to attend! In preparation, we will be working on reports, the 2019 budget, and 2019 Committees and Leadership. Please note the following:

- If you have a budget request, please contact Don McCabe, Finance Chair.
- If you would like to serve on a particular committee or team, or if you currently serve on a committee or team but are unable to continue your term, please also email or call Pastor Dalene, or contact Debbie Rich, Nominations Vice-Chair.
- We are also looking for a Back-Up Lay Delegate to Annual Conference who can attend if the Lay Delegate is not able to go.

*Remember to keep in touch with our servicemen & college students! Here are the current addresses:*

*SPC Cote Austin*  
Box 1597  
724 Quarter master Rd  
JBER, AK 99505

*Frankie Ann Schripsema*  
100 Institute Rd  
Mailbox 1972  
Worster, MA 01610

*Pvt Ryan Frantz*  
PO Box 301  
Jolon, CA 93928

*Carter Conroy*  
809 W Nevada St, Apt 102  
Urbana, IL 61801



This month we are in need of canned vegetables, especially corn & green beans. You may place your donations in the shopping cart by the Food Pantry door across from the office.

We cannot do any of this work without the amazing volunteers! They are truly the heart and soul of the pantry. We take people of most ages and all abilities. You

may sign up online at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/60b054dae2ba5f49-volunteer>

Each position contains a brief job description for your reference. Please contact the church with questions and a pantry team member will get back to you as soon as possible.

We thank the Lord every day for the outpouring of love He has provided to this mission and all of community and church support that allows it to continue.



### Flu Clinic on September 23

We will offer the flu vaccine at a clinic on Sunday, September 23 immediately after the church service.

Oscor Drug will be sponsoring this clinic, so there are a few changes in the procedures from previous years.

1. The inoculation will be available to adults and children who are 10 and older.
2. The extra strength vaccine for seniors will be available.
3. If your insurance plan covers the flu inoculation make sure to bring your insurance card to present for authorization.
4. Those who are covered by Medicare will need the Medicare card with the new number or your insurance plan that incorporates Medicare coverage.
5. If you have no insurance coverage you may still receive the inoculation at no charge. Our Mission team will cover this cost.
6. We will gratefully accept donations from you to replenish the cost to the Mission Budget.
7. There will no make up days so please plan to be at Wesley on September 23!

The Clinic will be conveniently located in the Welcome Center. The Parish Nurse team will be available to take Blood Pressures at the same time.

Please take advantage of this service. Protecting yourself and your family from the flu is an important step to take each fall. Using the clinic at Wesley saves you making a doctor's appointment or going to a flu clinic elsewhere in the community.

See You Then!



Thank you to our Wesley Church Family. It was so thoughtful of you to think of us during our time of sadness. We are so grateful for everything you have done to support us. Your prayers, sympathy cards and kind words of condolence are of great comfort to us as we grieve our sister (Judy's) death.  
Jo and Wayne Dubree

Just thought I would let everyone know how Tyler is doing. AMAZING!! He is eating real food, walking and knows when he has to use the restroom. His facial surgery went well. He has been transferred to the Shirley Ryan Rehab Center in Chicago.

Thank you all for being our amazing church family. Your love and support and prayers are more comforting than anyone can put to words

Love always  
The Frantz Family

Wesley UMC,  
Thank-you for choosing to partner with Midwest Mission. You have helped change the world by showing God's love in a practical way.

Blessings,  
Chantal Coiro

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"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,  
As long as ever you can."

· John Wesley

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THANK YOU!!

to all members and friends of Wesley Church for their many PRAYERS before, during and after my back surgery. This experience was much more than what either Dave or I ever imagined. Your prayers and words of encouragement through phone calls, cards and visits helped us remember God was always with us from day one. A personal extra note to nurse Dave who was by my side each step of the way. A time when those Wedding vows of 55 years ago kicked in! Again! Special appreciation to Pastors Dalene and Julie too. God Bless all.  
Carolyn and Dave Haskins

## A Reminder about Hospital Admissions

Wesley often does not receive a call from the hospitals when a member is admitted. If they do not reach someone by phone when the office is open, the hospitals WILL NOT leave a message about an admission. It is essential that you or your family notify the church when a family member is hospitalized.



**Shut Ins:** Gene Conroy, Ann DuVoisin, Carol Denault, Pat Golding, Gale Lehnus, Rita Bass. Prayers for our military - Dylan & Austin Cote and Ryan Frantz

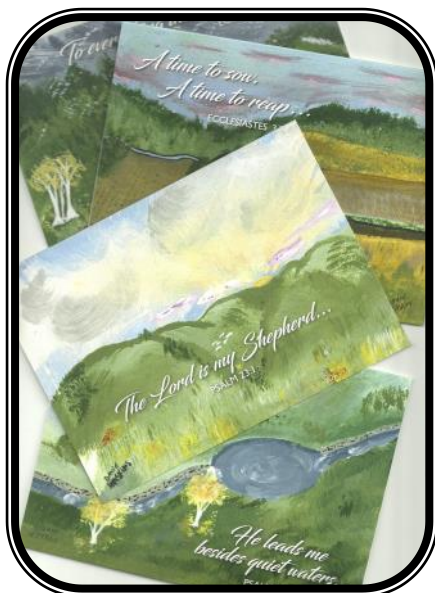
Trunk 'R' Treat  
- October 20,  
2018



October will be here before we know it. Bill & Karen Warburton have graciously taken over leadership for this annual event. Sign up sheets for cars and needed donations will be passed around soon. Mark your calendars and plan to join us with a decorated car.

### PEOPLE DOING THINGS!

During our Sunday morning offering time, we'd like to show pictures of our members giving of their time, service and gifts in a variety of ways both in the church and in the community (cleaning, playing, meeting, studying, worshipping, etc.) If you see something happening, take a picture and email to Kay Fisher at [kay@bradleywesley.org](mailto:kay@bradleywesley.org). (Be sure to ask permission first!)



### BIBLE VERSE GREETING NOTE CARDS

*There are still boxes of note cards remaining to purchase if you didn't get a chance to buy any earlier.*

*These were painted by Wesley Church member DAVE HASKINS.*

*They make great note cards, birthday, get-well, or we miss you cards.*

*Proceeds go to help fund our mission projects. The price remains the same. \$15.00 for a box of 12 (4 different scenes)*

*The cards can be found on the table on the North wall in the Welcome Center. See Dave or Carolyn Haskins or our church office to make a purchase.*

# Meet our new District Superintendent

## Rev. Jim Barnett



When: September 30th 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Where: Chatsworth United Methodist Church

510 4th Street

Chatsworth, IL 60921

\*\* Door Prize Drawing at 3:30 PM You will not want to miss this

### RALLY DAY/KID'S CHURCH/CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/ FLIGHT QUEST



We will be kicking off this year's Flight Quest and Sunday School classes with Rally Day on Sunday, September 2, immediately after worship. Children and youth will meet in the Fellowship Hall for fun, fellowship, a short lesson, and light refreshments. Parents and other adults are invited to join us, as well! All children need to be registered, and forms will be available that morning.

Regular Flight Quest Kid's Church will start on Sunday, September 9, during worship. Children through 5th grade should report to the Fellowship Hall before 8:45 to begin our session. After worship, Sunday School classes will be held for all ages through adults.

Join us as we learn more about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and how we can be more like Christ.



Worship is the work of the people. We can always use more Greeters, Ushers, and

Worship Assistants. If you are interested please contact the Church Office 815-933-7932.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Sept 2: Becky Conroy  
 Sept 9: Cheryl Enright  
 Sept 16: UMW  
 Sept 23: Gloria Milligan  
 Sept 30: Gerri Suddeth

### USHERS:

Don & Brenda McCabe,  
 Bill & Karen Warburton

### GREETERS:

Sept 2: Doris Wood  
 Sept 9: *Open*  
 Sept 16: UMW  
 Sept 23: Jo and Wayne Dubree  
 Sept 30: *Open*

### Communion Servers:

September 2: Donna Pangle



You can place your donations in the baskets in the Welcome Center.

**During September, we will be collecting items for Fortitude Community Outreach:**

*Adult socks, razors & shave cream (men's & women's)*

**and for the 2019 Shoebox Christmas for Spirit Lake Ministry:**

*Fun hair accessories (bows, barrettes, headbands, etc) for girls of all ages*

*Sports sweatbands (head & wrists) for boys of all ages*

## Christmas Shoebox Express!!

**Saturday, September 8, beginning at 9:30 am**

Come join us as we wrap and pack Christmas shoeboxes for the Spirit Lake Ministry Center in North Dakota. We have been collecting items all year to place in the boxes, which will be distributed to all the schools on the reservation where Spirit Lake Ministries is located. We will begin at 9:30 am, and will be working all morning and into early afternoon. Bring scissors and scotch tape and any Christmas wrap that you might have. A light lunch will be served by the UMW before their meeting in the afternoon. Come when you can, leave when you need to, help us out for an hour or the whole time! Hope to see you all there!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Pastor's Office Hours</b> Tuesday - 10-1 @ St. Mark 815.933.8621 Wednesday - 10-1 @ Wesley 815.933.7932 (You may meet with Pastor Dalene at either church!) Or by appointment (call 217.898.5286)						1
2 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Rally Day No Food Pantry	3 Labor Day— Office Closed 10:00 AM Women of Moose	4 5:00 PM Cub Scouts	5 1:00 PM Nominations/ Leadership Committee	6 1:00 PM Prayer/ Patchwork Angels	7	8 9:30 AM Fill shoebox's / Spirit Lake Ministry 1:00 PM UMW (Fellowship Hall)
9 8:45 AM Worship/ Kids Church 10:00 AM Flight quest/ SS for all ages 1:30 PM Food Pantry	10	11 5:00 PM Cub Scouts) 6:30 PM Finance Meeting	12 10:00 AM Book Study with Pastor Dalene (Wesley) 6:30 PM Book Study (St. Mark) 7:00 PM Women of the Moose	13	14	15 All Church Work Day 10 AM-Noon - Mum Delivery
16 8:45 AM Worship UMW Sunday/Kids Church 10:00 AM Flight quest/ SS for all ages 1:30 PM Food Pantry	17 12:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Parish Nurse	18 5:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Administrative Council	19 10:00 AM Book Study with Pastor Dalene (Wesley) 6:30 PM Book Study (St. Mark) 7:00 PM Women of the Moose	20 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM 3rd Thursday Supper @ Olive Garden	21 Newsletter Article Due	22 UMW District Meeting (Momence UMC)
23 8:45 AM Worship/ Kids Church 9:45 AM Flu Clinic 10:00 AM Flight quest/ SS for all ages 1:30 PM Food Pantry	24 6:30 PM Women's Book Club	25 5:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Christian Education	26 10:00 AM Book Study with Pastor Dalene (Wesley) 6:30 PM Book Study (St. Mark) 6:30 PM BiB packing @ Central Christian 7:00 PM Women of the Moose	27 9:15 AM Mail Newsletter	28	29 5:00 PM private party
30 8:45 AM Worship/ Kids Church 10:00 AM Flight quest/ SS for all ages 1:30 PM Food Pantry 2:00 PM DS Welcome	 <h1>September</h1>					

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Wesley UMC is signed up to help pack bags on the following days. We need about 10 volunteers for each date. Each week 250-300 grocery bags are packed, containing one of three rotating menus, and then are delivered to local schools on Thursday for distribution to students by staff on Friday.

Packing takes place at Central Christian Church, 310 Main ST NW, Bourbonnais, IL. Doors will generally be open 15 minutes prior to packing. All packing begins with a brief orientation to BIB RVC and instructions for the event which takes approximately 45 minutes. Thank you for volunteering to help feed the future of our communities!

- Wed September 26, 2018 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- Wed November 14, 2018 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- Wed January 30, 2019 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- Wed April 10, 2019 6:30pm – 7:30pm