

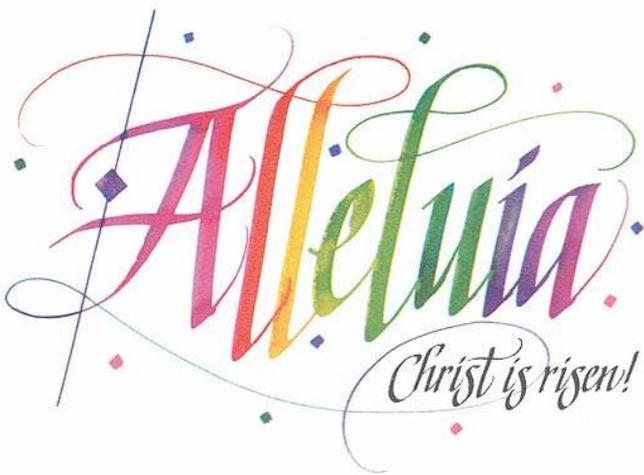
April 2019

# the spire

wesley student center & united methodist church

at the university of illinois

Join us at Wesley for Easter, Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>



**Sonrise Service 8:00 a.m.,  
Watseka Lounge**

This special service is led by the youth and children of Wesley and is a meaningful way to begin the morning.

**Children's East Egg Hunt 8:30 a.m.**

All children are invited to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Watseka Lounge.

**Easter Breakfast, 9:00 a.m., Great Hall**

Bring a fruit, bread, or pastries to share (with table service) and join us in the Great Hall for a lovely breakfast before the Easter Service begins. Discipleship and Family Services will be providing egg casseroles. The fellowship is great and we have a great reason to gather to celebrate.

**Students: please be our guest!**

**Combined Service, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

On Easter Sunday morning, both our Traditional and Contemporary Services combine for a celebratory service with brass, organ, choir, and praise band music leading the congregation in celebrating Christ's resurrection from the dead. Join us on Easter Sunday and invite a friend to join you!

**College Students Easter Egg Hunt,  
12:00 p.m.**

The game is afoot!

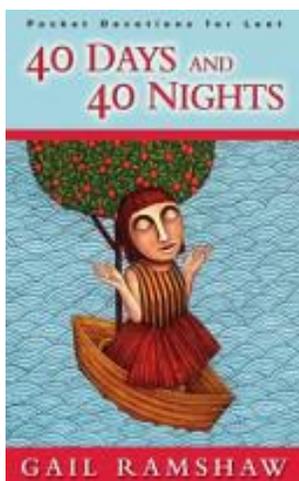


As a minister, I primarily commit myself to pursue peace and justice ministries while envisioning the kingdom of God. I have worked with JFON (*National Justice for Our Neighbors*) joyfully. JFON is a part of an international movement for immigration services and a faith-driven ministry that welcomes immigrants into our churches and communities. JFON provides free, high-quality immigration legal services, education and advocacy. The program revolves around three monthly legal clinics housed in local United Methodist churches or community centers. In the course of expanding contributors and volunteers, we have served over 100 clients. I would like to share the story of one of the clients, Rocio.

For years, Rocio missed so many things from home like the courtyard filled with flowers and hummingbirds, the smell of her favorite enchiladas potosinas cooking in the kitchen, and the good and challenging times shared with friends and family. Most of all, Rocio missed her mother. “For 15 years, I felt incomplete,” Rocio says, her eyes filling with tears. “I had such grief in my heart because I couldn’t be there when my mom needed me.” With her green card in hand—obtained with JFON's help—Rocio took her two American-born children back to her childhood home in Mexico. “I thank JFON for making this dream possible for me and my kids,” Rocio says. “And I pray for all the people who are not able to see their families. We all deserve to be with our loved ones when they need us the most.”

Thanks to the Social Action Ministry, we offer part of the Lenten offering to JFON. Fueled by acts of justice, we will eventually see that a love for immigrants, refugees and other migrant populations is stronger than fear in the kingdom of God.

Associate Pastor, Deborah Kang



## Lenten Study

**Thursdays March 7<sup>th</sup> – April 11<sup>th</sup> (March 21<sup>st</sup> No Class) at 10:15 A.M. in the Conference Room**

Lent provides time for us to repent from what we’ve done and to heal a broken relationship with ourselves or our loved ones. Lent is an inward journey of desiring to be more Christ-like as well as an outward journey of being an agent of God’s compassion for the world.

We will study “*Forty Days and Forty Nights*” by Gail Ramshaw. Books are available in the Center Office for \$2.25. If you'd like to read along but can't join us for the discussion group, let me know, (Pastor Deborah Kang: [dkang@wesleyui.org](mailto:dkang@wesleyui.org)), and I will prepare for enough books for everyone. Bring your friends. All are welcome.



## Contribute Easter Lilies to the Sanctuary this season

The annual fundraiser for Sanctuary decorations is here. Until Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, you can donate funds for purchasing Easter lilies in honor or memory of someone you love. Your name and those you list will be featured in an insert on Easter.

You can also access a form online at [wesleyui.org/easterflowers](http://wesleyui.org/easterflowers), which you can download, fill out, and bring into Church with you either on a Sunday or throughout the week to the Center Office along with your donation.

The suggested donation per lily is \$15 or more. Thank you all. We will be freshening up more decorations this summer as well as producing some new unique banners for the Sanctuary. Please be generous!

## Lenten Offering – Spring 2019

Wesley's Social Action Ministry team has selected two recipients for this year's special Lenten Offering:



[Our Conference, Our Kids](#) is a UMC Illinois Great Rivers Conference (IGRC) initiative to establish an endowment for the spiritual life programs at each of the conference's five child welfare agencies, including The Baby Fold (Normal), Chaddock School (Quincy), Cunningham Children's Home (Urbana), Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House (East St. Louis), and Spero Family Services (Mt. Vernon). Creating an endowment will help each agency to keep spiritual life ministries as a pillar in their holistic care for children and families, even in times of uncertain state funding.

These ministries bring much needed help in a variety of ways to families across generations and circumstances, offering expert and compassionate care to families so that they can thrive. The Our Conference, Our Kids endowment will be used to finance this vital spiritual ministry that transforms the lives of our children and youth, many of whom come from the counties within the Illinois Great Rivers Conference.



[National Justice for Our Neighbors](#) (NJFON) is a United Methodist Immigration Ministry, supporting a hospitality ministry that welcomes immigrants by providing free or low-cost, expert immigration legal services to low-income immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. NJFON also advocates for immigration laws that are just, humane and righteous, and offers education to communities of faith and to the public.

The Justice for Our Neighbors network provides immigration legal assistance at 19 locations supporting over 50 clinics across the country. "We help our vulnerable and marginalized neighbors attain authorization to work and live with dignity. We reunite them with their families after years of separation. We enable men, women and children to escape horrific violence and find safety and refuge here in the United States."

The Social Action Ministry team asks you to prayerfully consider making a special offering this Lenten Season to support these two worthwhile organizations. Checks may be made out to Wesley UMC and designated for the Lenten Offering.



United  
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**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
**WHERE THE MONEY WENT IN 2018**

**Undesignated giving through National Division**

Pledge to Mission	3150.00	Chinese Ministry—Wesley	330.00
Special Mission Recognition		Moms and Babies Program, DDC	200.00
Gifts in Memory	150.00	Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club	100.00
World Thank Offering	279.00	Restoration Urban Ministries	355.00
Gift to Mission	6.00	Daily Bread Soup Kitchen	255.00
		Mississippi Mission Trip—Wesley	160.00
		PACE	100.00
		Austen’s Place	255.00
		Men’s Shelter—Faith UMC	130.00

**DESIGNATED GIVING**

**Local:**

Courage Connection	100.00
CASA	465.00
Church Women United	250.00
Smile Healthy Dental Clinic	430.00
Cunningham Children’s Home	1100.00
Lessie Bates Davis Center	955.00
Crisis Nursery	255.00
Bottom Line Diaper Bank	268.00

**International:**

FOSA Orphan in Zimbabwe	400.00
Well-Liberia	555.00
Africa University	300.00

**Miscellaneous:**

Printing, Checks, Etc.	164.00
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Thanks to all who made pledges and other monetary donations and who helped to support our giving by donating and making treats for Sunday coffee hours.

**UMW General Program April 3rd**

**The UMW General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd at 9:30 a.m. in the West Lounge.**

Janet Wieneke, from OSF Healthcare will speak to us about **OSF’s Hospice Care**. Fellowship and snacks are at 9:00 a.m. before the meeting. All are welcome to attend and if childcare is needed please contact Virginia Dickey at Vdickey88@gmail.com.

**UMW General Program May 1st**

**The UMW General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the West Lounge.**

Kelli Kemper, co-leader of **Austin’s Place Women’s Homeless Shelter** will present the program. Fellowship and refreshments are at 6:00 p.m. before the meeting. All are welcome to attend and if childcare is needed please contact Virginia Dickey at Vdickey88@gmail.com.

# campus ministry

**Annual Day of Service** – Wesley's student organization, Illini Fighting Hunger, will lead the packaging of 28,000 pounds of food on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at Memorial Stadium (various shifts available). This food will be shared to help individuals and families throughout Illinois. All ages and abilities are welcome to participate! To volunteer, sign up at <http://dayofservice.cuvolunteer.org/>.

## College Student Easter Egg Hunt

All undergrad, graduate, and international students are invited to join us for the Wesley Student Center annual Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, in Watseka Lounge following the combined 10:30a.m. Easter worship service. We'll hunt for eggs and give away prizes. Invite your friends and celebrate Easter with us!

## Midweek Worship & Book Study

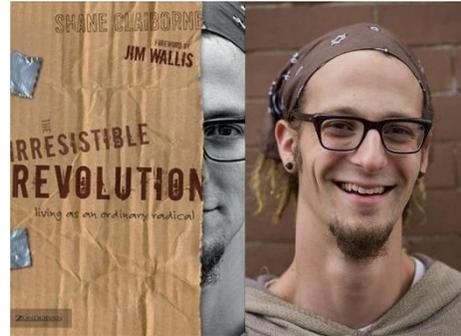
We invite students to join us in the Etc. Coffeehouse every Wednesday at 7:00p.m. for snacks and conversation, followed by casual worship with communion. Bring your friends, take a break from the study grind, and make space to connect with others and with God. Our new small group book study, Impact, will meet from 8:15-9:15 p.m. each week in April.



## Friday with Friends Lunch

Students, faculty, and members of the campus community are invited to join us each week for our Friday with Friends Lunch! Gather with friends in the Etc. Coffeehouse between 11:00a.m.-1:30p.m. for soups,

sandwiches, and other tasty treats. It's a great way to end the week with friends!



## Grad Student Book Study

Grad students and young adults meet every Tuesday in the Student Lounge to make connections with others across disciplines and to engage in conversation around our book study. We're currently reading Shane Claiborne's *The Irresistible Revolution*, in anticipation of his April visit to Wesley. Questions? Email Michael Drummond at [gradstudy@wesleyui.org](mailto:gradstudy@wesleyui.org).



## Spring ESL Class & International Coffeehouse

The class meets in the conference room from 3:00-4:00p.m. each Friday, followed by the International Coffeehouse gathering in Etc. from 4:00-6:00p.m. American and international students,

visiting scholars, family, and community friends are invited to join us as we enjoy coffee and snacks, practice English, make new friends, and learn about each other's cultures!

# Campus Ministry Calendar

## **Monday, April 1, 4:00-6:00 p.m. - Downstairs**

Student-only Food Pantry – offered the first Monday of every month. We all need assistance from time to time... Wesley is here to help! Students just need to bring their student I.D.

## **Tuesday, April 2, 8:30 p.m., Student Lounge (and every Tuesday)**

Grad Student Book Study - Make connections with others across disciplines and share great conversation around books. Questions? Email Michael Drummond at [gradstudy@wesleyui.org](mailto:gradstudy@wesleyui.org).

## **Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 p.m., Etc. Coffeehouse (and every Wednesday)**

Midweek Worship – Students are invited to join us for casual worship and communion each week as we explore faith, deepen friendships, and take time to connect with one another and with God. On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, join us for **Doubt Night/Stump the Pastors** – bring the questions you’ve always wanted to ask (and come early – we’ll have pizza at 6:15pm!). On April 10th, we’ll meet at **6:30 p.m.** to carpool to Cunningham Children’s Home to help lead worship.

## **8:15-9:15 p.m., Student Lounge (and every Wednesday)**

Impact Small Group – Join us as we read and discuss the book, *The Irresistible Revolution*, by Shane Claiborne. Shane will visit Wesley April 27 & 28. Everyone is welcome!

## **Friday, April 5, 11:00 a.m., Etc. Coffeehouse (and every Friday)**

Friday with Friends Lunch – Join us in the coffeehouse for lunch with friends! It’s a great way to celebrate the end of the week & the start of your weekend!

## **3:00-4:00 p.m., Conference Room (and every Friday)**

ESL Class - We welcome beginners through advanced students as we practice English and learn about American culture.

## **4:00-6:00 p.m., Etc. Coffeehouse (and every Friday)**

International Coffeehouse - International & domestic students, along with visiting scholars and community members, are invited to join us for coffee, snacks and conversation as we practice English, make new friends & learn about each other's cultures.

## **Saturday, April 6, Memorial Stadium**

Seventh Annual Day of Service – Join Illini Fighting Hunger to package food for foodbanks and area pantries with the campus and community. To volunteer, sign up at <http://dayofservice.cuvolunteer.org/>.

## **Sunday, April 7, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary & Great Hall (and April 14)**

Traditional and contemporary Sunday worship services

## **Sunday, April 21, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

Combined Easter Sunday Worship – Join us for Easter worship as we celebrate that indeed, Jesus Christ is risen!

## **12:00 p.m., Watseka Lounge**

College Student Easter Egg Hunt – Invite your friends as we gather in Watseka Lounge for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Prizes will include gift cards and Illini swag, plus plenty of chocolate and candy.

## **Saturday, April 27, Wesley Student Center**

A Weekend with Shane Claiborne – Students are invited to join us for lunch, a packaging event, worship with Shane and the Wesley praise team, dinner & a special evening Q&A with Shane just for undergrad and graduate students. To sign up (it’s free!), go to [shane-wesley.eventbrite.com](http://shane-wesley.eventbrite.com)!

## **Sunday, April 28, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

Corporation Sunday – Join us for a combined worship service as part of Wesley’s “A Weekend with Shane Claiborne.” Students are welcome to join us for breakfast in the Etc. Coffeehouse from 9:00-10:00 a.m. before the service.

# Children's and Youth Ministry

## SUNDAYS

### Nursery Care from 8:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

9:30 a.m. Service Infant – 3 years

11:15 a.m. Service Infant – 6 years

First Sunday Infant – 6 years

**Church School classes** for children 3 years to 5th grade are offered at **9:30 a.m.** in Rooms 127A and 127B during the service.

**Childcare** for children 3 years to 5th grade is offered at **11:00 a.m.** in Rooms 127 A and 127 B during the adult Sunday School and the **11:15 a.m.** contemporary church service.

### Middle-Senior Youth Ministry

Junior High students are encouraged to attend worship with their families. Stay tuned for upcoming Fall activities!

Please call or text Ms. Rachel with questions at 217-621-6984.

**The Senior High Youth Group** will now meet the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month in the Conference Room. The youth can go to class after Children's Time in the Traditional Service.



### Wesley's wonderful Skinner pipe organ will be 100 years old.

Did you know that Wesley's Skinner pipe organ will be turning 100 years old soon? We would love to celebrate this special occasion in our church. We are organizing a group of people to help plan a centennial celebration! If you have any ideas, or would like to help us plan a fun event, please contact Ed Friedl.

### Are you a THRIVENT FINANCIAL member? Did you know .....

Thrivent members can lead Thrivent Action Teams for causes they care about such as the Wesley Food Pantry?

Thrivent members can recommend where Thrivent should distribute a portion of its charitable funds each year?

**For more info, contact Katie Thomas at [kthomas@wesleypantry.org](mailto:kthomas@wesleypantry.org)**



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# WESLEY FOOD PANTRY

HUNGER LIVES NEXT DOOR



## Wesley Food Pantry

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**324 Households**



**1,157 Individuals**



**476 Children**

Thank you to Daily Bread Yoga for their donation of feminine hygiene products. Our clients are so grateful when we have these items available. We very rarely have these; SNAP does not cover them and they are very expensive to buy.

Daily Bread Yoga members donated over \$275 worth of femine hygiene products. This is in addition to the \$115 cash donation made a few weeks ago. **Thank You Daily Bread Yoga!**



### **Volunteer Spotlight: Eddy Hinojosa, student volunteer**

Student volunteers are critical to our Thursday evening pantry distributions. They are the welcoming and friendly faces that greet

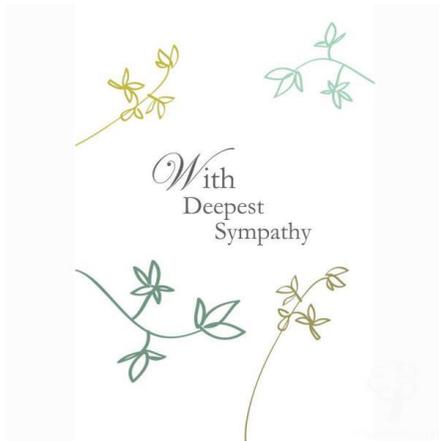
each family that visits the pantry and help them shop for their groceries. One of our star volunteers is UI student Eddy Hinojosa. Eddy has helped with all aspects of the food pantry: set up, client registration, helping clients, and clean up. Whatever he is asked to do, Eddy does it with enthusiasm and without hesitation.

Eddy is a senior in Chemical Engineering and has been volunteering most Thursday nights since September 2018. He says when he found out about the pantry

right across the street from the buildings where he attended class, and especially our need for Spanish speakers, he felt obligated to help. "It would be like seeing an elderly lady get on the bus and not give her your seat." In the year he's been with us, Eddy says he has learned a lot about the diversity of those facing food insecurity and was surprised to see the large Spanish and French speaking communities that UI students typically do not interact with.

At a recent job fair, when a recruiter from Archer Daniels Midland asked him what interests he had other than studies, he told them about his time at the pantry. Eddy says that conversation helped him differentiate himself from other fair attendees who concentrate on academic accomplishments. When Eddy interviewed with ADM, they once again asked him about his volunteer work. Eddy says he thinks his volunteer experience helped him stand out from other job applicants. Eddy will be starting as a Production Engineer with ADM after graduating this May and we wish him the best of luck!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



We extend sympathy to the family of Diana and Steven Herriott at the death of their granddaughter, Ella Marie Herriott, on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 5 months. Her parents are Matthew and Samantha Woodworth Herriott of Philo, IL.

*Thank You*

Many thanks for the cards and other expressions of sympathy at the death of my sister in North Carolina. I am very grateful for caring Wesley friends.  
Brenda Thompson

### Sharing Shelves

The stocked shelves in the Sharing Shelves closet are running low. Please bring any of the following to the Center Office: soup (not creamed)), canned fruit, canned vegetables, juice, crackers, boxed meals, canned meat, beef stew, and spaghetti sauce. Food from the Sharing Shelves is used to make emergency deliveries to persons referred by the empty tomb agency. Wesley generally makes 3 deliveries per month.



### PLEASE REMEMBER:

When you buy coffee, tea, and chocolate products at Coffee Hour, you are making a donation to UMCOR. The company we buy those products from donates a portion to UMCOR. Thanks.



# SPRING CLEAN DAY

## Saturday, April 13th

### 9am – Noon

Contact Donna Giffen at  
[donna@wesleyui.org](mailto:donna@wesleyui.org) if you can help.



### UMW PLANT SALE MAY 5<sup>th</sup>

As you begin to spruce up your garden this spring, contribute any extra shade plants, perennials, veggie starts, houseplants, bulbs, and garden décor to the UMW's annual plant sale on Sunday, May 5th.

We will offer "Horse's Patootie" compost!

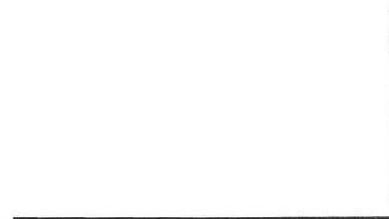
Preorders on the compost are recommended to ensure there will be an adequate quantity on hand. Call Sue Kiddoo at 367-2991 with preorders.



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## Sunday Services

Traditional Service 9:30 a.m.  
Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.  
Contemporary Service 11:15 a.m.

## Building Hours

Sunday - Thursday  
open 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.  
Friday, Saturday  
open 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Midnight