**United Methodist Church of Wilton**

**Weekly News, June 29, 2025**

**Greetings Church Family**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN: UMH #77 How Great Thou Art (vs. 1,2,4)**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Lord, we often go our way, trusting our wisdom instead of Yours.

**P: Forgive us when we fail to seek You and the wisdom You offer.**

L: Help us trust You completely, to seek You in all we do.

P: **Let us trust You and glorify You and Your holy Name.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**SPECIAL MUSIC/PRAISE BAND**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/SILENT PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN OF REFLECTION: UMH 397 I Need Thee Every Hour (vs. 1,2,3)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HEARING GOD’S WORD: Proverbs 3:1-6 (NIV)**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH #467 Trust and Obey (vs. 1,2,3)**

**MESSAGE: SERIES: “RANDOM THOUGHTS” #1: “DOING LIFE GOD’S WAY”**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN: TFWS #2174 What Does the Lord Require?**

**POSTLUDE**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS   
June 29, 2025**

**Current Prayers**

\*Prayers for Levi Buxton who had surgery this week following a tractor accident.

\*Prayers for Ken recovering from heart surgery.

\*Prayers for Penny’s brother Steve who finished treatments and for her sister Janet who had knee surgery.

\*Prayers for Diane Budding as cancer was found on her liver and surgery is not an option.  
\*Prayers for Rick Steffens, who is having problems with pain in his legs.

\*Prayers for Lane, as he is struggling with physical and mental health issues.  
\*Prayers for Quincy Sawvell who has bone cancer in his arm and is undergoing treatment.  
\*Prayers for Bill Carter as he recovers now at home.  
\*Prayers for Bruce Walker who is now at home.

\*Prayers for Ron Soenksen, who is home and continues with rehab.  
\*Prayers for Kenny Koehler who is battling cancer.    
\*Prayers for Penny McKillip’s brother, Steve, who is battling pancreatic cancer.  
\*Prayers for Penny McKillip’s nieces, Julie and Davina, who are undergoing cancer treatments.  
\*Prayers for Adelyn Liebmann, who had surgery on June 17th.

\*Prayers for those in our community and surrounding area who were recently deployed: Reid

Johnson, Josh Sherwood, Casey Gephart, Daryn Clark, Dru Foster, Logan Reddick, Nick

Metzger, Bryce Thomas, Brad Allen, and Aaron Ellenberg.

**\*\*JOY from Jill for the church helping her grandchildren go to the Christian Day Camp.**

**Continuing Prayers**  
\*Prayers for Joe Akers’ brother, Ben, who continues his cancer treatments.

\*Prayers for Judy Swanson, who had a stroke and is in rehab.

\*Prayers for Shirley Brisker as she deals with health issues.

\*Prayers for Chad Morgan, who has been moved to a facility in Peoria.

\*Prayers for Amy Maxwell’s cousin, Christopher, who is home doing out-patient rehab.  
\*Prayers for Jamie Holladay who is battling cancer.  
\*Rosemary McCallister asks for prayers for her nephew. He is undergoing continued treatment

and surgeries.  
\*Martha McCallister has asked for prayers for Rosemary McCallister who is dealing with several

health issues.  
\*Joy Carter has asked for prayers for Jennifer Wheelock as she awaits a kidney.  
\*Sandy Kraklio has asked for prayers for her nieces, Nicole & Cindy, who are both battling cancer.  
\*Please keep these members in your prayers and drop them a cheerful note:  
    Homebound: Glenna Van Atta  
    Cedar Manor, Tipton: Earl Denkman  
    Leland Smith Assisted Living: Rita Sloan

\*Prayers for those impacted by recent hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, and storms.   
\*Prayers for all those places where there are conflicts and violence around the world and that there

would be a path to peace.   
\*Prayers for all the places in the world where people are struggling and afraid.  
\*Prayers for immigrants in this area and this country, that they will know they are made in God’s

image, and that there are people reaching out with compassion.  
\*Prayers for all the organizations doing good work that receive federal funding and are uncertain

what funding will be cut, and all those who have lost their jobs.

\*Prayers that there may be peaceful interactions between protesters and immigration officials.

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**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Week of June 22nd, 2025**

**REMINDER: WE HAVE RETURNED TO OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP AT 9 AM!**

**Please keep an eye out in Fellowship Hall for the name tag rack and put yours name tag on when you arrive. If you don't see a name tag with your name, please leave a note for Chris and put it in the box by her door. We want to help Pastor Brian, and his wife Tasha learn our names more easily.**

**Contact information for Pastor Brian Channel**

**Church Office hours M-Th 9am to Noon,**

**Afternoons by appointment.**

**(Walk-ins are also welcome)**

**Friday will be his day off.**

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**Hello church family!** You are all invited to be part of the OnBoarding Program for our new pastor. Onboarding is a tool used by the Conference Office for Congregational Development to help facilitate the transition of a new pastoral appointment. The event will start with a welcome and prayer by Pastor Brian followed by a meal (Pizza! Yay!). After the meal the Congregational Development facilitator will guide us through a process that will help us, and our new pastor become better acquainted.

***The OnBoarding event will be July 9, at 5:15 PM. Everyone is welcome. Thank you!***

**Will Hinkle is turning 70! You’re all invited to a party in his honor on Saturday, July 5th from 1-4 pm. It will be held in the Wilton Community Room**

(104 W. 4th Street, the far west door). No gifts, please, your attendance is gift enough!

**NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR LAWN MOWING:  
The trustees have decided to ask for volunteers to mow the Church lawn this summer. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. The lawn is divided into two areas which may be mowed with a riding mower/s plus a third area being the road banks needing to be mowed with a walk behind mower. You may want to sign up for just one area. Bruce has donated his 62” John Deere zero turn riding mower and Merrill has donated a self-propelled Lawn Boy, both of which are in the garage. For more info see the sign-up sheet or contact Leroy Van Roekel at 563-299-1293.**

**Our annual day trip to Families Forward (Bidwell/Riverside) Food Pantry in Des Moines will be June 30. There is a sign-up sheet in the social hall to help coordinate ride shares.** **We will also again be collecting personal hygiene items to take with us for the food pantry. This may include paper towels, toilet paper, laundry soap pod type, toothpaste, bar soap or other such items.**

**SUMMER SERMON SERIES: RANDOM THOUGHTS**

**6/29/25 “Doing Life God’s Way” Proverbs 3:1-6**

**7/6/25 “Open Our Eyes” II Kings 6:8-23**

**7/13/25 “An Easy Burden” Matthew 11:28-30**

**7/20/25 “Jesus Said, ‘GO!’” Matthew 28:16-20**

**7/27/25 “Completely His” Romans 8:12-17**

**8/3/25 “Not Even Close” Ephesians 4:17-24**

**8/10/25 “The End of the Beginning” I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**8/17/25 “Unhappily Grateful” I Thessalonians 5:16-18**

**8/24/25 “Because He’s Your Brother” Philemon**

**Mission News: The Mission team has started posting information about our Partners in Mission and thank you notes on the cork strips in the hall.**

**Our church secretary, Chris Putnam, coordinates the church calendar.  If you have items for the August calendar, please email them to Chris at**[umcwiltn@netwtc.net](mailto:umcwiltn@netwtc.net)**.**

**The July calendar is available at church and online.  
  
NOTE: The church is using the One Call Now phone message service again. Please contact Lance Kephart to check or update your contact information or report any issues with receiving the call or message. He will need your names, phone numbers, and email addresses. You can email your information to him at**[lance\_kephart@hotmail.com](mailto:lance_kephart@hotmail.com)**.**

**LITURGISTS: There is a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall for those who would be willing to be liturgists. Please include your phone number and email and the pastor will send you the scriptures ahead of time. Thank you!  
  
ONGOING EVENTS  
Sewing Group - Meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings.  
Praise Band - The Praise Band rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Knitting Group – No knitting in July.**

**Thank you for your prayers and steadfast faithfulness!  
God loves you; we love you, and there's nothing you can do about it!**