United Methodist Church of Wilton

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Week of July 5th, 2026

THE SUMMER SCHEDULE
Worship at 9 AM
No Sunday School for the summer

Upcoming Calendar Events
Pastor will be on vacation July 19th, Rev. Anne Lippincott will speak on the 19th.
They will also be gone on July 26th, Mark Knouse will be leading the service. It will be Special Music Sunday, if you would like to sing a special that Sunday please contact Mark Knouse mlknouse@netwtc.net or Kay Hein heinsitefitness@gmail.com by July 19th.

MISSION NEWS
Connie Fratzke is now the leading the missions team, Thank You Connie Fratzke!

IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Ingathering

It's that time of year when we start working on kits for the 47th Mission Ingathering on November 7. This year's kits will all be donated to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, IL, which you can learn about at http://www.midwestmission.org/.

A list of the items needed for school kits is included in this newsletter. There are also other helpful kits listed in brochures that are on the Ingathering table in Fellowship Hall. Clothe bags are also on that table for you to use. We will be putting PDKs (Health Kits) together as a congregation in October.

If you prefer to donate money towards the Ingathering kits, that is fine, too. Just be sure, Ingathering Donation is listed on your check memo line. As always, your prayers are a great donation, too. All kits are due by November 1st. Leave completed kits on the table at the back of fellowship hall. Sign the clipboard list on that table. Contact Connie Fratzke with questions, 563-529-1251.

IMPORTANT NOTES:
*** $3 shipping per kit – no cash or checks in bag.
* Sign your first name only on the prayer card and offer a prayer for the student who will be blessed to receive your kit. * NO MONEY or checks in the bags.

Make your check to our church for the $3 shipping per kit, listing Ingathering shipping on the memo line, and drop it in the offering plate.
* Place ALL items in the cloth bag. Include ONLY the items listed.

School Kits:
(3) Notebooks – 1 subject spiral, 8"x10 ½"
(1) Ruler – 12" long with metric
(6) Pencils – unsharpened "Plain yellow pencils please No camouflage"!
(1) Pencil sharpener
(1) Eraser – 2" or larger
(1) Box of 12 colored pencils
(1) Box of 24 crayons
(1) Pair – student scissors
(1) One-handled cloth bag
(1) Signed prayer card

* Place ALL items in the cloth bag. Include ONLY the items listed.
*** NO cash or checks in the bag.**

Serving Together:
Please consider serving your church on a committee. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Brian.

A lot goes into the operations of our church to help keep our finances, buildings, and missions in good shape as we work together in serving God. We have several committees that serve the different needs of the church. The members serve 3-year terms for the primary committees: SPPRC, Trustees, Finance, Nominations, and Administrative Council.

We are working towards getting back into the member rotation on these committees. Some of the primary committees will have some openings coming up later this year, and we are working on getting a couple of other committees started back up.

* **Nominations committee** – helps fit church members and their skills with church committees that have openings coming up. By church law, the pastor serves as the chairperson, and a layperson serves as the vice-chair. Ideally, members serve a staggered 3-year term, but this may take us a few years to accomplish with this starting back up.
* **Hospitality committee** – Simply put, hospitality is how we show love to others in Christ's name – helping with greeters, fellowship time, and checking on those who are home bound.
***Administrative Council** – mostly served by the chairpersons of the primary committees, as well as chairpersons from our more active groups. Administrative council is responsible for financial health, envisioning, planning, implementing, and evaluating the church's ministries to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

GENERAL AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
SCRIPTURE READERS NEEDED: There is a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall for those who would be willing to read Scripture. Please include your email and the pastor will send you the scriptures ahead of time. Thank you!

COMMUNION HELPERS NEEDED: There is a sign-up sheet on the table in fellowship hall; we need three people each month to help. See Pastor Brian if you have any questions.

LOOKING FOR GREETERS: We need two people each week to stand near the sign-in desks and welcome those coming to worship. This can be families, couples, or individuals. Sign-up sheet on back table.

Wilton Family & Fellowship Nights:
These events will be held at the Wilton Public Library - The Wilton Public Library and the Wilton-Durant Ministerial Assoc. are teaming up to bring everyone some family fun this summer!

7/31 - Friday, 6-8 pm - Game Night and Ice Cream, play board games and enjoy some ice cream.
8/29 - Saturday, 6-8 pm - Music Night, join us for a Sing-along and potluck, and share your favorite dish!

More details and updates will be available on the Wilton Library's website (https://www.wilton.lib.ia.us/events) or Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/people/Wilton-Public-Library/100077922848488/?ref=embed_page#).

ATTENTION! NEWSLETTER CHANGES:
Our secretary, Chris Putnam, has agreed to compile the weekly newsletter. Please send prayer requests, Special Songs, announcements, and related information to the church email: umcwiltn@netwtc.net.
Please have information to Chris by 9AM Wednesday.

Contact information for Pastor Brian Channel:
Church Office hours M-Th 9-Noon, morning/afternoon walk-ins welcome
Friday is Pastor' day off
Cell: 319-929-8847 Email: blchan1969@gmail.com

NEW SERMON SERIES: "ONE AND DONE"
6/28/26 "Solitude or Isolation?" **I Kings 19:1-18**
7/5/26 "Remember Lot's Wife" **Luke 17:20-35**
7/12/26 "What Are You Carrying?" **Matthew 11:28-30; I Peter 5:6-7**
7/19/26 Pastor Anne when Pastor Brian is on Vacation.
7/26/26 Special Music lead by Mark Knouse when Pastor Brian is on Vacation.

ONGOING EVENTS
Sewing Group - 9:00 am on Tuesday mornings.
Knitting Group – The Third Monday of the Month from 1pm-3pm.

Summer Music - If interested in providing Special music during the services this Summer, please talk to Pastor Brian or Lora Knouse. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

Church Calendar: 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. The July calendar is available at church and online.

Greetings Church Family!

The prayer list is an important mission, and we try to keep our prayer list current. Please let Pastor Brian or Chris know of any updates, changes, or names to be removed.

Joys

*Calli Langley has been seizure free for three months with medication.
*Phyllis Knouse has a new great grandson this past week.
*Thankful for everyone who volunteered at local camp.
*Rick Steffens only has infection not cancer.
*Diane is thankful spine cyst is gone, no surgery needed.
*Connie Fratzke is now leading the mission team.
* Thank you Connie Zeleny for your many years of service and Mark Stoskopf for helping during this transition time.

Current Prayers

*Caryl Walton's grandson and family will be going to Thailand for one month for Missions.
*Joe Akers had surgery on Monday in Iowa City.
*Prayers needed for Bill Carter and family with the passing of Joy Carter.
*Prayers needed for Ron Paper and family with the passing of Donna Paper.
*Prayers needed for Mike & Terri Denkman with the passing of his father Earl Denkman.
*Martha McCallister will be having surgery on July 9th.
*Annette Holladay's friend Joy Burn fell and fractured her arm, praying for quick healing.
*Rev. Anne Lippincott' Niece & Nephew lost their father recently.
*Michelle, friend of Connie Zeleny asking for prayer!
*David Luethy, heart in A-Fib.
*For Penny McKillip whose surgery was postponed. Again. Waiting for a new date.
*Penny McKillip's niece Davina who is undergoing cancer treatments.
*For Martha McCallister's son as doctors try to determine a diagnosis.
*For Tasha's mom who is still having trouble with vertigo and hearing.
*Jennifer Wheelock who is waiting on a potential kidney donation.
*Lane, as he is struggling with physical and mental health issues.

*For Ashley and Kaylee Houck, one of the girls is home, the other may still be in ICU. If you know their condition, please email the church at umcwiltn@netwtc.net
*Makenna Kiser is in Chicago for extensive rehab following a car accident. She is starting to talk a little with therapy's help!

*District Superintendent Brian Oliver has put together a District Church Prayer list. Listed each week are congregations and pastors to lift up in prayer.
Please pray this week for: *Keosauqua- Center Chapel- Stockport- Douds, Christ- Lebanon- Selma, Pastors Mary Hart, Diane Bales and Mike Renken.

Continuing Prayers
*Lyle Hinkhouse is in the Simpson Care center for continuing recovery.
*Penny's brother Steve
*Bruce Walker
*Connie Zeleny
*Chad Morgan
*Judy Swanson, who had a stroke and is in rehab.
*Shirley Brisker as she deals with health issues.
*Jamie Holladay who is battling cancer.
*For Rosemary McCallister who is dealing with several health issues.

*Please keep these members in your prayers and drop them a cheerful note, if you need their address please email Chris at the office:
Homebound: Glenna Van Atta
Leland Smith Assisted Living: Rita Sloan
Simpson Care Center- Lyle Hinkhouse.

*Prayers for peace in places where there is conflict and violence in our World.
*Prayers for all the places where people are struggling and afraid.
*For the situation in the Middle East.
*Prayers for our government, that they have wisdom in the decisions they make!

SUNDAY SERVICE for July 5th, 2026

PRELUDE
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS
OPENING HYMN: TFWS #2031 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise (2X)

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: Praise the LORD; praise the LORD my soul.

P: I Will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to God as long as I live.

OPENING PRAYER: Lord, Your glory shines from heaven, reminding us of Who You are and Whose we are. Lead us Lord as we worship and as we leave this place later lead us into a new week. Great is Your faithfulness, Lord God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. In Christ we pray, amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

JOYS & CONCERNS
SILENT PRAYER/PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER
HYMN OF REFLECTION: TFWS #2068 I Love You Lord (2X)

CHILDREN MESSAGE

HEARING GOD'S WORD: Luke 17:20-35
HYMN OF PREPARATION: TFWS #2065 More Precious Than Silver (2X)
MESSAGE: "Remember Lot's Wife"

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR GIFTS
PRAYER OF DEDICATION: We celebrate the gifts that come from Your mighty hand, gifts of grace, blessings, and mercy. Use our gifts to bless others in Your name. In Christ we pray, amen.

BENEDICTION
CLOSING HYMN: UMH #717 Battle Hymn of the Republic (vs. 1,2,4)
POSTLUDE

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