



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

September 6, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

Each morning, I try to read John O'Donohue's "Blessing for Solitude." It is a blessing I often share with those who come into my office because I believe we all need words like these spoken over our lives.

The word blessing can be a strange one for some of us, or perhaps I should speak for myself. Much like the word love, it is often overused and taken out of context. Blessing is not about the Prosperity Gospel. Rather, it is about turning toward our calling and recognizing the image of God in which we are all created and of which we each bear a part.

When God blesses Abraham, the blessing is spoken as words over his life, words that equip him for the future. They give him a vision to see what lies ahead and to see anew.

What words do we need to help turn us back toward God, our calling and a renewed vision? What words do we need spoken over our lives that feel like holy oil poured over our heads, anointing us for the life ahead and for the life we have in Christ?

What blessing do you need today?

As you come into this place, may the words of the songs, prayers, Scriptures and preached

Word become a blessing over your life. May they turn your heart toward God, renew your vision and remind you of the calling that rests upon your life.

Receive this blessing, my friends:

May you recognize in your life the presence, power and light of your soul.

May you realize that you are never alone, that your soul in its brightness and belonging connects you intimately with the rhythm of the universe.

May you have respect for your own individuality and difference.

May you realize that the shape of your soul is unique, that you have a special destiny here, that behind the facade of your life there is something beautiful and eternal happening.

May you learn to see yourself with the same delight, pride and expectation with which God sees you in every moment.

(John O'Donohue, from *To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings*)

—Timothy Peoples



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Building a Community of Faith Shaped by the Spirit of Jesus Christ
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship | Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists

We acknowledge that this land where we gather once held the sacred voices of Indigenous peoples and bore the suffering of the enslaved.

On the cover: *Sun*, Arthur Dove, 1943, wax emulsion on canvas, Smithsonian Museum of American Art, bequest of Suzanne M. Smith.

September 6, 2026
11:00 a.m.
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Chiming of the Hour

We gather in community this morning to worship God.
To help center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Welcome to Worshipers

Brad Russell

Prelude

Prélude, Op. 18

César Franck

+Call to Worship

Katie Murray

One: God of all people, we gather today not only to sing and pray, but also to seek your justice.

All: You call us out of comfort and into community.

One: You call us alongside those in the broken places of our world to be makers of peace.

**All: Give us courage to raise our voices. To stand with the oppressed,
the silenced and the weary.**

One: Jesus brought sight to the blind and freedom to the captive, and calls us to advocacy,
to solidarity and to love in action.

**All: May worship fuel our work. May praise turn into persistence. Open our eyes,
shape our hearts and use our hands to build your kin-dom on earth. Amen.**

+Congregational Song

Arise, Your Light Is Come
No. 87

FESTAL SONG

+Passing of the Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

+Response in Song

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

1-2 God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.
al - le - lu - ia!

+All congregants are invited to stand in body or spirit.
Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Prayers of the People

Annette Owen

Silence

We pause in silence to reflect and to be attentive to the Spirit of God.

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 sins,
 As we forgive those who sin against us;
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

How Long Till Heaven Comes Down
 Elle Sheaffer

Sandra McCracken

Darren DeMent, guitar; Michael Sheaffer, piano; Michael Shepard, cajon

How long till it seems like heaven will come down?
 As war and injustice spread wide in prayer we cry out.
 What hope has been hidden like treasure in a field,
 What comfort the Spirit now longs to reveal.
 O children of God sing a new song!
 His reign has begun, his kingdom has come!
 And how long till it feels on earth as it is in heaven?

What God has joined let no man put asunder.
 In an ocean of chaos and violence still we wonder.
 How long, O Lord, will you let it go on?
 What things have been severed that were meant to be joined?
 You’ve shown us the way to lay down our lives.
 The prince of our peace, our star in the night.
 But how long till it feels on earth as it is in heaven?

We've tried to divide up the soul from the heart and the mind.
 We've sold ourselves short in these formulas, boxes and rhymes.
 But in strength and wonder we have been made.
 He has fashioned us whole, he remembers our frame.
 Lord give us the grit and grace for our work.
 Sustainer and friend who shares in our birth.
 How long till it feels on earth,
 How long till it feels on earth,
 How long till it feels on earth as it is in heaven?

+Gospel Reading — Matthew 18:15–20

Ann Meripolski

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

For the Word of God in Scripture,
 For the Word of God among us,
 And for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

Message

“Living in Community”

Jordann McMahan

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Jordann McMahan

All followers of Christ are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, whether you are a Wilshire member or not. The bread used this morning is gluten free.

Passing of the Bread

Make More Room at the Table
 Sanctuary Choir
 Ralph Manuel, piano

Ralph Manuel
 Text: R.G. Huff

Make more room at the table.
 Be sure all who come have a place.
 Welcome each seeker with gladness,
 Treat every person with grace.
 That the church might be a comfort,
 A shelter, a resting place
 For those who are out of place elsewhere,
 May this be their truly safe place.

Add more chairs to the table.
Be sure all the hungry are fed.
See that their hearts are not empty,
Share freely the wine and the bread.
Yes, introduce them to Jesus
Who sits at this table as head.
Allow them by faith to move forward
Wherever they find themselves led.

Widen the stakes of the tent site.
Give shelter to wanderers who come.
No soul deserves to feel hopeless,
Sharing their strife with no one.
Christ welcomes all to this family;
No one should ever be shunned.
More room at the table, chairs added,
A fitter church will have begun.

Passing of the Cup

Near the Cross
Ralph Manuel, Piano

arr. Molly Ijames

+Congregational Song

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
No. 96
Stanza 1: choir
Stanzas 2 and 3: all

HOUSTON

Sharing of Decisions

Jordann McMahan

**As your community of faith, we commit ourselves to be the family of God for you;
we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes; we hope to learn from you,
give to you, and receive from you, as we are shaped together by the Spirit of Jesus Christ.**

Benediction

Jordann McMahan

Postlude

Improvisations on themes from the day

Jeff Brummel

Meet today's worship leaders

Ann Meripolski joined Wilshire in 2004 with her parents, Debbie and Mike Meripolski. Ann serves on the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Jordann McMahan and the Committee on Committees and she has participated in Faith in 3D and Sanctuary Choir. Professionally, she is a licensed professional counselor at Taylor Counseling Group.

Annette Owen began last week as director of Wilshire's Pathways to Ministry program. Since serving as a pastoral resident here from 2011 to 2013, she has worked as a hospital chaplain, served churches in Dallas and Illinois, and held roles at SMU's Perkins School of Theology and Brite Divinity School at TCU. Annette and her husband, David, are parents to a young son, Conrad.

Brad Russell and his wife, Kenda, joined Wilshire and the Epiphany Class in 2017. They have three adult children. Brad is a deacon, teaches in various Sunday School classes, serves on the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Jordann McMahan, sings in Nova and acts in Faith in 3D productions. Outside Wilshire, he works with migrants through the CLEAR clergy group and La Colectiva.

Elle Sheaffer grew up at Wilshire and is the daughter of Dawn and Michael Sheaffer. Elle graduated this year from Woodrow Wilson High School and just started at the University of Oklahoma, where she plans to major in creative media production and minor in music. In high school she was active in student council, International Baccalaureate and performing arts. Elle also sang with the Greater Dallas Choral Society and the 2026 Mixed Texas All-State Choir. She was active in Wilshire's youth group and served as Youth Choir president during her senior year.

Jenny Wolff joined Wilshire in 2004. She is a deacon, serves as deacon coordinator, chairs the Deacon Nominating Committee, attends Ithaca Class and serves on the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Jordann McMahan. Jenny is lead triage nurse at Pediatric Associates of Dallas and serves as medical director for Dallas Pets Alive.



We're glad you're here. If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card. You can also scan the code to make a financial contribution, submit a prayer request or join Wilshire as a member. Response cards and offering envelopes are available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or offering boxes.

Staff contacts

Phone numbers: 214-452- followed by extension shown below. **Email addresses:** first letter of first name and full last name followed by @wilshirebc.org (example: tpeoples@wilshirebc.org). Staff members with phone extensions have Wilshire email addresses.

Communications

- Mark McKenzie, Communications Director (3169)

Congregational Care

- Barbara Clayton, Pastoral Care Assistant (3125)
- Charlie Fuller, Coach in Residence (3123)
- Linda Garner, Parish Nurse (3151)
- Carolyn Murray, Coordinator of Congregational Life (3170)
- Katie Murray, Minister of Pastoral Care and to Senior Adults (3129)

Finance

- Shaffon McCrae, Director of Finance (3131)

Food Services

- Diego Arreguin, Steward
- Heather Bruhn, Sous Chef
- Haley Garcia, Food Service Director (3117)
- Wilfredo Velasquez-Cruz, Steward

Hospitality and Facilities

- Maricela Escutia, Facilities Supervisor
- Holly Irvin, Director of Hospitality (3150)
- Daniel Latin, Facilities
- Leticia Medina, Facilities
- Rachel Oney, Receptionist (3165)
- Kevin Sierra, Facilities
- Leticia Vega, Facilities

Missions and Advocacy

- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

Music and Worship

- J'Von Brown, Children's Choir Coordinator (3124)
- Jeff Brummel, Associate Minister of Music/Organist (3122)
- Carol Cabaniss, Music and Worship Coordinator (3106)
- Shana Gaines, Wilshire Winds Director (3163)
- Ralph Manuel, Handbell Coordinator (3161)
- Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music (3135)

Operations and Technology

- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
- Bryant Greer, Building Operations Manager (3146)
- Jim Tapley, Audio and Video Coordinator

Pathways to Ministry

- James Dolph, Pastoral Resident (3152)
- Amanda Hines, Pastoral Resident (3154)
- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)
- Jordann McMahan, Pastoral Resident (3155)
- Annette Owen, Pathways to Ministry Director (3158)
- Bryce Shelton, Pastoral Resident (3153)

Senior Pastor

- Chelsea Hopkins, Executive Assistant (3132)
- Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor (3132)

Spiritual Formation

- Kelly Akins, Minister to Preschoolers (3139)
- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
- Julie Girards, Minister to Children (3104)
- Carole McClung, Spiritual Formation Ministry Assistant (3130)
- Katie Murray, Minister of Pastoral Care and to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)



Visioning survey is open

Wilshire's Visioning Team needs to hear from you! Please fill out our survey by Sept. 20 as we strive to answer the questions "Who are we?" and "What is God calling us to do in this time and place?"

The survey should take about 15 minutes. We hope you will give thoughtful attention to this essential piece of our gathering of congregational input. The survey is digital, but if you would like to complete the survey by hand, hard copies are available in the church office.



Scan the QR code to access the survey.

The link was sent via email on Friday and can also be found at wilshirebc.org/visioning.

Next Sunday is Visioning Day

Sunday, Sept. 13, is Visioning Day, your chance to participate in a small group discussion as part of our Visioning process. This is an open table, and we look forward to hearing from you as we consider these questions:

- How would you describe Wilshire to someone unfamiliar with our church?
- Why do you drive by other churches to come to Wilshire?
- What atmosphere do we tend to create when our people get together?
- If Wilshire were immediately uprooted from the community, what would people in the Dallas area feel is missing?

Sessions will be held in Community Hall at 9 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Choose the time that works best for you. Sessions will last 45 to 60 minutes.

Refreshments will be provided for all sessions, with a box lunch available at 12:15.

Childcare is available for all sessions; registration is requested for the 12:15 time slot only. See wilshirebc.org/visioning for a registration link.

Can't be here or attend Wilshire online? Watch *Tapestry* next week for details about how you can participate.



Sundays: Chapel Worship, 9 a.m. Sanctuary Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. 11 a.m. worship livestreams at youtube.com/wilshirebaptist. Keep up with Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE Starts Sept. 11

*New this fall, Friday Night Live
is about connection, fun
and making time for what matters.*

Register by Sept. 10
wilshirebc.org/events/fnl



Marriage Connections

6:30–9 p.m. | Marriage Connections begins in James Gallery with a brief presentation with ideas and insights couples can put to work in their relationship. Then the evening is yours. Go to dinner, grab coffee, run errands — or find a quiet place to talk. Open to married, partnered and dating couples with or without kids. Children can attend free Preschool or Kids Night Out.

Kids Night Out

6:30–9 p.m. | All kindergartners through fifth graders are invited to the church for a fun evening with friends. Free.

Preschool Night Out

6:30–9 p.m. | Fun activities and play time for preschoolers from birth to pre-K. Free.

*Other Friday Night Live dates: Oct. 9,
Nov. 13, Jan. 15, Feb. 12, April 9.*

New member

Bonnie Parker

Condolences to

Family and friends on the death of **Joyce Gary**,
March 30.

Time With Tim on Sept. 27

Time With Tim is a chance for guests and new members to meet and talk with Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples. Time With Tim will be held in Timothy's office at 9:45 a.m. No RSVP is needed. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Wilshire Winds starts Sept. 12

Wilshire Winds will kick off the fall with a Saturday morning workshop on Sept. 12. The group will then rehearse on select Monday nights through Dec. 7. Wilshire Winds is open to woodwind, brass and percussion players of all ages and skill levels. Contact: Shana Gaines (sgaines@wilshirebc.org)

Preschool Playdate on Sept. 12

Preschoolers and their families are invited to a science-themed playdate on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The event will be held in the Multipurpose Room at Wilshire. Contact: Kelly Akins (kakins@wilshirebc.org)

Check your voter registration

With elections and an Oct. 5 registration deadline approaching, everyone should check their voter registration status at votetexas.gov. Texas has placed 1.2 million voters on a “suspense” list, but this does not mean their registration was suspended or removed. The list includes registered voters who election officials believe may no longer live at their registered address. Voters on this list can confirm their address by contacting their local voter registrar before Oct. 5 and completing a new voter registration form. For help, contact Associate Pastor Heather Mustain (hmustain@wilshirebc.org).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

September 9

Family Dinner

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit accepted. See prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **Sept. 9 menu:** Roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, garlic green beans, French onion soup, house salad, s'mores trifles and cookies.

Preschool Music & More

6 p.m. | Age 3–Pre-K | Preschool choir plus activities and lessons focused on God's love.

KidConnect

6 p.m. | K–Grade 5 | A rotation of activities to help kids learn how to love God and others with every part of themselves. Includes choir for kindergartners.

Watershed

6:30 p.m. | Grades 6–12 | Wilshire Student Ministry's midweek gathering in the Youth Center.

Sanctuary Choir

7 p.m. | Choral Hall | New singers are always welcome. No audition.

Childcare is offered from 6 to 7:15 p.m. for infants to 2-year-olds with parents involved in church activities.

PRAYING WITH OUR FEET

The Gospel and the March on Selma



Selma series continues

Sept. 2, 9 and 16 | “I felt like my feet were praying,” Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote after marching from Selma to Montgomery with other civil rights leaders in 1965. Our three-week study will explore the lives and work of those leaders, considering how the pursuit of justice is also a pursuit of the good news, the gospel. We'll reflect on what it means to embody our faith, seek justice and allow our lives to become a prayer in action.

Québec City

Sept. 20–25, 2027

WILSHIRE ►►
ADVENTURERS



To learn about the trip and express your interest, scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/adventurers-trip by Oct. 2. Brochures are available in the office.

SONGWRITER
VESPERS

DOLLY
PARTON



Songwriter Vespers: Sept. 27

Dolly Parton, the iconic songwriter and performer who died Aug. 25, will be the focus of the next Songwriter Vespers, set for Sunday, Sept. 27, at 4:30 p.m. in Choral Hall. Wilshire's Songwriter Vespers series blends elements of a coffeehouse performance and a worship service, with music from a full band and various singers. Songwriters featured in the past include John Prine and Townes Van Zandt. Coffee and light snacks will be served.

Adventurers AI talk is open to all

On Sunday, Oct. 4, Wilshire member Teri Walker will offer a Tech Talk on AI (artificial intelligence) over lunch in Community Hall. Teri will equip us to confidently navigate this quickly evolving phenomenon. This Adventurers-hosted event is open to anyone. Registration is not required, but it's the best way to make sure you get lunch. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/ai.

Deacon nominations sought

THE DEACON NOMINATING COMMITTEE asks Wilshire members to submit names of persons to be considered for deacon service.

Nominees should be individuals who have modeled consistent, faithful service and leadership and who have been Wilshire members at least one year. You may also nominate deacons in reserve to rotate into active service. Nominate as many individuals as you wish. New deacons will be ordained and start their three-year terms after being approved at Wilshire's Annual Church Conference in January. The Deacon Nominating Committee appreciates your prayerful consideration.

What is a deacon, anyway?

The role of deacons originates from Acts 6, where the early church appointed leaders to serve the community's growing needs, allowing the apostles to focus on prayer and teaching. These deacons were chosen for their spiritual maturity and wisdom.

In Baptist tradition, deacons are seen as servant leaders who support the congregation, care for the congregation and promote unity. At Wilshire, deacons are expected to bring their unique spiritual gifts and life experiences to serve the church faithfully.

Deacons at Wilshire are called to demonstrate commitment to Christ and the church, show spiritual maturity and leadership and live with balance, integrity and humility.

Their responsibilities include tithing, attending monthly meetings, serving communion (including to the homebound), participating in hospitality and worship care, and supporting church leadership.

Ultimately, the deacon ministry at Wilshire is rooted in service, not status, emphasizing Christ-like leadership through prayer, presence and faithfulness.

**Please submit
nominations by
Friday, Sept. 25**



Online: Scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/deacon-nominations. At the link you will find reference lists of active deacons, inactive deacons and those who have chosen honorary emeritus status.

Paper Form: Pick up a nomination form in the church office, fill it out and return it to the attention of Chelsea Hopkins.

Deadline: Friday, Sept. 25.

Note: If you have been ordained as a deacon in another church and have not served at Wilshire, please let Chelsea Hopkins know (chopkins@wilshirebc.org).

**[wilshirebc.org/
deacon-nominations](http://wilshirebc.org/deacon-nominations)**

Hunger Action Month: Making room at the table

SEPTEMBER IS Hunger Action Month — a month that invites us to look beyond the statistics and see the people behind them: children arriving at school hungry, parents choosing between groceries and rent, seniors deciding whether to buy food or medicine, and neighbors quietly carrying the weight of not knowing where their next meal will come from.

The need in Texas is significant and growing. According to the latest data from Feeding Texas, 19.4% of Texans — more than 6 million people — experience food insecurity, meaning they do not have consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. More than one in four Texas children experience food insecurity.

The picture in North Texas is equally sobering. The North Texas Food Bank's 12-county service area includes approximately 796,000 people experiencing food insecurity — about one in six of our neighbors. Nearly 291,000 children, or one in four in the service area, experience food insecurity.

For people of faith, hunger is not simply a statistic or a social problem. It is a spiritual concern. Throughout Scripture, God's vision for the world is one in which people have enough. The Israelites receive manna in the wilderness. The prophets call God's people to share bread with the hungry. Jesus feeds crowds, eats with those on the margins and tells his followers that when we feed the hungry, we are feeding him.

Everyone deserves a place at the table.

And our faith calls us to more than charity. We are called to compassion and action — to feed our neighbors while also asking why so many cannot afford to feed themselves. Hunger is connected to wages, housing costs, transportation, healthcare and access to resources. Ending hunger requires both generosity and a commitment to justice.

This September, may we remember that the table is one of our most powerful expressions of faith. We give. We serve. We advocate. We welcome. And we work together toward a community where no one is left hungry.

Because the gospel we proclaim is not simply about setting a table for ourselves. It is about making the table wide enough for everyone.



Action Item: Stock the pantry at Empowering the Masses

Join us during September as we help our mission partner Empowering the Masses stock its new pantry location in Pleasant Grove. Empowering the Masses provides for basic needs, delivers educational resources, and provides access to careers that are stable and lucrative, paving a path for sustainable success in life.



Scan the code to shop via an Amazon wishlist and have items shipped directly to Empowering the Masses. **Link:** <https://a.co/01xOWXIn>

Stand with our Muslim neighbors on 9/11 anniversary

On Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, 25 years after the tragedy of 9/11, people of all faiths and goodwill are invited to stand in solidarity with our Muslim neighbors. Through CLEAR (Clergy League for Emergency Action and Response), participants will gather outside mosques during Friday prayer to offer love and support to Muslim communities facing increasing harassment and hatred, and to reject the unfair assignment of collective guilt for an act of terrorism they had nothing to do with. Join Asso-



ciate Pastor Heather Mustain and others in this act of interfaith solidarity and witness. Sign up via the QR code or find the link on CLEAR DFW's Facebook page.

CenterPeace conference help

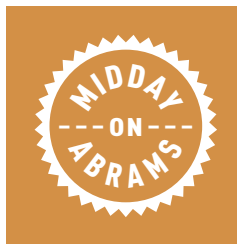
Wilshire is a sponsor of the CenterPeace conference, set for Oct. 15–17 at First United Methodist Church in Dallas, and volunteers are needed for various roles. Founded by Wilshire member Sally Gary, CenterPeace is a fully affirming, Christ-centered ministry that cultivates spiritual community for LGBTQ+ people. If you can serve during the conference, contact Heather Mustain (hmustain@wilshirebc.org).

Sign up for Sept. 20 blood drive



Carter Blood Care will hold a blood drive at Wilshire on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome; appointments are recommended. Scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive.

Next Midday on Abrams is Oct. 7



The next Midday on Abrams will be held Wednesday, Oct. 7, with Robin Sullens as guest speaker. Robin, a Wilshire member and staff chaplain with the VA, brings a wealth of

knowledge from her 20+ years of experience helping individuals and families navigate medical decisions. Midday on Abrams is a new event with lunch, fellowship and informative speakers on the first Wednesday every month. Lunch (\$10) starts at 11:30 a.m., and the program runs from noon to 12:45.

Library Adopt-a-Book is Oct. 11

At the Wilshire Library's Adopt-a-Book event on Sunday morning, Oct. 11, you can help the Library defray the cost of new books by purchasing a dedication in honor or memory of a loved one. Dedications will be printed on plaques placed inside the books, which will then be available to be checked out. Monetary donations are also welcome to help the Library build its collection. Stop by the South Atrium from 9 to 10:45 a.m. or after worship.

WOW Book Clubs

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Sept. 8 | 6:30 p.m. | 1205-G | *The King of Diamonds* by Rena Pederson. Contact: Debby Burton (debbyb0929@gmail.com)

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Thursday, Oct. 1 | Noon | 1205-L | *All the Beauty in the World* by Patrick Bringley. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Men's Book Club

Tuesday, Sept. 15 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *Fire on the Mountain* by Edward Abbey. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net)

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Your gifts are changing lives inside and outside our walls. Here are some ways to make a financial contribution to Wilshire.

ONLINE. Set up a recurring or one-time gift charged to your debit or credit card or as an ACH from your checking account. Get started at wilshirebc.org/give.

REALM CONNECT APP. Easily make gifts and see past giving on your mobile device. Available at your device's app store. Find download links at wilshirebc.org/realms.

AUTOMATIC BANK PAY. Visit your bank's website and set up Wilshire as a payee. The bank will send the church a check.

MAIL. Send to Finance Director Shaffon McCrae's attention at Wilshire.

TEXT. Text WILSHIRE and a dollar amount (ex: WILSHIRE 50) to 73256.

DONATE STOCKS. Contact Shaffon to learn how to donate appreciated stocks.

FROM YOUR IRA. For those over 70.5 years old, tax-free IRA gifts offer a financial benefit and may reduce future tax burdens.



**Scan code with your
smartphone camera
to make an electronic
contribution.**

At Wilshire, we use a one-fund approach to giving called the Unified Budget. Your gifts support the basic mission, ministry and operations of the church. Once the Unified Budget is fulfilled, gifts overflow into visionary aspects of our mission.

This Week

Sunday, Sept. 6

- Worship Service, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 7

- Building closed; staff holiday (Labor Day)

Tuesday, Sept. 8

- WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club, Parlor, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

- New Song Community Choir, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Family Dinner, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music and More, 6 p.m.
- Adult Spiritual Formation, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 10

- Stewpot Meal Service, 11:15 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 11

- Friday Friends, 3103, 3104, 3105, 10 a.m.
- Friday Night Live: Marriage Connections, James Gallery 6:30 p.m.
- Friday Night Live: Preschool Night Out, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday Night Live: Kids Night Out, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12

- Preschool Playdate, Multipurpose Room, 9:30 a.m.
- Wilshire Winds Workshop, Sanctuary, 9 a.m.