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Dr. Jeff Patterson Wesley Memorial's New Senior Pastor



We are delighted to announce that the Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson will be joining us as Wesley Memorial's new senior pastor. His first Sunday will be July 16.

Jeff, a native of Gastonia, NC, has served in Winston-Salem as the Yadkin Valley District

Superintendent for the Western North Carolina Conference for the past three years.

Previously, he was senior pastor at Main Street United Methodist in Kernersville for six years and prior to that at Aldersgate United Methodist in Shelby for eight years. He began his ministry at Montlieu Avenue UMC in High Point (1986-1990). Other appointments include Thrift UMC in Charlotte (1990-95), Archdale UMC (1995-99) and First UMC in Franklin (1999-2001).

Under Jeff's leadership, each of the congregations he has served has grown in both

attendance and stewardship.

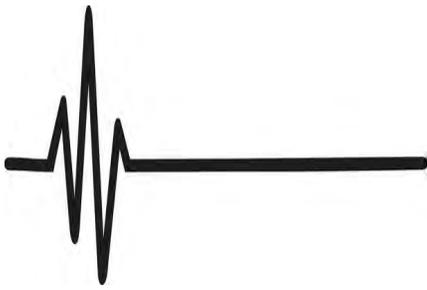
Jeff is comfortable with both traditional and contemporary worship and has experience leading both styles. He has a strong respect for Christian tradition while always listening for new ways the Holy Spirit is leading the church. He looks forward to serving a congregation that is ready to grow in spiritual vitality and community engagement, a church that wants to become more Christ-centered and help others experience new life in Christ.

Jeff, 55, is a graduate of Belmont Abbey College and earned a Master of Divinity from Duke University and a Doctor of Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. His wife, Tammy, is a registered nurse who serves as an administrator with Hospice of the Piedmont. Their son, Caleb, lives in Graham, NC, and their daughter, Elizabeth, lives in Pittsburgh, PA.

If you would like to send a note of welcome to Jeff and Tammy their address is

**1025 Falling Leaf Lane
Winston-Salem, NC 27107**

We look forward to welcoming Jeff and Tammy to Wesley Memorial!



Al and Miriam Ward

Celebrating a lifetime of service

You may express your love and appreciation to Al and Miriam Ward by making a contribution to the

**Vivian Rose Vaughn
Scholarship Endowed
Fund**

or thru a traditional
Love Offering:

Give Online

- 1) go to wesleymemorial.org
- 2) click on Give
- 3) follow instructions for either

**V. Rose Endowment
Ward Love Offering**

(If you haven't yet set a username and password, you'll need to do so)

Give By Check

- 1) payable to Wesley Memorial
- 2) write on memo line
V. Rose Endowment
or
Ward Love Offering
- 3) mail it
- 4) bring it to office, or
- 5) place in offering plate

Dear Members of Wesley Memorial,

For the past six years, Dr. Al Ward has had a profound impact on the life and ministry of Wesley Memorial. With his powerful preaching and prayerful spirit, Al has led with vision, strength and compassion. Under his leadership, we have developed a comprehensive Strategic Plan to guide us into the future.



As you know, Al has requested that the Western North Carolina Conference grant him retired status, effective July 1, after 46 years in active ministry. At Annual Conference this summer, Al's retirement will be celebrated along with many other retiring ministers.

At Wesley Memorial, we will gather to honor Al's ministry June 4 at one Celebration Service, with Al preaching, at 10:30 am. in the Sanctuary. Afterward, please join us for a picnic with a free catered lunch. In order to ensure that we have enough food, please let us know

if you plan to attend the picnic lunch by calling 336-812-4824 or go to www.wesleymemorial.org

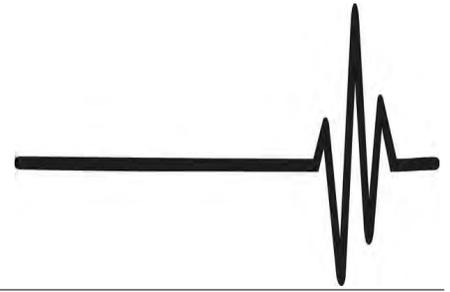
The Staff Parish Relations Team recommends that we, as a congregation, express our love and appreciation to Al and Miriam in one of two ways: through the Vivian Rose Vaughn Scholarship Endowed Fund to support students with special needs at Wesley Memorial School in honor of Al and Miriam's granddaughter or through a traditional love offering (*detail instructions to left*). We will accept your gifts through May 31 and will make the presentation to them at the picnic June 4.

With gratitude,
Karen Gooding

Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee

Susan Sumpter

Forty years of loving commitment



Dear Friends of Wesley Memorial School,

In March, Susan Sumpter, Director of Wesley Memorial School, announced to the Board of Wesley Memorial School her intention to retire on June 9, 2017, after forty years of service at Wesley Memorial School. Her exceptional career spans from 1977-2017, beginning as the kindergarten teacher, moving to the Assistant Director, and for the past 18 years, serving as the Director of Wesley Memorial School.

Susan's faithful and loving commitment to providing the best preschool and kindergarten programming to children and families is exemplary. Children who have been a part of Wesley Memorial School have received a strong educational and spiritual foundation which helps to support a child's total development. Susan leaves Wesley Memorial School with a full enrollment for the school year 2017-18 and in excellent financial standing.



On Sunday, May 7, Susan Sumpter will be honored during each of the morning worship services of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. Later in the afternoon, The Wesley Memorial School Board will join staff, children and their families, and friends to express appreciation for Susan during Wesley Memorial School's Springfest Celebration from 4-7 pm.

The Wesley Memorial School Board and the church finance committee recommend that your love and appreciation for Susan Sumpter be expressed in one of two ways: through the Susan M. Sumpter Rainbow Scholarship Endowed Fund to help support children who require tuition assistance or through a traditional love offering. Your gifts will be accepted through May 31 and will be presented to Susan on her Retirement Day, Friday, June 9, 2017.

With gratitude,

Susan Hedrick

Chair, Wesley Memorial School Board

You may express your love and appreciation to Susan Sumpter by making a contribution to the **Susan M. Sumpter Scholarship Endowed Fund**

or thru a traditional **Love Offering:**

Give Online

- 1) go to wesleymemorial.org
- 2) click on Give
- 3) follow instructions for either

Sumpter Endowment
Sumpter Love Off.

(If you haven't yet set a username and password, you'll need to do so)

Give By Check

- 1) payable to Wesley Memorial
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or
Sumpter Love Offering
- 3) mail it
- 4) bring it to office, or
- 5) place in offering plate



missions & community impact

Kenya Mission Trip



Join Kenya Partners, a ministry "birthed" at Wesley Memorial, on our 10th year of mission trips to Nakuru Kenya, June 26 – July 13, 2017. Those with medical, dental, teaching, counseling, construction, music, crafts,

computer skills -or anyone with a heart to serve- are all needed and welcome. \$1850 in-country costs, including lodging, food, transport, bottled water, and a 3-day de-briefing safari. Airfare depends on date of booking but recent quotes were approximately \$1100.

Contact Diane Hamrick
dghamrick@aol.com or 336-210-3765.

Mother's Day Offering



A wonderful way to remember or honor your mother on *Mother's Day* is with a gift to the *Mother's Day Offering*. The Mother's Day Offering is the primary funding source for the Assistance Fund at Arbor

Acres. The Assistance Fund provides financial assistance to residents at Arbor Acres whose resources do not meet their needs. Arbor Acres is our United Methodist retirement community for the Triad located in Winston-Salem.

National Day of Prayer



Join High Point citizens from diverse faith traditions for the Multi-Faith National Day of Prayer on May 4, 2017 at the High Point Public Library Amphitheater at 7 am or 7 pm.

Grants



Thus far this year, the Church Council has approved the recommendation of the Mission and Community Impact Team to award mission and ministry grants to the following partner ministries in the Triad.

\$1000 for the **YWCA's Baby Basics Closet** that provides diapers, wipes, clothes and other baby care items to more than 600 families per year.

\$4500 for **Wheels4Hope** that helps qualified applicants purchase used/rehabilitated automobiles.

\$1100 for **World Relief** to get water connected to an abandoned lot in High Point used by immigrant families for a garden.

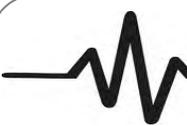
\$2500 for **Mobile Meals of High Point** delivers a nutritious meal to homebound senior adults over age 60 and unable to cook for themselves or have no one available to assist them.

\$5500 for the **Baseball Program at Macedonia Family Resource Center**. This program gives Inner-city boys and girls ages 9-12 an opportunity to participate in a baseball league.

\$5000 to **Wesley Memorial's Local Relief Fund** that enables our clergy to assist our neighbors with emergency needs (food, housing, utilities). In 2016, we distributed more than \$10,000 through the Local Relief Fund.

\$8400 to help with Wesley Memorial teams providing and serving meals at **Our Father's Table and Ward Street Mission**.

"Partner ministries" are non-profit agencies whose mission is compatible with the mission of Wesley Memorial. The funds for these grants come from the 2017 operating budget and represent 4.5% of the 2017 pledges.



DRIVERS NEEDED

Feeding Lisa's Kids

 Lisa Kiziah Hawley or 336-442-5866

deliver food boxes ♥ 1st Wednesday every month

Anne Carroll

Director of Music Ministries

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music

notes



Children's Music finished its year with 19 children singing on Palm Sunday and even more participating in the palm processional. This wonderful group of children, ages K-5th grade, will start another year next fall. Thanks to all parents who brought the children early on the selected Sundays for rehearsal and worship participation.

♪ After Easter, most music ensembles at Wesley Memorial begin their break until school starts again in the fall. The Chancel Choir is the only exception. While many of its members are gone for long periods in spring and summer, this choir rehearses throughout the year with a few exceptions in summer months. *This is why we need YOU!* Please consider joining the Chancel Choir, if only from May through August. Check with a choir member before coming to rehearsal to verify which nights the choir is taking a "vacation" from rehearsal.

During the summer, the **Chancel Choir** uses rehearsal time to prepare summer anthems but also to get a head start on fall, Advent and Christmas music. Yes, we sing Christmas music in the summer!

♪ After May 14 and May 21 the **JuBELLation** Choir and **Chancel Bells**, take their break from rehearsals. They will start again in the fall.

JuBELLation Choir is a handbell choir for mostly students and some adults. If your student rang in the **Wesley Handbell Choir** and will be in the sixth grade next fall, I hope he or she will move up to JuBELLation Choir in September. We will schedule choir around Confirmation Classes which also meet on Sunday afternoons. If you have a student who has never rung and would like to ring handbells we can accommodate him or her too. We are grateful to our **Handbell Quartet** which sometimes rehearses during the summer and provides music for worship when most choirs are taking the summer off.

♪ Watch the *HeartBeat* and bulletin wrap in the coming months for announcements of opportunities to rehearse and sing in worship with Men's Choir and Women's Choir in the fall. If you wish to be an Anthem Angel, contribute to the Wesley Singers Endowment Fund or join a choir, please contact Anne Carroll.



Debbie Foust

Director of Children's Ministries

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Vacation

Bible

School

July 17–20

9 am–12:30 pm

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Spark creativity with interactive decoration and experiences. Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School transforms your church into a place buzzing with excitement!

3 year olds

(must be 4 by August 31, 2017)

thru

fifth grade

On line registration

www.wesleymemorial.org

will begin mid-May



**Easter
Egg-stravaganza 2017**

Steven Nelson

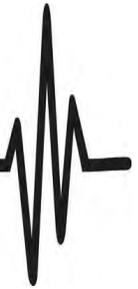
Director of Student Ministries

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student
ministries



Alpha & Omega Sunday, May 21 **(Senior Sunday at WMUMC)**

The Alpha & Omega service will be on Sunday, May 21. Our seniors will be honored during the 11:00 am traditional worship service with their caps and gowns. Immediately following the service, we will have fun, food, and pictures in the WMUMC Dining Hall.

Please join us in prayer for the class of 2017 as we look forward to celebrating them this month! If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Steven Nelson. We have enjoyed coming alongside all of our 12th graders and their friends this year. We have also enjoyed fellowship and fun over meals together each month. A BIG thank you to AB and Grace Henley for providing these meals and opening their home for our "Senior Dinners" in 2016-2017. Please also be in prayer for our "1st Annual Senior Retreat" to Wilmington/Wrightsville Beach May 18-20. We love our seniors!

Church Camp 2017

June 11-16

Valle Crucis Conference Center

This annual retreat week is open to all 6th-12th grade students and their friends. WMUMC members and friend may join us at Church Camp 2017. The cost is \$350 per student. You can register online by paying \$150 down or pay in full. All payments for camp are due by midnight on **Wednesday, May 31**. The cost includes 5 nights of cozy lodging, 6 days of fantastic programming, an awesome t-shirt, 15 delicious meals and amazing fun with your church family and friends. We can't wait for church camp!

Church Camp

Car Wash

Fundraiser



Saturday, May 6

10 am—2 pm

Bring your car, a neighbor's car, or a friend's car! It will be in the front circle at WMUMC. We hope you can swing by at some point to support our students going to Church Camp.

Thank you for your support!

Church Camp 2017

Scholarships Needed

Many of you have life-changing memories of church camp at Wesley Memorial. We don't want money to ever be the reason for a student not to go to camp. Please consider partnering with our student ministry by helping with church camp scholarships. Contact Steven Nelson to make a contribution or if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued care, support and prayers for our families and students!




Susan Sumpter
 Director of
 Wesley Memorial School
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Springfest Carnival & Auction
 SUNDAY, MAY 7
 4 -7 pm

A Grand Carnival for Children of All Ages
 Hot Dog Supper Prepared by Wesley 100 Men
 Silent Auction ♥ Bake Sale ♥ Pony Rides ♥
 BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

Everyone’s invited to come out and enjoy the variety of intergenerational festivities including carnival attractions: giant slide, climbing wall & moonwalk. Games for younger children: duck pond, bean bag toss & buried treasure. PRIZES! Fun-food concessions (cotton candy, sno-cones, popcorn) and more...

Springfest is our WMS “signature” fundraiser – providing new curriculum resources, technology, & classroom learning tools for fall.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Susan Sumpter or Susan Kelley

Here's how you can help

- ♥ Donate a new product or service for the silent auction
- ♥ Bring dessert items for the Bake Sale
- ♥ Work a game shift
 3:45-5:00, or 5:00-6:00, or 6:00-7:00 pm

End-Of-Year ALREADY?
 Wednesday, May 24 – Last day for MWF children
 Thursday, May 25 – Last day for T-Th & 5-day children
 Friday, May 26 – School’s Out! Teacher’s Workday
 Week of May 30 until complete – WMS Classrooms to be painted!

Summertime is Adventure Time
 sharing God’s love ♥ making crafts ♥ playing games

HURRY to register for remaining spaces

Summer Day (Infant-5 yrs)
 Monday, June 5 - Friday, August 4 (8 weeks)
 Daily program to support working parents and provide consistency in child’s care. 5 days/week only; parent’s choice of a 4 hr day: either 8 am-12 noon, or 9 am-1 pm. Pay only for weeks your child attends. \$80/week

Summer Enrichment (Infant-5 yrs)
 Three BIG adventure-themed weeks! Days are Tues-Weds-Thurs, 9 am-12 noon. \$75/wk for 1st child; \$60/wk for siblings.

Week 1 ♥ June 20,21,22 ♥ Sherwood Shenanigans
 Woodsy explorations inspired by the adventures of Robin Hood & Maid Marian! Nature art, box “hideout forts,” animal camouflage; a visit from live critters and ECO-classroom fun!

Week 2 ♥ July 17,18,19,20 ♥ Maker Fun Factory
 This 4-day week is only for Infants, Toddlers, 2’s. (3+ yrs eligible for VBS.) Matches VBS in theme & time schedule. (Curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they are lovingly crafted by God. Fun with go-bots & gears, roly-polys & whirly gigs!)

Week 3 ♥ August 1,2,3 ♥ Island Voyagers
 (The South Pacific comes alive at WMS with grass skirts and leis, hula dancing & congo drums, wacky waterways, clay volcanoes that spew “lava!” This theme adapted from the children’s movie *Moanna*.)

Fun In The Sun Summer Camp (5 yrs-5th Grade)
 Monday, June 5 - Friday, August 11 (9 weeks)
 Full day camp supports working parents and provides wholesome summer activities for school-agers. 5 days/week only; 7:30-6 pm. Pay only for weeks your child attends. \$155/week. Activities planned around older theme interests, such as “Land of the Lorax” (Ecology), “Ninja Warriors” (Health & Fitness), and “Star Trek: The Final Frontier” (Galaxy Explorations). Students participate in VBS; weekly trips to go swimming & to gymnastics, plus a 3rd fieldtrip related to theme.

We Remember and Honor our Loved Ones

Gifts received March 2017

In Memory of

Mary Ruth Gilbert Carroll (Mother of Jimmy Carroll):

Wesley Memorial Chancel Choir

Richard J. Crowder, Sr.: Janice Crowder, Jackie Gillespie

Teresa Farrington (Daughter of John Farrington): Everette

& Pat Grayson, Grace & A.B. Henley

George Hakim (Brother of Mariana Qubein): Mr. & Mrs.

William Blanton, Jr., Grace & A.B. Henley

Betty Lou Hinson Heath: Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bass, Mr. &

Mrs. James Beck, Grace & A.B. Henley, Susan & Billy

Koontz, Sallie Phillips, Floyd & Dixie Pugh, Royster &

Donna Tucker, Tuck, Sloan, Davis & John Austin

Doris Faircloth Henley: Charlotte Amos, Laura Amos, Gene

& Lou Bouldin, Mike & Cres Calabrese, Linda Cash,

Jennifer & David Covington, Robert & Fredericka Davis,

Beth Dickerson, Keith & Dorsay Eichhorn, Dr. & Mrs. Wil-

liam Farabow, Everette & Pat Grayson, Kenneth & Vickie

Gulledge, Leslie Huntley, Elizabeth Jones, Jones & Pea-

cock, Sarah & Claude Jones, Gayle Kearns, Tom Kearns,

Jr., Sarah Kemm, Elizabeth Dickerson Kent, Jeanette &

Tommy Langley, Elizabeth Lyles, Mary Lyon, Kay & Dusty

Maynard, Kenneth & Jane McAllister, Judith Mendenhall,

Jim & Debbie Millis, Bill Millis & Kathy Moffit, Emily Hiatt,

Molly & Ronnie Young, Stuart & Lee Nunn, William Jordan

& Ann Reece, Mike & Susan Samuel, Bootsy Tucker,

Tom & Britt Tyson, Chuck & Bert Wood, Richard Wood

Betty Ann Rankin Hubbard: Charlotte Amos

Betsy Anderson Johnson: Charlotte Amos, Shirley Conrad,

Jennifer & David Covington, Keith & Dorsay Eichhorn, Dr.

& Mrs. William Farabow, Grace & A.B. Henley, Mr. & Mrs.

Clarence Hustrulid, Jr., The Midweek Study Club, Gaston

Penry, Sallie Phillips, Mike & Susan Samuel, Bootsy

Tucker

Dixie Gray Wilson Klemme: Everette & Pat Grayson, James

& Phyllis Morgan

Wanna Huggins McAnally: Robert & Fredericka Davis, Dr.

& Mrs. William Farabow, Jackie Gillespie, Everette & Pat

Grayson, Kenneth & Vickie Gulledge, Judith Mendenhall,

Floyd & Dixie Pugh, Richard Wood

William Sanders, Sr. (Father of George Sanders): Grace &

A.B. Henley

Mary Louise Stone: Charlotte Amos, Everette & Pat Gray-

son, Mid-Week Garden Club, Honey & Mike Moore

Margery Sue Weaver (Mother of John Weaver): Grace &

A.B. Henley, Mike & Susan Samuel

In Honor of

Brenda Bradner: Grace & A.B. Henley

Dorsay Eichhorn: Grace & A.B. Henley

Suzie Farabow: Grace & A.B. Henley

Bonnie Horney: Grace & A.B. Henley

Katharine Hoskins: Dorsay & Keith Eichhorn

Liz Jones: Grace & A.B. Henley

Keagan & Sadie Melino: Barry & Judi Osborne

Dr. & Mrs. Bose Ravenel: Bob & Judy Marsh

Julie Sanders: Grace & A.B. Henley

Dr. Mary Sansing: Grace Henley

Dr. Al Ward: Grace & A.B. Henley

Carol Young: Grace & A.B. Henley

our church

family

In Memoriam

Horace Steadman ♥ March 31

Dr. Robert (Bob) Ralls ♥ April 9

Robert (Hayes) Baber ♥ April 10

Margaret Anne (Peggy) Donald Amos ♥ April 21

Frances Davis Cushwa ♥ April 27

With Sympathy

Sandra Steadman and family in the death of her husband,
Horace Dean Steadman, Jr. ♥ 3/31

Helen Starnes and Byron Starnes and family in the death
of her brother and his uncle, Bruce Earnest Weavil ♥ 4/7

The family Dr. Robert Johnson Ralls in his death ♥ 4/9

Kathy Baber and TJ Baber and family in the death of her
husband and his father, Robert Hayes Baber ♥ 4/10

**Mary Sansing Hurrelbrink, Katie, David Marshal & Julia
Hurrelbrink and family** in the death of her mother and
their grandmother, Dorothy McCune Sansing ♥ 4/19

**David Coltrain, Chadd Coltrain & Landi Bregman and
family** in the death of his father and their grandfather,
Spencer Eldred Coltrain ♥ 4/19

Charlotte Amos and Lin Amos and families in the death of
their mother; Margaret Anne (Peggy) Donald Amos ♥ 4/21

**Michael Cushwa, Kaaren Haworth, Hunter Cushwa, and
Kathryn Cushwa** in the death of Frances Cushwa ♥ 4/27

Baptisms & Weddings

We rejoice in the baptism of **Olivia Martha Amos**,
daughter Robert Thomas Amos, IV and Allison Williams
White Amos as we welcomed her into the family of Christ
on April 9

We rejoice in the baptism of **Matthew Wayne Burgess, Jr.**,
son of Matthew Wayne Burgess and Britney Thomas
Burgess as welcomed him into the family of Christ on
April 23.

Congratulations to **Megan Mackenzie Fary** and **Kevin
Robert Wilkinson** who were married at Wesley Memorial
on April 29.



Rev. Erin Beall

Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation & Contemporary Worship
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Summer

Book

Announcement

The wait is over! We are finally announcing our summer book: **Good Goats** by Dennis, Matthew, and Sheila Linn. This fantastic little book tackles the tougher topics of our faith gently and intimately. Focusing on “Healing Our Image of God,” the authors invite readers to consider concepts like judgment, damnation, and hell are truly compatible with the merciful Jesus we encounter in the Bible. Mature students are also invited to read along. Books will be available from the Front Desk beginning June 1. Keep your eyes peeled for dates when we’ll meet to discuss what we’ve read throughout the summer.

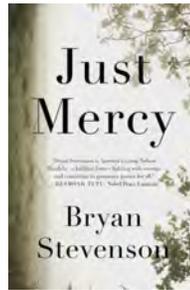
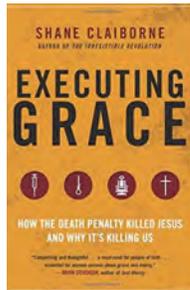
Executing Grace:

A Christian Examination of the Death Penalty

Sundays in May

6 -7:30 pm

Since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976, there have been 1,448 executions in the United States. 43 were in North Carolina, and our state presently has 155 men and women on death row. What is the proper Christian response? What is the position of our denomination, and what are we supposed to do? This course will utilize numerous resources, from books like *Executing Grace* by Shane Claiborne and *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, to movies like *Dead Man Walking* starring Susan Sarandon, to art and music from real NC death row inmates. The class will meet Sundays in May from 6–7:30 pm. The **cost for all sessions is \$25 per person** (dinner included). Childcare is available by request. We ask that you register by going to our website www.wesleymemorial.org or calling the Front Desk at (336) 884-2204.



Confirmation 2017

Sarah Katherine Barbour, Olivia Rutledge Beaver, Duncan Sion Bell, Gloria Elizabeth Culler, Lulu Grace Culler, Anna Sloan Culp, Davis Young DeLille, Kathryn Crew Dyson, Henry Tate Erikson, Rachel Caroline Eskew, William Carroll Heard IV, Harry Slade Howell IV, Elizabeth Elder Kearns, John Phillip Kennett III, Andrew Hogan Lytle, George Alexander Marsh, Charles Matthew Miller, Emma Carlisle Niebauer, Lucas Moore Shaw, Sophia Anne Singer, Joseph Pennell Smith, William Sidney Smith, Warner Grace Vaughan, Lily Mae Wilson

Rev. Jared Stine

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

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congregational

care



Community Clinic

Serving Opportunity



Healthcare is vital for every person at some point in our lives. Wouldn't it be great if we could support healthcare programs for those in need right here in High Point? We can! The Congregational Care team is seeking individuals and groups to help provide a dinner once a month for employees and volunteers at the Community Clinic on Main St. Each Thursday, staff and volunteers stay late into the evening to serve patients. We need folks who would be willing to bring a healthy meal for fifteen people on the fourth Thursday of each month. June 22, July 27, and August 24 are available. Contact Jared Stine or Nancy McKenzie, Congregational Care chair, to serve or learn more. This makes a great service project for families, too!

Join us for

Opening Day at Macedonia Center Baseball Program

Saturday, May 6

9 am



Join us as we help kick-off the Summer Youth Baseball League at Macedonia Family

Resource Center. We'll be cheering on players, handing out free popcorn, and encouraging families in the Macedonia neighborhood. Macedonia's baseball program helps hundreds of young people build self-esteem, excel in sportsmanship, and thrive in the community.

As part of Wesley Memorials' strategic plan, we are trying to build our relationship with Macedonia's young people, and we invite you to join us. You can even watch Jared throw out the first pitch! Contact Jared Stine for more information. Stay tuned for details about summer nights when we'll gather at specific ball games together.

Macedonia Baseball Park is located at the corner of S. Centennial and Wise Ave.

Stephen Ministry

Need to talk but don't know where to turn?



Our Stephen Ministry offers one-to-one confidential emotional and spiritual support to persons in need of a listening ear. Stephen Ministers are non-clergy persons trained to provide confidential and thoughtful care without judgement. If you are grieving a loss, struggling with divorce, or any other life transition, contact Stephen Minister Mike Flack at 336-812-3559 or speak to a pastor.



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered over 1600 shawls, blankets, sweaters and other items.

You are invited to join this wonderful group on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room.

Contact **Lee Huff** at 336-884-9165, **Karen Sumner** at 336-883-8721 or **Linda Dale** at 336-884-5121.



♥ UMW Board will meet Monday, May 8, 10:30 am in the Small Dining Room

♥ Thank you to the ladies of FAITH Circle for organizing the Red Cross Blood Drive held on Sunday, March 26. 34 life-

saving points of blood were collected.

♥ Kudos to The Angel Tree Circle for inviting the Angel Tree children to the Eggstravaganza and providing candy. They have also donated snacks for the two patient family waiting rooms at the hospital.

♥ UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska, June 16 -17. Featured speaker is The Rev. Ashley Thomas, Stokesdale UMC, "S.M.I.L.E. - See Miracles in Life Everyday" is the theme. Complete info at www.wnccumw.org. Contact Lucille Duncan if you want to go.

♥ Mission u at Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, NC. July 14 or 15. www.wnccumw.org for details. A carpool will be going from our church for the day.

Circle Meetings in May

♥ Angel Tree - Wed, May 3, 5:30 pm in the Small Dining Room, meeting and dinner together at Wednesday Night Dinner.

♥ FAITH Circle - Sunday, May 21, 3:30 pm at the home of Kandace Perryman, 4215 Lauren Place, 27265.

♥ Circle #6 - Monday, May 8, out to eat dinner, details TBA

♥ Circle #8 - Sunday, May 7, helping with The Wesley School Springfest, 4-7 pm.

♥ Circle #9 - Tuesday, May 16, 10:30 am in the Small Dining Room

♥ Circle #11 - Monday, May 15, 11:30 am in the Small Dining Room

♥ Friendship Circle will not meet.

Bible Study Lunch (ends May 10)



Weekly Bible study, led by Dr. Al Ward, begins at 12 noon in the Dining Hall. Meal includes: **soup, sandwich, dessert, tea or water.** Bring your own lunch or make a reservation by Monday at 4:30 pm for the \$5 catered lunch.

Wednesday Dinners

Thank You to the members of Wesley 100 who have prepared and served Wednesday dinners months and to the Martha's & Stephen's Guild who set tables, served drinks and dessert and cleaned-up after the dinners for the last 4 months . We appreciate the food and time for fellowship provided by our fellow church members. We will miss you this summer but look forward to great food and fun in the fall.

May Menus: **May 3** Chicken, Rice & Broccoli Casserole, Apple Sauce, Bread, and Dessert. Children's menu is same as adult menu. **May 10** Chef's Choice

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