

The HeartBeat

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EARN. SAVE. GIVE. Wesley's Simple Rules for Money



"One year during the Super Bowl broadcast, a soft drink company aired a commercial pretending to show the origins of halftime. Two old-time football teams wearily lined up for the next play, wearing very little padding beyond their leather helmets, when a bevy of twenties-flappers drove up in a roadster. Holding up bottles of soft drink, the flappers asked the players to take a break. Soon everyone was guzzling a soft drink, snapping selfies with a box camera, and generally having a fine time.

In the minds of many Christians, the offering is not worship; it's a break in the action. Only when halftime is over does worship resume. And why shouldn't they get that impression, when the offering consists of a perfunctory reading, a lifeless prayer, a tepid instrumental, and the singing of a well-worn stanza? But in the Hebrew Scriptures, worship is centered in the offering. It's not a sideshow; it's *the* show. And in the New Testament, one of the high points of Holy Week is when a widow makes an offering in which she, like Jesus on the cross, gives all that she has.

Money is not a dirty word. John Wesley, Christian theologian, evangelist and founder of Methodism, certainly didn't think so. In his sermon, 'The Use of Money,' Wesley preached that it is the 'love of money,' not the money itself, that lies at 'the root of all evil.'

Earn. Save. Give. Wesley's Simple Rules for Money, by author and pastor James A. Harnish, is the theme for our 2016 stewardship program that includes videos, small group study sessions, lessons for children, sermons, worship resources and daily devotions. The program will show how, in the words of Wesley, to earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can. The offering is not halftime; it's at the very center of worship. We might even say it's the high point of Sabbath, when we cease to be spectators and commit to participating in the ongoing ministry of Jesus.¹



James A. Harnish

Join us for worship on Sundays October 25 thru November 15 when our services and sermons are designed around themes of *Earn. Save. Give. Wesley's Simple Rules for Money*. In addition, some of the adult Sunday school classes along with Children's ministries will be exploring these topics in depth. Then on Consecration Sunday, November 22 join us as we welcome the Reverend Dr. James A. Harnish as our guest preacher. He is an acclaimed pastor and teacher who served Hyde Park UMC in Tampa, Florida for twenty-two years. Reverend Harnish will preach at BOTH worship services (9:00 Contemporary worship and 11:00 Traditional worship) when we will formally receive and bless our 2016 pledge commitments. In between the two services, you are invited to share in a Fellowship Brunch and Mission activity (*see details on page 7*) as Wesley Memorial joyfully engages in the ongoing ministry of Jesus.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY, November 22
Contemporary Worship Celebration 9:00 am
Fellowship Brunch & Mission Activity 9:30-11:30 am
Traditional Worship Celebration 11:00 am

Childcare available (ages infant-4) from 8:45 am until 12:15 pm

¹ Harnish, James A., *Earn. Save. Give. Wesley's Simple Rules for Money*, Abingdon Press, 2015.

Kids Care Gift Bags for Children in High Point

We would like to collect supplies to fill 40 Christmas bags for boys and girls that are currently without permanent housing. There are specific items that are requested to be in all the bags and a list of extras. Please go to Sign-Up Genius using this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aafa92ca7fa7-kids1> to sign up for the item(s) you will bring. Please bring items to the church and place in labeled bins on the Elementary Hall by November 13.



Hanging of the Greens Sunday, December 6 4:30 pm Activities & 6 pm Dinner

Christmas Trees will be decorated and halls will be decked for the season!

We will have activities for children Preschool through 5th grade that will begin at 4:30 pm in Preschool and Elementary Sunday School classrooms. Infant care will be available in the Crib Room.

Children will have fun decorating their tree in the Dining Hall, as well as making the next pieces for their Nativity set. After the children hang ornaments on the tree, they will have a chance to visit with Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus as they stop by on their way to Bethlehem. Everyone can enjoy dinner together at 6 pm in the Dining Hall. Following dinner we will have a "Carol Sing" and light the decorated Children's Tree! Advance reservations are needed for the Soup and Sandwich dinner. **Please make reservations by Tuesday, December 1 by contacting Debbie Foust at dfoust@wesleymemorial.org.**

Volunteers are needed to assist with the activities in each of the children's classrooms. Please sign up to help with these outside each Sunday School classroom.

Looking Ahead in Advent:

Children's Nativity programs:

December 13 at 11 am Traditional Service

December 20 at 8:30 am Contemporary Service

During the 11 am traditional worship service, children ages 4 years through 5th grade will dramatize the story of the birth of Jesus. This is a service that

has been enjoyed by many generations here at Wesley Memorial.

We will ask for signups for all the parts mid-November. The list of ages and parts are below:

- Ages 4 & 5-Boys & Girls-Sheep
- Grades 1 & 2-Girls-Angels
- Grades 1 & 2- Boys-Shepherds, Donkey, Cow
- Grades 3, 4 & 5-Girls-Shepherds, Angels, Magi
- Grades 3, 4 & 5-Boys-Shepherds, Magi
- Grades 4 & 5-Boys & Girls-Readers
- Grade 5 Girls-Mary, Gabriel
- Grade 5 Boys-Joseph

Please contact Debbie Foust at dfoust@wesleymemorial.org to sign up for a role for your child. **Practice will be Saturday, December 12 at 10 am in the Sanctuary.**

During the 8:45 contemporary worship service, all children can participate in the impromptu retelling of Jesus' birth. Parts will be: Mary, Joseph (4th or 5th grader), Gabriel, angels, shepherds, sheep, donkey, cow, Magi. Other than Mary and Joseph, you do not have to be a specific age to play a part. This is a wonderful way to include our long time members, as well as those who may be visiting as we experience this beautiful story once again.

"The Greenhouse", growing to be like Jesus Earn, Save, Give

Children in kindergarten through fifth grades are studying (along with many of their parents) John Wesley's unique and surprising approach to money, expressed in three simple but powerful rules: earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can. For four weeks children and their leaders are going through a fun and useful introduction to money and its role in Christian life.

"Sprouts"

In November our three and four year old Sunday school class are learning the stories of two brothers, Jacob and Esau.



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the Underground

Wesley Memorial Student Ministries

SPLIT MYF This Month!

On November 8, we are splitting our MYFs! There will be separate events for both middle and high school. The middle school will be going to Laser Tag in Archdale, and the high school will be going to Spare Time in Greensboro. Each student will need to bring \$20, and any additional money they want for arcade games. Please arrive at the church between 6-6:30, as our goal is to be at our respective places from 7-9 pm. We will arrive back around 9:30 pm.

Fall Workshop Final Deadline is November 6

The Early Bird deadline may have flown the nest, but it's not too late to sign up for Fall Workshop! Our final sign-up deadline is November 6, and the cost is \$250. To sign up, please go to wmumcstudents.org. If you'd like more information, please contact Jay at 812-4812 or jbutler@wesleymemorial.org.

New Series in November: Out of This World



Have you ever been part of two very different groups? Maybe you go to a different school or you're in different classes than the people in your neighborhood. So you're a part of both groups. Or maybe you play on a different sports team than all of your friends. So after practice you hang out with the team but on the weekends, you hang out with completely different people. When that happens, we feel like we're from one world and living in another. We're torn. And if we're honest, sometimes going to church or being a Christian can make us feel that way too. We go to church and what we hear makes sense. We see people living out their faith and it looks perfectly normal, maybe even fun. But what looks good on Sunday doesn't always feel comfort-

able on Monday. Back in the everyday world, living as followers of Jesus can make us feel like we're from another planet. But does it have to be that way? And what does it look like to live for God in a culture that doesn't necessarily think the same way? Believe it or not, these aren't 21st century questions. Long ago, the Apostle Paul wrote a letter to the church at Philippi as they figured out how to navigate their faith and culture at the same time. As we spend the next few weeks talking about what he said, we may find that Paul's advice to the Philippians is just as relevant for us as we learn to manage the tension and live in a way that is out of this world.

Thanks for assistance with the Pumpkin Patch!



Here are pictures from our Pumpkin Patch truck unloading. We had a very successful month, and raised a lot of money to help our students with retreat and event scholarships. I personally want to thank every person who helped sell pumpkins for this year. Our students are better off because of your help!

Stewardship Drive

Also, as part of the whole church's mission to serve meals to families in need this Thanksgiving, the Student Ministries is collecting regular boxes of Stove Top stuffing, and large cans of green beans. These two things will be part of a larger package that we deliver to underprivileged families of Fairview Elementary. We will be collecting all this month!



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Spotlight On: Covenant Sunday School Class

Did you know that the Methodist Church invented Sunday School back in the 1800s? It's true! Be a part of a tradition that we're keeping alive and well here at Wesley Memorial. One option for Adults 50+ is the Covenant class, which meets in D202 (on the hallway that runs between the Chapel and the Media Center in the Adult Education Area). Each week, class members volunteer to lead discussion on series like *The Bible Jesus Read* by Philip Yancey and studies of books of the Bible. Most recently, the class has studied *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by Nabeel Qureshi and *Earn, Save, Give*, a book on godly money management by Jim Harnish. Join the Covenant class next Sunday at 9:45 for fellowship, learning, and growth!

Live Alive/Senior Adult Council

Much has been happening behind the scenes in our Senior Adult Council meetings (formerly known as the Older Adult Council)! Our team has been hard at work coming up with new and engaging ways for Older Adults to learn, fellowship, and be involved here at Wesley Memorial.



One of our most exciting programs for Senior Adults is Live Alive!, a monthly event with lots of fun elements: bingo, book club, delicious lunch, and an engaging speaker. In November, speaker Debbie Lumpkins will be with us to discuss the exciting new initiatives of the High Point Arts Council, including the acquisition of the old train depot! December, January and beyond will include programs such as...a musical performance of the songs of Christmas in December, and presentations on New Year's predictions, genealogies, container gardening for those with small spaces, and fair trade food and goods. Registration is required for those who would like to enjoy lunch with us, but if you miss the deadline, remember that you are always welcome to bring a bag lunch!

Another program the Senior Adult Council has planned is a series of Computer Seminars. We would love to hear from you: What troubles do you have with your computer? What would you like to learn more about (Facebook? Email? Internet radio?)... Let us know! More information to come as we get these seminars planned.

Advent Devotional

It's that time of year again! The annual Wesley Memorial Advent Devotional will be out soon! In an effort to cut down on our environmental footprint, and to make the book more accessible to you, our oh-so-busy members, we are only printing a small number of books. The predominant method of receiving the devotionals, like last year, will be via email. Simply sign up on our website at www.wesleymemorial.org/advent2015 and add your email address and you'll receive the day's devotion right to your inbox! That way, wherever you are—in the carpool line, at the grocery store, or relaxing by the fire, you can pull up the daily devotional and have moment with God, this amazing God whom we wait for during Advent! Sign up today!

(A limited run of paper devotional books will be available for members without access to email. If you are able, please consider choosing the email option, as we strive to reduce our environmental footprint!)

New January Study

The New Year brings with it renewed enthusiasm, resolutions and have big plans! Make joining a Bible study one of those plans! Join Rev. Erin Beall as she leads a discussion-based study on a new book, *Rising Strong* by Brené Brown. Brené Brown is a magnificent teacher, speaker, and writer, whom you may have heard on NPR or seen on ted.com. *Rising Strong* is her second book, following her first, number-one bestseller *Daring Greatly*. Brené specializes in studying shame and fear, and how they can be overcome so that we can be our best selves. Books will be \$20 from the church, or you can order your own on your Kindle. Classes will be Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:45 in the Circle View Room, from January 13-February 24.



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Fall is a busy time for Music Ministries. Chancel Choir, Women's Choir, Children's Music, Youth Handbells, Chancel Bells and the Wesley Handbell Choir are all busy preparing special music to enhance worship.

On All Saints Sunday, November 1, the **Chancel Choir** will sing two special anthems. "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" by Brahms is a favorite anthem for many at Wesley Memorial. **"Jubilate Deo in B-flat" is a newly purchased anthem which takes its text from Psalm 100. It was purchased by Anthem Angel Bill Anderson in memory of his wife, Patricia Anderson. "Jubilate Deo in B-Flat" will also be sung at the 8:30 chapel service by five of our Choral Scholars.** Our choral scholars sing at every chapel service September through April. On November 8, the **Chancel Choir** will hold its second Feast and Fellowship night at a local restaurant. Choir members and choral scholars meet for a time of food, fun and fellowship.

Looking ahead to December, the **Chancel Choir** will present "On Christmas Night," with harp, organ, flute, oboe and percussion on December 6 at 11 am, in honor of Wanna McAnally and Howard Coble. "On Christmas Night" is a collection of 8 carols that follow the Christmas story from the fall of Adam to the birth of Jesus. There will be a reception in the Asbury Room after worship so that we may all greet Wanna and Howard and thank them for their tremendous contribution to the music ministries of Wesley Memorial.

On November 8, **Women's Choir** will sing a beautiful arrangement of "Softly and Tenderly" for 8:30 and 11 am worship and the **Wesley Handbell Choir** will ring at 11. This handbell choir is for children in grades 3-5 and meets on Wednesday afternoons 4:15-5:00.

Children's Music will begin another rehearsal session on November 8 in order to prepare a Christmas anthem. Children's Music is for children K-5 and meets before Sunday School at 9:30 in the Children's Gathering Space. They will rehearse November 8, 15, 22 and December 13 to sing for worship on December 13 at 11 am. Thanks to all the parents who brought their children to early music in October. We had 16 children sing the introit and they did a beautiful job.

Youth Handbells will resume their rehearsal schedule at 4:30 on November 15. We have a wonderful group of young ringers who are using their talents in worship. They will rehearse November 15, 22, December 6, 13 and 20 to ring for the 11 pm Christmas Eve service.

Chancel Bells, the adult handbell choir, will attend the Raleigh Ringers Fall Festival in Raleigh on November 7. This choir has been preparing the music since last spring in order to ring with 400 plus ringers at this annual festival.

Anthem Angels purchase music for the various choirs at Wesley Memorial from a list prepared by the Director of Music Ministries. You may purchase an anthem in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Each time "your" music is used in worship, a note in honor or memory of your loved one will appear in the worship bulletin. If you would like to be an Anthem Angel or need more information about any of the above choirs, please contact Anne Carroll.



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**Children's
 Music
 Choir on
 October 11**



**Wesley
 Handbell Choir
 on
 October 11**



**Youth
 Handbell Choir
 on
 October 18**

Christmas Trees

The Wesley 100/UMM are selling fresh cut Christmas Trees from the NC mountains. Orders will be taken by the Wesley 100 during the Carolina Christmas Bazaar, at the Wednesday evening dinners, and Sunday mornings beginning November 1. Orders forms are also available at the Front Desk. The trees will be available for pick up on Saturday, December 5.

GTTOW Market

The Gifts That Transform Our World (GTTOW) alternative gift market will be back again this year. The market will be open on Sunday mornings and Wednesday midday from December 2-December 16. A catalog of gift options will be available at the end of November. This is a wonderful way to support a great cause while honoring friends or loved-ones.

Angel Trees

Brighten a child's Christmas by taking an "angel" from one of the Angel Trees at Wesley Memorial. Each angel represents a child identified by our ministry partners at Henderson Settlement and the High Point Jail Ministry. The Angel Trees will be up beginning November 22 and all gifts should be delivered back to the Angel Trees no later than Sunday, December 13. The Angel Trees will be located in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby, and Adult Education building.

Community Garden

The fall community garden has already produced 160 pounds of collards and 24 pounds of broccoli. We are still harvesting these crops along with beets and turnips. All the produce is being donated to Open Door Ministries for use at Our Father's Table.

Mission Grants Awarded

The Mission and Community Impact Team have given a ministry grant to Wheels4 Hope. This non-profit organization helps low-income families and individuals referred by agencies like Open Door by providing them reliable, affordable vehicles (the recipient pays \$500 plus title and transfer fees).

The Team has also made a ministry grant to Leslie's House at West End Ministries to purchase 22 bed frames and mattresses. Leslie's House provides housing for homeless women without dependents.

Meals Delivered

Wesley Memorial has received word that the 20,000 meals we packed on August 30 have been delivered to ORPHANetwork in Nicaragua.

ORPHANetwork serves abandoned, abused, and at-risk children in Nicaragua through local churches, school systems, and orphanages. ORPHANetwork supports 155 feeding programs throughout Nicaragua. Through these programs, nearly 18,000 children are nourished each weekday. The communities served are some of the poorest in Nicaragua...By guaranteeing one nutritious meal to these children each weekday, the probability they can continue living with their families increases significantly. Wesley Memorial is transforming the world by serving as the hands and voice of Christ.



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**American
Red Cross**

The FAITH Circle would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who donated blood & time during the blood drive on October 4th. We gave 47 pints of blood saving 141 lives! Thank you!



Special needs:

- Protein items

Collection bins are in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Administrative Building Lobby.

Community Worship

Wesley Memorial is joining with several other churches in High Point to sponsor a Community Worship Service. The first of these services will be held on Sunday, November 15, at 6 pm at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The Reverend Kinston Jones, Pastor of St. Stephen's Metropolitan AME Zion Church (High Point) will be the preacher.

Charge Conference

The annual Charge Conference for Wesley Memorial will be held on Tuesday, November 17 at 5:30 pm in the Circle View Room (3rd floor of the Administration Building). All members of the Church Council along with retired clergy holding their Charge Conference membership at Wesley Memorial are voting members of the Charge Conference; however, the meeting is open to all members of Wesley Memorial.

Missional Network Gathering

The High Point Missional Network Gathering will be held at Wesley Memorial on Sunday, November 29. Leaders from 13 United Methodist Churches in the city of High Point and 13 United Methodist Churches in northern Randolph County will gather to celebrate our cooperative missional activities. Our District Superintendent, Reverend Dr. Nancy Burgin Rankin, will be the preacher for the Gathering service.

MISSION ACTIVITY: Consecration Sunday

Part of our Consecration Sunday celebration will include a MISSION ACTIVITY. Like last year, we will be packing food bags that (along with a turkey) will be distributed to families at Fairview Elementary, our partner school. We are collecting the following items:



Student Ministries

- Green Beans-large cans
- Stove Top Stuffing

Children's Ministries

- Chicken/Turkey Broth

Adult SS Classes/Unity Groups

- Candied Yams-large cans
- Corn Bread Mix (add water)

Wesley Memorial School

- Instant Potatoes
- Cranberry Sauce-cans

Please purchase and drop off these items in the designated bins throughout the building by Sunday, November 15 (the week before Consecration Sunday). Thank you!

Welcome NEW Facilities Coordinators

It is with great joy that we welcome Jay Bennett and Chris Massey to our staff! In September, Phil Dixon accepted a new position with another company. Jay and Chris began working for Wesley Memorial in October.



Jay, his wife, and their daughter live in High Point and are members of Jamestown United Methodist Church. Jay worked as a Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic in Florida from 2006 until 2014. Since relocating to High Point, Jay has been furthering his education in Emergency Preparedness. Jay brings with him excellent time management skills, strong customer service abilities, and attention to detail.



Chris also works as a Physical Trainer. He is highly motivated and brings an "ability to adjust to any situation in order to accomplish the task at hand to achieve both individual and team goals." In addition he is flexible and able to perform well under pressure.

Jay and Chris will be working changing schedules including nights, weekends and some holidays. Please, when you see them around the building, introduce yourself and welcome them to Wesley Memorial.



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wesley memorial school

NURSERY • PRESCHOOL • KINDERGARTEN

November finds WMS Children in Mission!

Boys and girls are participating in outreach opportunities through

- DONATIONS OF CANNED & DRY FOOD ITEMS to fill the pantry at Open Door Ministry for High Pointers in need. Children will help load the church cargo van on Monday, November 23 for delivery.
- DONATIONS FOR THANKSGIVING MEALS-Pre-K 4's and K5's are collaborating with our church project to "Fill the Bags" for 50 community families. 4's will donate boxed mashed potatoes and 5's the cranberry sauce.
- KIDS KARE BAGS-each class is collecting items to pack 2 Christmas gift bags: one for a boy and one for a girl. Bags will be distributed in High Point to children identified as homeless or marginally housed.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS OPEN HOUSE!

for PARENTS OF CURRENT PRE-K FOURS whose children will enter Kindergarten next fall
Friday, November 20; 9:15-10:30 am
Children's Gathering Room

Can you believe it is less than a year away? Kindergarten Fives...what an important year! With your child now in Pre-K, you have probably wondered what "Kindergarten Readiness" really means. We invite parents to walk through our WMS Kindergarten Fives classrooms on November 20. During your guided group tour with Susan Sumpter, you will talk with teachers (Audrey Miller & Dawn Miller), see displays of class projects, and even peek over shoulders of students at work!

Who is our Kindergarten for?

Boys & girls age 5 years by August 31 are eligible. Teachers follow the sequential curriculum of the Common Core State Standards for Kindergarten. Children are actively engaged in exciting multi-sensory integrated studies that prepare them for First Grade placement the following year. However, for children with "younger 5's" birthdates, some families may choose to use this important year as "Transitional Kindergarten" or "TK." This allows for a follow-

up Kindergarten experience, if needed, for child's best maturation. Our K5's program allows this possibility in an environment of student success. Parents can place confidence in our faithful commitment that EVERY Kindergarten student at WMS will be fully prepared for his/her next educational track based on individual growth and progress.

WM School Special Dates:

- Pre-K 4's Thanksgiving Feast and Family Songfest – Monday, November 23, 11 am, Dining Hall
- Kgt 5's Thanksgiving Family Program-Tuesday, November 24, 9:30 am, Sanctuary
- CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday – Nov 25-27 (Weds-Fri)
- Family Event! Lunch with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus! Friday, December 11, 12 noon-1:30 pm Dining Hall (bring own sandwich)
- Kgt 5's Christmas Pageant -Friday, Dec 18, 11 am, Sanctuary

Autumnfest



With grateful appreciation to the United Methodist Women of Circle #8 for their gift of a beautiful rocking chair and ottoman for the Infant Crib Room. The chair has been given in loving memory of Susan Gurley. It provides a nurturing place to cuddle and share God's love with our youngest ones on Sundays and throughout the week. In the history of Wesley Memorial School, Susan Gurley was responsible for leading the initiative to have infant care added to our weekday programs.



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United Methodist Women

The **UMW Board** will meet Monday, November 2, 10:30 am in the Small Dining Room.

Thank you to the ladies of **The Faith Circle** for sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, October 4. Well done!

UMW Bazaar - Saturday, November 21, 8 am - 3 pm. Serving breakfast and lunch, Bake sale, 75 vendors, Silent Auction, and General Store. **FREE ADMISSION AND FREE PARKING.** Proceeds will support UMW projects locally and worldwide. Volunteers and donations needed. We look forward to seeing you!

Are you cleaning out closets or the attic? The UMW would love to have your gently used collectibles, household items, purses, toys, books, sports equipment and furniture for the Silent Auction and General Store portions of the bazaar. **NO clothing, please.** You may call the church office and someone will help you unload your car, storage space is available.

You may also bring items to the Dining Hall on Thursday and Friday, November 19 and 20 while we are setting up. Thank you!

The Angel Trees will be set up on Sunday, November 22, in the Narthex, the Adult Education area and the Fellowship Hall Foyer. Each angel represents a child at Henderson Settlement or a child in the Prison Tree Ministry. Gifts are due back at the church on Sunday, December 13.

UMW Meetings for November:

Angel Tree Circle-Monday, November 2, 7 pm, at the home of Betty Royal, 1235 Wales Court, working on the Angel Tree.

The Faith Circle-Circle Retreat, November 6-8.

Friendship Circle-Monday, November 9, 11:30 am, in the Small Dining Room.

Circle #6-Monday, November 9, 7 pm at the home of Glenda Miller, 1416 Coventry Road.

Circle #8-Monday, November 9, 11:00 in the church kitchen, making casseroles for the bazaar bake sale.

Circle #9-Tuesday, November 17, 10:30 am in the Dining Hall

Circle #11-Monday, November 16, 11:30 am in the Small Dining Hall



The deadline for article submission for the December issue of the HeartBeat will be November 12. To submit information for the HeartBeat contact: Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org or 812-4806.

Stephen Ministry



This ministry was named for Stephen who was one of the first lay people commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry. (Acts 6)

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 judgment. If you are grieving a loss, struggling with divorce, or any other life transition, contact Stephen Minister Mike Flack at 812-3559 or speak to a pastor.

All Contacts are Confidential!

Wesley Memorial Celebrates...



Welcome, New Member!

Please extend a warm Wesley Memorial welcome to our new members who joined the church recently!

John and Sue Corbett, (top left) and Austin and Tara Elliott with daughter Evans, (not pictured daughter, Palmer) joined October 18 at 11 am.



Advent and Christmas are just around the corner. Here are the dates and times you'll want to save...

- November 29** 1st Sunday of Advent
Blessing of Advent Wreath (all services)
- December 4** Tree Lighting on the Circle; 6:30-7 pm
- December 6** 2nd Sunday of Advent
Blessing of the Greens (all services)
Chancel Choir "On Christmas Night" at 11 am
Hanging of the Greens; 4:30-6:30 pm
- December 13** Third Sunday of Advent
White Christmas (all services)
Angel Tree gifts are due
Children's Nativity at 11:00 am
- December 20** Fourth Sunday of Advent
Children's Nativity at 8:30 am (Contemporary)
- December 24** Christmas Eve
Lovefeast at 5 pm
Contemporary Service at 8 pm
Candlelight Communion at 11 pm
- December 27** 1st Sunday after Christmas
Contemporary Worship at 9:45
Traditional Worship at 11:00

See details in the December Heartbeat

Baptisms

We rejoice in the baptism of **Eloise Margot Rodrigues**, daughter of Ben and Kelly Rodrigues of New York, and welcome her into the family of Christ on **October 11, 2015**. Grandparents are Lawrence and Margot Pritchett of High Point, NC.

We would like to announce all new babies born into our church family as well as baptisms and weddings in the HeartBeat each month. Please notify Debbie Foust, Director of Children's Ministry, with any new arrivals or adoptions and Dr. Al Ward with wedding information to be included.

Don't forget to order your Christmas Memorials...

Call Sue Schoch at the church at 812-4824. You can order wreaths (inside and out), trees and poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one to decorate the church for Christmas. Don't wait, place your order today.



We Remember and Honor Our Loved Ones

Gifts given through September 2015

IN MEMORY OF:

Raymond C. Barger (Father of Rik Barger): Jim & Sandra Marsh

Frances Atkins Bell (Mother of Becky Hunter): Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bass, Alice Ervin, Mr. & Mrs. Groome Fulton, Jim & Sandra Marsh

Myrtila Harvey Brody (Mother of Katherine Covington): Mr. & Mrs. Steven Byerly, Mariana & Nido Qubein

Edith Fisher Dozier: Anne & John Compton, Elizabeth Conner, Jackson Davis & Peggy Brower Dobbins, Alice Ervin, Tom & Jean Gooding, Mr. & Mrs. Marion Hodge, Jr., Corky & Judy Hustrulid, Gina & William Laney, Elizabeth Lyles, Dr. & Mrs. T.E. Sikes, Jr., James & Kay Snow, Mary Wesson

Jim Garrett: Ronald & Stephanie Kemich

Virginia Gibson Griffith: Mary Lyles, Claudette Walton, Mary Wesson

Raymond R. Hutchins, Jr.: Charles & Lee Huff, Fredericka Kirkman

M.L. Koebberling: Gloria & James Adams, Allen & Molly Beard

Wade H. McInnis, II (for his 97th birthday): Steve & Susan McInnis

Alma Branch Mitchell (Mother of Lucille Duncan): Gloria & James Adams

Carolyn Moore (Sister of Pat Williard & Betty Hunt Groome): Joann McCuiston

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In Memoriam

Betty Hunt Murray Groome

September 30

E. Colby Walton, Jr.: Wayne & Louise Biby, Tony & Jane Goins, Bill & Anne Harris

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Lathe White: Joann McCuiston

Mike Bruton: Bob Niebauer

IN SYMPATHY OF:

The family of **Betty Hunt Murray Groome** in her death on September 30, 2015.

Laura and Kevin Von Der Lippe and family in the death of her mother; Janet Freedman Wood on October 25, 2015.

Correction:

Last month we incorrectly listed the family of Charlotte Wagner, please see below the correct information. We apologize for our mistake.

Pat and Everette Grayson, Douglas Wagner, Meg and Matthew Porter and Lesley and Pat Rosser in the death of their mother and grandmother; Charlotte Wagner on September 10, 2015.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered **over 1,600** 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, 887-9165; Karen Sumner, 883-8721 or Linda Dale, 884-5121.

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Bible Study Lunch, led by Dr. Al Ward, begins at 12 noon in the Dining Hall, he will be teaching on the Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Genesis 12-50). *Meal includes:*

Bible Study **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. All are invited!

Wednesday Dinners are prepared by our fabulous Holy Chefs from Wesley 100. Seating begins at 5:30 pm in the Dining Hall. The price is only \$6 for adults, \$3 for youth 14-18 and free for those under 14.

The menus for November are:

November 4-Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrots, Bread and Dessert. Children's menu is same as adult menu.

November 11-Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Apple Sauce, Bread and Dessert. Children's menu is same as adult menu.

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