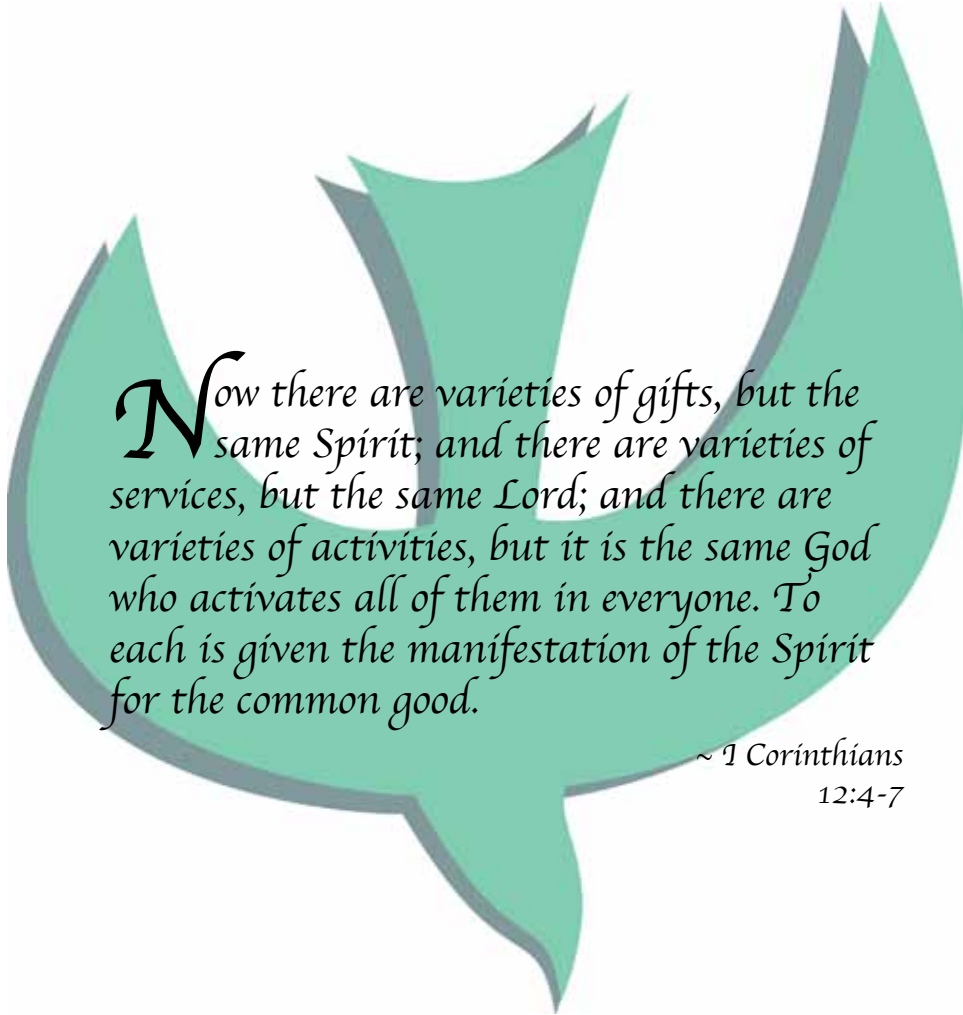


ONE BODY...worshipping together...serving others...growing...IN CHRIST

# Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

January 17, 2010 ~ Second Sunday after the Epiphany



*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

~ 1 Corinthians  
12:4-7

# welcome!

# The Worship of God

Chapel

8:30 am

## THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*..... Timothy Albrecht

*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*..... Paul Manz

## † OPENING PRAYER

**Fountain of life, we praise you for your steadfast love and abiding faithfulness. Dance with us, as we come into your presence with joy. Celebrate with us, as we recognize and remember your many gifts. Call to us, as we listen for your voice and learn to develop and share these gifts. River of love, wash over us with your wisdom this day. Amen.**

## † HYMN NO. 555

*Forward Through the Ages*..... ST. GERTRUDE

## THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 12:4-7

## SERMON “The Active Ingredient”

Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley

## † THE APOSTLE’S CREED

UMHymnal No. 881

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SERVICE OF GIVING

(So that strangers might become friends, please sign and pass the Welcome Folders.)

## OFFERTORY

*As With Gladness Men of Old*..... Wayne Wold

## † DOXOLOGY NO. 94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## † THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## † HYMN NO. 384

*Love Divine All Loves Excelling*..... BEECHER

## † BENEDICTION

## † CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Suite for Organ III. Trumpet Voluntary*..... John Stanley

† Those who are able, please stand.

Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.

WORSHIP LEADERS: Ashley Crowder Stanley, Senior Minister; Dave Howard, Associate Minister; Frank Pifferetti, Organist.

# The Gathering

Fellowship Hall

8:45 am

Ashley Crowder Stanley's message today is titled, "The Active Ingredient" and the scripture text is I Corinthians 12:4-7.

Worship participants: Ashley Crowder Stanley, Senior Minister; Barry Osborne, Associate Minister; Keith Byrd, Director of Contemporary Music and the Horizon Praise Team.



*"Where the earth  
meets the sky...  
where the human soul  
meets God's spirit."*

# The Beginning

Fellowship Hall

9:45 am

*Morning Message: "The Active Ingredient"  
God's Word: I Corinthians 12:4-7*

*Worship Participants: Ashley Crowder Stanley, Senior Minister; Barry Osborne, Associate Minister; Keith Byrd, Director of Contemporary Music; the Horizon Praise Team.*

*Notes:*

# Horizon

Horizon Worship Services include The Gathering at 8:45 am and The Beginning at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings. Both services meet in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

# The Worship of God

Sanctuary

11 am

## ✿ ENTRANCE ✿

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*.....Timothy Albrecht

*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*.....Paul Manz

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### † INTROIT

*Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord*.....John C. Beechler

Chancel Choir

#### † PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 555

*Forward Through the Ages*.....ST. GERTRUDE

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to the celebration!

**We rejoice in the God of love!**

God rejoices in your presence this day.

**Our delight is in our God.**

God's delight is in you, my friends!

**Let us celebrate this joyous news!**

#### † PSALM 36

Hal H. Hopson

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**Refrain**

Sing! Sing! Lift ev - 'ry voice! Sing to the  
 Lord; O sing, re - joice! Let your songs ring out! Lift  
 ev - 'ry voice! Let your songs ring out! O sing, re - joice!

*(verses sung by choir)*

Your Gifts, O Lord, surpass the heavens,  
 Your faithful ways, the clouds above.  
 How matchless are your righteous ways;  
 How dear is your redeeming love. **R**

God is the wellspring of my life,  
 And in God light, I light shall see.  
 The pure of heart true favor find,  
 And in God's law their liberty. **R**

❧ PROCLAMATION ❧

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 62:1-5

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**ANTHEM**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* .....Eric Thiman  
The Chancel Choir

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life Thou givest to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true lite of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish but nought changeth Thee. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee. Amen.*

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON**

I Corinthians 12:4-7

**SERMON** “*The Active Ingredient*”

Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley

❧ RESPONSE ❧

**THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

UMHymnal No. 881

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us confess our sins and pray for the Church and for the world.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of salvation and grace, do not forsake us in our sinfulness. Forgive us and draw us closer to you. In our desolation and desperation, walk with us and lead us on the paths of righteousness. Reclaim us and rename us, that we may know your presence and sense your delight.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(When appropriate, the congregation responds to each petition, Lord, in your mercy, “Hear our prayer.”) As we offer our prayers to God as a congregation, you may submit a prayer request by completing one of the cards in the pew rack and placing it in the Offering Plate.

**THE SERVICE OF GIVING**

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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Praise to the Lord the Almighty* .....Robert Shaw  
The Chancel Choir

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy strength and salvation! All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near; Praise Him in glad adoration! Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can*

*if with His love He befriend thee! Know thou, beloved one, naught will I ever deny thee. Friend of my soul, will I ever and always be near thee. Well thee I love; come then to Heaven above: There will thy God glorify thee. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen sound from His people again; gladly for aye we adore Him!*

† **DOXOLOGY No. 94**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* .....LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose  
 power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

∞ **THANKSGIVING** ∞

† **THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

∞ **SENDING FORTH** ∞

† **HYMN No. 384**

*Love Divine All Loves Excelling* .....BEECHER

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Seven Fold Amen* ..... John Stainer  
 The Chancel Choir

† **CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

† **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Suite for Organ III. Trumpet Voluntary* ..... John Stanley

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*Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.*

**Worship Participants:** Ashley Crowder Stanley, Senior Minister; Dave Howard, Associate Minister; Michael Dougherty, Director of Music and the Arts; Frank Pifferetti, Organist; Tom Forrester, Sound Engineer; Maren Morris and Harrison Frye, Acolytes.

**Ushers for the month of January:** Michael Amos (captain), Martha Bass, Ron Crowder, Chris Fievet, Bart Lassiter, Robert Lineback, Kem McAllister, George Morris, Ardith Pugh, Don Shaw.

**Greeters for the month of January:** Norman Andrews, Bill Levina, Joe Needham, Bonnie Odom.

# Announcements

**The next Inviting Team Fellowship** will be Sunday, February 7. We'll meet in the Asbury Room with coffee and donuts from 9-10:45 am. Children are welcome! If you are a new visitor or a frequent visitor, please join us; we want to meet you and extend a personal welcome.



**A devastating earthquake** has hit the already impoverished country of Haiti. Untold numbers are dead, injured and left homeless in and surrounding the capital, Port-Au-Prince. Major relief efforts are underway. Our Western North Carolina Conference Bishop is encouraging churches and members of the WNCC to give generously as we work through our partner organizations, including the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and our conference churches with established ties within Haiti. With our partners, we will be in Haiti for years-to-come helping to rebuild the lives of the persons affected by this 7.0 magnitude disaster. Please write your check to Wesley Memorial and indicate "Haiti Earthquake" in the memo line. Thank you so much! Stay tuned to [www.umc.org/haiti](http://www.umc.org/haiti) for up-to-date information.

**A Service of Holy Communion and Prayer**, Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 11 am in the Chapel, led by Rev. Richard Howle. Rev. Howle's meditation will be "Recharging Our Batteries" and the scripture is Philippians 3:12-16. Come join us and stay for the noon Bible study...

**Wednesday Bible Study lunch**, January 20, noon in the Dining Hall. Led by Ashley Crowder Stanley. Cost is \$5 per person; reservations required by 2 pm on Monday, to the Church Office, 884-2204. Please join us!

**Carrabba's Mission Dinner** ~ Once again we are happy to partner with Carrabba's Restaurant – High Point Road location – to sponsor a wonderful Italian dinner which will support Kenyan mission work at Wesley Memorial. The dinner will be on Wednesday, January 27 from 6 pm until 7:30. Take out will be available but there will not be a children's menu. Tickets will be on sale outside of each worship venue today. You may also reserve a ticket by calling the church at 884-2204, ext 242 to leave your name and phone number. The menu will be chicken marsala, cavatini pasta, salad, drink and a dessert – a delicious meal for \$12. Tickets always go fast for this great event. You will be helping to purchase medical supplies and other necessary items for the teams in Kenya. Thank you so much for your support and encouragement!

**Remember Those Without a Warm Bed...**As you crawl into your warm bed tonight, imagine what it would be like not to have a bed to sleep in. Imagine what it would feel like to be evicted or to have nowhere to stay except in your car...nowhere to keep your clothes and other belongings. Interfaith Hospitality Network provides a temporary home, a meal, a place to sleep for families who have nowhere to go. Your help is needed to host the families who will be calling Wesley Memorial their home during the week of January 17-24. Volunteers are needed for overnight hosts (8 pm - 6 am), dinner hosts (5:15 pm - 8 pm), dinner preparers (drop food off at the church), van drivers (6:30 am - 7 am or 5 pm - 5:30 pm), setting up the "bedrooms" (Sunday, Jan. 17 at 11 am), laundry (after the week is over), and re-arranging the rooms after the families leave on Sunday, January 24 (7:30 am). If you can help out, please contact Diane Hamrick (210-3765) [dqhamrick@aol.com](mailto:dqhamrick@aol.com).

**Wednesdays at Wesley** ~ Wednesday Night Dinners will resume on February 3 for eight weeks during the spring. Tickets will be sold on Sunday mornings beginning January 24 at the Front Desk. Meal tickets will be sold in two forms: One ticket for the entire series of meals, or weekly. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Tickets for individual Wednesday meals must be purchased by 2 pm on Monday prior to that meal. Watch for more information including menus and pricing for each meal as well as classes that follow dinner.

- Upcoming Events** ~  
1/17 - Interfaith Hospitality arrives  
1/19 - Live Alive  
1/20 - Midweek Communion  
Bible Study lunch  
Line Dancing

<b>Report from the Church Office: January 10, 2010</b>	
<b>Attendance:</b>	
Total in Church last Sunday:	537
<b>Finances:</b>	
Pledge & Offering Revenues	\$ 17,594.27
Budgeted Weekly Goal	36,750.00
Difference	\$ <u>(19,155.73)</u>
<b>Thank You for Your Generosity!</b>	

## January 31 ~ Feed the Hungry!

Sunday, January 31 is our next 5th Sunday. We will gather at 9:45 am for regular Sunday School classes, followed by ONE service of worship at 11 am in the Sanctuary.

Please bring with you *to worship* one or more of the following items, which will be taken to Open Door Ministries:

- Pancake mix (the kind that needs only water added)
- Cereal
- Pop Tarts
- Evaporated milk
- Instant grits
- Instant oatmeal
- Breakfast bars
- Canned fruits
- Peanut butter
- Jelly



**The meeting of the Church Council has been changed** from Jan. 19 to Jan. 26 at 5:30 pm. The beginning of the meeting will be a special called Charge Conference to consider changes in clergy salaries for 2010. Following the Charge Conference, we will meet as a Church Council to discuss regular business. Please make note of this change.

**The Church Office will be closed on** Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of the MLK holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 8 am.

**Come learn about Cub Scouts Pack 4!** (for boys in 1st through 5th grade) There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7 pm in the Scout Room.

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