

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

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

May 2, 2010 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter



Welcome!

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The Worship of God

Chapel

8:30 am

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds Healey Willan
God Moves In A Mysterious Way Healey Willan

† OPENING PRAYER

Alpha and Omega, you make your home with us, you dry our tears and quench our thirst, you are the tender love that welcomes all people. Like a mother, you nurture your children, giving them life, teaching them to love. Come and dwell among us, and make all things new. Amen.

† HYMN NO. 731

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken AUSTRIA

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

HOMILY "Near"

Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley

† COMMUNION HYMN NO. 613

O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread (vv. 1 and 4) LAND OF REST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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SERVICE OF GIVING

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OFFERTORY

I Know That My Redeemer Lives Jan Bender

† THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

UNISON PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† HYMN NO. 408

The Gift of Love GIFT OF LOVE

† BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns Charles Callahan

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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.

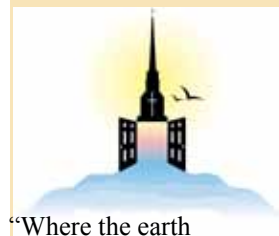
~ Horizon worship ~

The Gathering 8:45 am

The Beginning 9:45 am

Ashley Crowder Stanley's message today is titled, "Near" and the scripture text is Luke 24:13-35.

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."

Today's Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

~ Luke 24:13-35 NRSV

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

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

I Believe in God Almighty ARFON
 The Chancel Choir

*I believe in God almighty, Father of all things that be. Maker of the earth and heavens,
 Keeper of the sky and sea. I believe in God's Son, Jesus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
 of the Spirit and of Mary born to bring abundant life.*

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 731

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† OPENING PRAYER

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 thirst, you are the tender love that welcomes all people. Like a mother, you nurture
 your children, giving them life, teaching them to love. Come and dwell among us, and
 make all things new. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

RESPONSIVE HYMN

A New Commandment Malcolm Archer

Refrain:



Love one an - o - ther as I have loved you.

**A new commandment I give you now that you love one another as I have loved you.
 By this will all people know you are my disciples, if you love one another as I have
 loved you. R
 The love I give you the world will receive, if you love one another as I loved you. R**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Father We Praise Thee Healey Willan

The Chancel Choir

Father, we praise Thee, now the night is over, Active and watchful, stand we all before Thee; Singing we offer prayer and meditation; Thus we adore Thee. Monarch of all things, fit us for Thy mansions; Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending; Bring us to heaven, where Thy Saints united Joy without ending. All holy Father, Son and equal Spirit, Trinity blessed, Send us Thy salvation; Thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding Through all creation. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

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SHARING OF THE EUCHARIST

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn No. 624 *Bread of the World* EUCHARISTIC HYMN

Hymn No. 631 *O Food to Pilgrims Given* O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

† UNISON PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

† CLOSING HYMN No. 408

The Gift of Love.....GIFT OF LOVE

† BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

On Our Way Rejoicing HERMAS

The Chancel Choir

On our way rejoicing Gladly let us go Conquered hath our Leader, Vanquished is the foe. Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy; Who, if we be faithful, Can our hope destroy? On our way rejoicing as we forward move, Harken to our praises, O thou God of love!

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

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The Prayer Team invites each of you to join us this week as we pray for the Youth in our church.

Announcements

Worship Participants: Ashley Crowder Stanley, Senior Minister; Dave Howard, Associate Minister; Michael Dougherty, Director of Music and the Arts; Frank Pifferetti, Organist; Jerry Tucker, Sound Engineer; Catherine York and David Cowan, Acolytes.

Ushers for the month of May are: Michael Amos (Captain), Martha Bass, Christ Fievet, Bart Lassiter, Robert Lineback, George Morris, Ardith Pugh, and Carol Young.

Greeters for the month of May are: Bill Bradner, Brian Bunch, Bob Hoover, Frances Hutchins, and Tom Hutchins.

Flower in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by the Wesley 100.

Date are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary, Chapel or Fellowship Hall: May 16. Contact Sue Schoch, 884-2204, ext. 266.

A Service of Holy Communion and Prayer, Wednesdays at 11 am in the Chapel, led by Rev. Richard Howle. Come join us and stay for the noon Bible study...

Wednesday Bible Study lunch, 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!

Did you clean out your closets for Furniture Market? Or just do some spring cleaning? Please consider donating your gently used clothes (all seasons and sizes) and household items to the Clothes Closet at Ward Street Mission. You can bring items to the Church Office, or take them directly to Ward Street Mission (corner of Ward Street & Wrightenbury near Oak Hill Elementary School). Questions? Contact Beverly Koontz, 883-6264.

Attention all caterers and those who love to cook! Wesley Memorial is looking for you! We are looking for someone to provide meals for Wednesday Bible Study Lunch (September through May), Wednesday Dinners (fall and spring sessions) and Live Alive Luncheons (one lunch per month). Other opportunities may be available. If you or someone you know would be interested in preparing food for Wesley Memorial events, please contact Cindy Dominick at 884-2204, ext. 232, or cdominick@wesleymemorial.org.

May is Methodism Month! Ever wonder what it means to be a Methodist, or how Methodist Churches are different from other denominations? During the month of May, we will hold classes to learn more about Methodism during Sunday School (9:45-10:30 am) in the Chapel. All adults are invited and encouraged to attend. Questions? Call Dave Howard, 884-2204, ext. 238.

Proud Parents and Grandparents: Let us know about your college graduate! Call or e-mail Bonnie Wallace at the Church Office (884-2204, ext. 228) or bwallace@wesleymemorial.org with graduate's full name, name of college and degree.

Student Ministries is offering an opportunity to honor your mother, grandmother, Sunday School teacher or other special women in your life in a special Mother's Day Bulletin. Each honorarium or memorial wish is only \$1 and will benefit youth missions and events. You can do as many as you like! Order envelopes are available from the Church Office or Information Centers. Fill it out, put your money in and return to the Church Office or put it in the offering plate. **Must be turned in by TODAY, May 2** to be included in the Mother's Day bulletin on Sunday, May 9. For more information contact Melissa Coley at 884-2204, ext. 229.

Reach Out to Those Without... Imagine what it would feel like to be evicted, or to have nowhere to stay except in your car or nowhere to keep your clothes and other belongings. Interfaith Hospitality Network provides temporary homes for families in churches each week. Your help is needed to host the families who will be calling Wesley Memorial their home this week, May 2-9. 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, May 2 at 11 am), laundry (after the week is over), and re-arranging the rooms after the families leave on Sunday, May 9 (7:30 am). If you can help out, please contact Diane Hamrick (210-3765) dqhamrick@aol.com.

Dining Out for Hunger ~ May 4 ~ On Tuesday, May 4, area restaurants will donate a portion of their revenues to Open Door Ministries and West End Ministries, which served over 150,000 meals to our community's less fortunate members during 2009. Help feed our community by Dining Out for Hunger!

Confirmation Retreat ~ Nineteen of our 2010 confirmands attended the *Confirm 10* Confirmation Retreat this weekend in Winnsboro, SC. The group was led by Debbie Smothers, Pam Hill and John D. Hamrick. **Confirmation Sunday will be May 23.** Please come celebrate our confirmands during the 11 am worship service.

Senior High Spring Workshop was a success! Last weekend 35 of our senior high youth spent the weekend in fellowship under the theme "Brace for Impact." They heard from Lisa English who was on the flight that went down in the Hudson River as well as others about how God has impacted their lives. It was a great weekend of fun, learning, sharing, and worship. They ended the weekend by leading the 8:45 am worship service on Sunday, April 25.

A Henderson Settlement Building Team is being formed to go to Kentucky June 27 through July 3 for Adults and Senior High students. Please contact Dwight Steed for more information, 882-4829.



Spend a while on the Nile!

*In just a few weeks, we're taking a journey back to ancient Egypt...without leaving our church!
Find out what happened to Joseph as he went from Pharaoh's prison to the palace.*

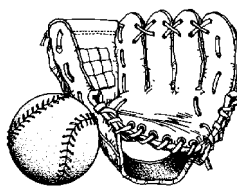
VBS-June 22-25

9 am-12 noon

Wesley Memorial front lawn

Registrations are being accepted now

Come join us!



The Wesley Flame ~ brought game!

Your "Wesley Flame" softball team brought their "game" this past week at the opening pre-season tournament. Look for more information about our summer schedule of games on posters, in the Wesley Weekly and in the bulletins. Join us for the fresh air, the smell of a freshly-cut ball field, the crack of a bat, the cheer for an amazing play in the field, laughter and of course, the snack stand. May God get the Glory!

Scott Niebauer says, "The best thing I saw last night was the fellowship and the support we had for our team...It was awesome standing in the outfield and seeing more people in the stands on our side of the field than the other team... please encourage more people to come out and watch us!"

Report from the Church Office: April 25, 2010

Attendance:

Total in Church last Sunday: 658

Finances:

Pledge & Offering Revenues	\$ 21,777.50
Budgeted Weekly Goal	36,750.00
Difference	\$ <u>(14,972.50)</u>

Thank You for Your Generosity!

TTW School Springfest Today, May 2, 4-7 pm You're Invited!!

Grand Carnival celebration for children of all ages & their families! Games galore outdoors on our grounds (indoors if raining.) Pony rides, Crawl-Thru-Maze, Star Walk, Giant Slide, Dunking Booth and more favorites. Hot dog supper, plus "fun foods" of cotton candy, sno-cones & popcorn. Big Bake Sale in the foyer! Gently-used Treasures for sale in Scout Room. Silent Auction in the Fellowship Hall of crafts made by the children, as well as new items donated by local businesses. Also for auction this year "Theme Baskets!" Come be the highest bidder & go home with a treasure piece!

Work a Game Shift! It's not too late! Call Susan Kelley, 259-8889, or come to Springfest and find her! Unity groups, adult Sunday School classes, teens – please consider volunteering for a game station, food court or carnival attraction - YES, we could surely use you! Many church volunteers are needed to supplement TTW family involvement for an event this big. The smiles & laughter of the children await you! Thank you, thank you in advance!

Springfest proceeds make possible new learning tools for children's classrooms (used by both Sunday School & weekday programs) and upkeep of our playgrounds.

Called Charge Conference ~

Monday, May 17, 5:15 pm in room D202, for the purpose of setting the salary for the new Associate Minister of Youth and to revise another clergy salary. **The Church Council meeting will follow the Charge Conference.**

Right Now Faith Concert ...a huge success!

What a great spring evening 250-300 of us had on Wednesday, at the "Right Now Faith" concert. It was such a great blend of generations coming **together** for great music... great cake and coffee...great fellowship...and awesome worship. Our Horizon Praise Team was simply "the best." The concert created a place of love and support for our Contemporary Music Director, Keith Byrd, who has encountered medical bills from recent cancer surgery. God blessed us all with "togetherness" and unity of body and Spirit...

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will....

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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