

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

February 21, 2010 ~ First Sunday of Lent

~ *Worship during Lent and Easter* ~

Sunday, February 28– UMW Sunday

"The Fox and The Hen" Luke 13:31-35;
Psalm 61:1-4, Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley,
preaching
– **Fauré *Requiem***, presented by The Chancel
Choir as part of the 11 am worship service.

Sunday, March 14

"Life and Death...And Life" Luke 12:6-9;
Genesis 37:17b-24, 28-33, Rev. Ashley
Crowder Stanley, preaching
– **One Great Hour of Sharing**, Special
offering to benefit United Methodist
Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Sunday, March 28– Palm Sunday

"A Humble Approach" Luke 19:28-40;
Genesis 50:15-21, Rev. Ashley Crowder
Stanley, preaching; One Service at 11 am
with a congregational processional.

Sunday, March 7 (The story of Joseph will
be studied during the sermons in March)

"A Coat Offered to a Son" Luke 15:11-32;
Genesis 37:2b-4, Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley,
preaching
– **Holy Communion**

Sunday, March 21– Girl Scout Sunday

"The Grudge and the Grace" John 12:1-8;
Genesis 45:1-8, Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley,
preaching; Reception honoring Girl Scouts
following 11 am service, in the Asbury Room

~ *Holy Week* ~

Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday

Worship Service at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday

The Chancel Choir will present Dubois' *Seven
Last Words of Christ* – 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

April 4– Easter Sunday

"Even Though" Luke 24:1-12; Psalm 23, Rev.
Ashley Crowder Stanley, preaching



WELCOME!

The Worship of God

Chapel

8:30 am

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THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit from *Klavierübung* Johann Sebastian Bach
(Lord, Have Mercy)

† OPENING PRAYER

**Let us pray to our living God to turn our heart to him
(PAUSE)**

God, you want to be near to us, you lead us with your Son Jesus to the desert of questions and temptations that you may speak to our heart and bring us back to you in loving trust. Open our eyes, our minds and our hearts to discard all that leads us astray and to look for you and for the plans you have for us and for the world. Let your Spirit give us the mentality of Jesus, that we may seek your will in all we do and serve you in our brothers and sisters. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

† HYMN NO. 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days LAND OF REST

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-13

SERMON “Step by Step, Day by Day”

Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley

† A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

UMHymnal No. 883

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

Vater unser im Himmelreich from *Klavierübung* Johann Sebastian Bach
(Our Father Who Art in Heaven)

† DOXOLOGY NO. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100TH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN NO. 395

Take Time to Be Holy HOLINESS

† BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in F Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

† 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.

~ Horizon worship ~

The Gathering 8:45 am

The Beginning 9:45 am

Ashley Crowder Stanley's message today is titled, "Step by Step, Day by Day" and the scripture text is Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-13.

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."*

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'" The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.
~ Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-13 NIV

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours. " Jesus answered him "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you, and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.
~ Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-13 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

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ENTRANCE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit from *Klavierübung* Johann Sebastian Bach
(Lord, Have Mercy)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days LAND OF REST

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 91

Let us pray to our living God to turn our heart to him

(pause)

God, you want to be near to us, you lead us with your Son Jesus to the desert of questions and temptations that you may speak to our heart and bring us back to you in loving trust. Open our eyes, our minds and our hearts to discard all that leads us astray and to look for you and for the plans you have for us and for the world. Let your Spirit give us the mentality of Jesus, that we may seek your will in all we do and serve you in our brothers and sisters. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

† PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

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Refrain



God is my light. God is my sal - va - tion.



God is my light. Bless God's ho - ly name.

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind C. Hubert H. Parry

The Chancel Choir

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe us in our rightful mind, In purer lives Thy service find, In deeper reverence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard Beside the Syrian sea The gracious calling of the Lord, Let us, like them, without a word Rise up and follow Thee. Drop Thy still dews of quietness, Till all our strivings cease; Take from our

souls the strain and stress, And let our ordered lives confess The beauty of Thy peace. Breathe through the hearts of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm; Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-13

SERMON “Step by Step, Day by Day”

Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley

☞ RESPONSE ☞

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

We welcome this Lent as a time
to seek conversion and reconciliation.

(All Pray Silently)

SUNG RESPONSE



Lord,
Christ, have mercy up - on us.

Lord Jesus,
let your Spirit lead us into the desert
to recover the spirit of prayer:
Lord, have mercy upon us. **R/ Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Jesus Christ,
let your Spirit lead us into the desert
to rediscover our neighbor:
Christ, have mercy upon us. **R/ Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord Jesus,
let your Spirit lead us into the desert
to make us see again
what really matters in life:
Lord, have mercy upon us. **R/ Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, in your loving kindness
forgive us all our sins
and make us new and alive.
Lead us to everlasting life. **R/ Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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*Omnipotence*.....Franz Schubert

The Chancel Choir with Allison Chickering, Soprano

Great is Jehovah the Lord, for Heaven and Earth testify to His great power! 'Tis heard in the fierce raging storm, In the torrent's loud thundering roar; Great is Jehovah the Lord, Mighty is His power! 'Tis heard in the rustling of leaves in the forest, Seen in the waving of golden fields, In loveliest flowers' gaudy array, 'Tis seen in the myriad stars of heaven. Fierce it sounds in the thunder's loud roll, and flames in the lightning's bright quivering flash. Yet clearer thy throbbing heart to thee proclaims Jehovah's power. Look thou praying to heaven, and hope for grace and for mercy. Great is Jehovah the Lord.

† **DOXOLOGY NO. 95***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❧ **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. 395***Take Time to Be Holy*HOLINESS**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE***Go Now In Peace*.....Robert Lau

The Chancel Choir

† **CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**† **CLOSING VOLUNTARY***Prelude in F Minor*.....Johann Sebastian Bach

† Those who are able, please stand.

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; Jerry Tucker, Sound Engineer; Caroline Klemme and Catherine York, Acolytes. **Ushers for the month of February:** Leslie Ann Blake, Elizabeth Coughlin, Trip Dixon, Mary Kathryn Field, Thomas Gooding, Christopher Hill, Elly Johnson, Jes Smothers; **Greeters for the month of February:** John Campbell, Hayden McKenzie, Nancy McKenzie, John Peeler, and Don Scarborough.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Clifton by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Ingram.

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

A Service of Holy Communion and Prayer, Wednesday, Feb. 24 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, February 24, 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!

Upcoming Events ~

- 2/22 - Church Council meeting
- 2/24 - Mid-Week Communion
Bible Study Lunch
Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes
- 2/25 - Board of Trustees meeting
UMW Prayer & Self-Denial Service

Wednesdays at Wesley ~

Please join us for great food and great fellowship!
All meals include dessert, tea and water.

- Feb. 24– Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Bread, Salad Bar
Children: Chicken Leg, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans
- Mar. 3– Chicken & Dumplings, Gouda Pimento Cheese Sandwich
Children: Hot Dog, French Fries, Apple Sauce
- Mar. 10– Pork Tenderloin, Spaghetti Squash Parmesan, Asparagus, Bread
Children: Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Carrots
- Mar. 17– Chickens Pie, Curried Fruit, Bread
Children: Pizza, Corn
- Mar. 24– Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Salad Bar, Bread
Children: Same as adult menu

Donation of \$6 per adult, \$3 per child (ages 2-11) is to cover the cost of the food. Food will be served from 5:45 until 6:30 pm in the Dining Hall. Please purchase tickets for individual Wednesday meals by 2 pm on Monday.

How Do I Purchase Tickets for Meals & Special Events of Wesley Memorial?

For Wednesday Night Dinners:

Come to front reception area “Box Office.” Tickets for Wednesday Night Dinners will be sold Mon thru Fri until 5 pm from church receptionist. Tickets will also be sold every Sunday following each worship service. (Remember to purchase by Monday at 2 pm for the meal of that week).

For Other Events:

Ministry Teams of Wesley Memorial are welcome to sell tickets for their special events/outreach projects in gathering spaces around our campus. For example: Gifts That Transform Our World, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Carrabba’s Mission Dinners, etc. Ministry Teams will plan their own selling schedule and secure the volunteers for their tables. Ministry Teams are expected to place some of their tickets with church receptionist for the convenience of members who might like to purchase for several events at the Box Office “one-stop” location.

Mark your calendars: Wesley 100 Dinner, Monday, March 1, 6:30 pm in the Dining Hall.

The United Methodist Women (UMW) invite you to become part of a new circle for women with young children and/or who are interested in young children. We will be meeting on February 24 at 9:15 am in the Asbury Room to plan together as a new group. Please come and be a part of this circle. Remember planning is beginning. Don’t miss out! For more information, call Betty Royal at 884-5364.

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial ~ Thursday, Feb. 25,

11 am in the Chapel. Program by Vicki Miller, “Let’s Get Together with God, (property makes mission possible).” Offering fund will provide capital expenditures at mission institutions. Join our program and share a simple meal with the ladies from First Methodist. Call Lois Markham, 885-6534, for details.

Through-the-Week Registration is underway for Fall

2010-11 ~ Members of Wesley Memorial who missed members’ “priority” registration weeks may continue to register. Non members already in the program register during the first two weeks of February, followed by new families. Call Susan Sumpter or Susan Kelley (884-4232) for information and to schedule tours.

A “Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Luncheon”

will be held Sunday, Feb. 28, 12 noon in the Dining Hall. This will be a special time for our teachers of Infants through 5th graders to be honored by the parents. Teachers, save the date! Your family is invited to attend this celebration with you. Please make reservations by contacting Melissa at 884-2204, ext 229. Thanks Be to God for Our Christian Teachers!

Blood Done Sign My Name, TODAY, 3 pm in the Sanctuary – The year was 1970 and the place was Oxford, NC. Tim Tyson, who was 10 years old, was the son of the town's white Methodist minister. He vividly remembers the day a playmate told him a group of white men had brutally beaten and then killed Henry Marrow, a black Vietnam veteran. More than 30 years later, Tyson, a Duke University professor, recounted that experience and the events that followed in his award-winning memoir *Blood Done Sign My Name*.

Our Cultural Awareness team is pleased to present this production featuring Mike Wiley, acclaimed actor and playwright, who deftly portrays multiple characters based on the book. Mary D. Williams, a gospel singer whom Wiley compares to Mahalia Jackson, adds her powerful voice to the performance with several spirituals. Tyson also is expected to be on hand for a question-and-answer session. The event is free and open to the public. A love offering will be accepted. No reservations are required.

Childcare is available for infants through fifth graders. Youth in sixth grade and older are encouraged to attend the performance. **Call the Susans at 884-4232 to make reservations for childcare.**

30 Hr. Famine ~ February 26-27 our Senior High Youth will raise money and awareness of world hunger. They will not eat for 30 hours beginning on the morning of February 26 and continue through Saturday evening and sleep outside on Friday night. During the event they collect canned goods for donation, participate in Hoops for Hope, prepare "Buy a Worm, Save a Life" bags, recognize 365 days of hunger with a candle vigil and this year we will have a live video feed from Bill Coble in Kenya. Please sponsor a youth as they raise money to end world hunger.

Remember to order your Easter Lilies! Lilies may be placed on the altar in the Chapel, Sanctuary or Contemporary Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 4, in memory or honor of a special person. Lilies are \$22 each. Please call Melissa Coley at the Church Office, 884-2204, ext. 229 **by Monday, March 8.**

The High Point District Leadership Conference originally schedule for Jan. 31 has been rescheduled for **Sunday, Feb. 28, 2:30 - 6 pm** at First United Methodist Church, 512 N. Main Street, High Point. **All church leaders are encouraged to attend!** No registration fee and no need to sign up. Questions? Call the District Office, 861-5517 or highpointadmin@wnccumc.org.

Report from the Church Office: February 14, 2010

Attendance:

Total in Church last Sunday: 664

Finances:

Pledge & Offering Revenues	\$	34,527.40
Budgeted Weekly Goal		36,750.00
Difference	\$	<u>(2,222.60)</u>

Thank You for Your Generosity!



March 11-13 and March 18-20

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Presented by the High Point Community Theatre and Wesley Memorial Music Department

Sunday, March 14 – Bowling Event, sponsored by Children & Family Life, 5-7 pm at Tarheel Lanes. \$5 per person covers shoe rental and 2 hours of bowling. Plan to join us!

Notes:

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