

Welcome to WESLEY MEMORIAL

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Our purpose is to make and sustain spiritually healthy followers
of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world.

SUNDAY - JANUARY 18, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Traditional Worship in the Chapel
8:30 am

Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall
8:45 am & 9:45 am

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 am



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The Worship of God

Chapel

January 18, 2015

8:30 am

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Please take a moment to sign the attendance notebooks during the announcements. If you are a guest, please leave your contact information and a pastor will contact you this week with more information about our church.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Pastorale on "The Morning Star" Daniel Pinkham

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within us.

Kindle that small spark into a flame of love and service.

Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We celebrate the loving presence of God in our life.

May God's loving presence be a strong influence in our life.

Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.

As we grow in faith, trust and love for God, may our worship, witness and service bring honor to God's Holy Name.

† OPENING PRAYER

† HYMN No. 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-4

SERMON

"Four Freedoms"

Al Ward

† HYMN No. 430

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee MARYTON

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Laudamus Te Antonio Vivaldi

Teresa Bonavita, soprano; Katie Clark, mezzo-soprano

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, Lord.

† 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!

Service Notes:

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† **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

† **HYMN No. 584 (VERSES 1, 4, 5)**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission ABBOT'S LEIGH

† **BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Robert A. Hobby

† Please stand as you are able.

Worship Leaders: **Al Ward**, Senior Pastor; **Jay Butler**, Director of Student Ministries; **Teresa Bonavita**, soprano; **Katie Clark**, mezzo-soprano; **Frank Pifferetti**, Organist.

Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:45 am

January 18, 2015

The Beginning 9:45 am

Gathering Music

You Give Me Joy Jonathan Stockstill

Lifesong Casting Crowns

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns & Prayer

Offering

You're Not Alone Meredith Andrews

Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-4

Message

"Four Freedoms" Al Ward

Reprise

Closing

Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Keith Byrd, Director of Contemporary Music; The Horizon Praise Team.

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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

January 18, 2015

11 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

To The Lord Our God Everlasting Dimitri Bortniansky

Chancel Choir

*To the Lord our God everlasting in glory, Lift up your hearts! Rejoice in Him! Rejoice in God!
Hallelujah!*

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

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PRAYER

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies arr. Healey Willan

Chancel Choir

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Thou, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night. Dayspring from on high be near; Daystar, in my heart
appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; Joyless is the day's return
Till Thy mercy's beams I see, Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
Visit, then, this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief; Fill me, Radiance Divine, Scatter
all my unbelief. More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day. Amen.*

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HYMN No. 430

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SERMON

"Four Freedoms"

Dr. Al Ward

HYMN No. 584 (VERSES 1, 4, 5)

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BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Peace to you all.....Dale Grotenhuis

Chancel Choir

Peace to you all, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright.....Robert A. Hobby

Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Anne Carroll, Director of Music; Frank Pifferetti, Organist; Chancel Choir; Teresa Bonavita, soprano; Katie Clark, mezzo-soprano; Stuart Nunn and Abby Dudley, Acolytes; Neil Brown, Crucifer; Dave McCoy, Sound Engineer.

Ushers for the month of January: Michael Amos, Martha Bass, Ron Crowder, Kem McAllister, George Morris, Ardith Pugh, Grayson Frye and Mary Lyle Frye.

Greeters: Norman Andrews, Joe Needham, Bonnie Odom.

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Our Sympathy to~

Christi Barbour in the death of her father, Leighton Edward McGinn, on January 10, 2015.

New Year, New Habit – Nametags start Jan 25!

Hebrews 13:2 reminds us of Jesus' call to love all people: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers." Starting next week, we encourage all members in the 8:45, 9:45, and 11:00 services to begin wearing nametags on Sunday mornings. Your nametag will be located at a kiosk in your usual worship space. Want a lanyard? They will be available. Want to clip it to your jacket? That works, too! After worship, take your nametag with you and place it in your car, drop it in a "return" basket, or place it back at the kiosk. Thank you for making Wesley Memorial a place where all people feel welcome!

Charge Conference

A special Charge Conference will be part of the Church Council meeting this Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 5:30 pm. The purpose of the Charge Conference will be to make adjustments to the 2015 clergy compensations.

Ways to CONNECT

FREE ORGAN RECITAL TODAY AT 4 PM IN THE SANCTUARY

Matthew Brown is a graduate of NC School of the Arts and a former student of Jack Mitchener. He has studied at the Eastman School of Music and music schools in Sweden and France. He is the organist and Director of Music at First United Methodist Church in Salisbury and accompanist for High Point Community Chorus. He will be performing today some of the pieces he played at Westminster Abbey in December.



YOU'RE INVITED TO LIVE ALIVE THIS TUESDAY

Live Alive gatherings are for adults 55+ to enjoy and fellowship. Activities begin at 10 am. This month's program will feature Martha Dobson presenting a program on the Iditarod Sled Races. If you were unable to RSVP for lunch, bring your lunch and join us!

DIVORCECARE SUPPORT GROUP STARTING THIS FEBRUARY

Recently separated and not sure what's next? Divorced for years but can't find peace? Know someone going through a difficult divorce? Wesley Memorial's DivorceCare Support Group is the right place to be. Join us on Monday evenings from 6:30-8 pm as we listen to leading experts, pastors, and everyday people talk about grief, anger, dealing with children, and hope. One recent participant said, "I used to feel that I was all alone. Now I know there are folks just like me." Group starts February 2. Reading guide and Bible study-\$15. For more info, contact Jared Stine or visit www.divorcecare.org.



STUDENT MINISTRIES SUPER BOWL PARTY

Attention students! Sunday, February 1, we are having a Super Bowl Party! From 6-9 pm, we will have snacks, games in the Fellowship Hall, and the big game playing in the Underground. The event is free, so please come and bring your friends for a good time! Contact Jay Butler for more info at jbutler@wesleymemorial.org.

Ways to GROW



BIBLE EXPLORERS WINTER SESSION STARTING - REGISTER BY JANUARY 26

Bible Explorers is for Kindergarten-2nd Grade. Our Winter Session runs Sunday, February 1 through March 1 from 4:45-6:00 pm on the Elementary Hall. Join your friends, have fun while learning God's Word in exciting ways. Two age level groups: Scooters-K's; Voyagers-1st & 2nd Grades. Children will complete activities to earn Bible and Activity awards. Register your child by January 26. Brochures and registration forms are available on the Elementary Hall display or by contacting Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org or Debbie Foust at dfoust@wesleymemorial.org. Cost is \$10 for new participants and \$5 for returning students.

NEW WOMEN OF WESLEY (WOW) BIBLE STUDY STARTS THIS THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

A new Bible study called *Breathe*, by Priscilla Shirer starts this week. The group will meet Thursday mornings 9:30-11:00 am. We constantly strive to complete the limitless to-do lists that hinder us from experiencing all that God has for us. It is time for us to breathe and build margin into our lives for God. Sabbath was intended as a gift and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted the concept of Sabbath will change your life.



Ways to SERVE



READING BUDDIES NEEDED

Help a child build confidence and boost their reading comprehension. Volunteer to be a reading buddy for a 3rd or 4th grader preparing for end of grade testing. Consider being a Jump Start Reading Buddy one hour a week February–May. Tutor a student weekly using a guided curriculum workbook. If you missed the Volunteer Orientation, please contact Catherine Niebauer with Communities in Schools at 883-6434 Ext. 24 or jumpstart@northstate.net.

OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to pick up food at 1 pm on Friday afternoons from local schools and then deliver to Open Door for meals. Thank you for volunteering with WMUMC for Open Door Ministries. Together we can make a difference! For more information contact Julie Price at julie.f.price@wellsfargo.com.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Martin Luther King, Jr. was deeply committed to serving others and helping to foster a more just society. High Point University, the Greater High Point Ministers Conference, and community are working together to provide opportunities for fellowship, service, and worship on MLK Day, January 19, 2015. Check out the opportunities to be involved at:

www.highpoint.edu/servicelearning/mlk-day

SUMMER 2015 MISSION TRIP FOR STUDENTS

The Student Ministries is excited to announce that we are going on a mission trip this summer! High school, college students, and now ADULTS will be going on a trip to the Bahamas from June 28-July 4, 2015! If you are interested in going on the trip, please contact Jay. We only have space for 12 people on the trip! Due to lack of interest, we are canceling our Middle School trip to West Virginia.

Ways to GIVE



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR BACKPACKS

Will you help us feed children experiencing hunger in our community? We need donations of the following items: **Granola Bars, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes, and Individual Cereal Boxes.** Look for bins in the Sanctuary Narthex, Chapel Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and near the Front Desk.

GIVING ONLINE IS A QUICK & CONVENIENT SOLUTION

Visit www.wesleymemorial.org where online giving is available 24/7! Click the link on the left side bar. (First-time users: look for, "Need a log-in?" under the blue box. You will be emailed a password that will allow you to log-in.



wesley
memorial school

NURSERY • PRESCHOOL • KINDERGARTEN

... where every day is an adventure in learning and exploring for young children!

ATTENTION PARENTS: It's time to plan for your child's 2015-16 School Year!

Members of Wesley Memorial — Priority Registration: JAN 20-23 and JAN 26-30

Non-Members already in Program — Priority Registration: FEB 2-6 and FEB 9-13

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE! Sunday, January 25, 4 pm

Special presentation about all age-levels (Infants ~ Kgt Fives), tour school facilities, meet teachers

Additional Open House Events Specific to Age-Level (Special presentation in Children's Gathering Room, followed by walk-thru tour to observe children and teachers engaged in Learning Center Activities)

- Wednesday, January 28 at 10:30 am: Kgt Fives
- Wednesday, February 4 at 10:30 am: Threes
- Friday, January 30 at 10:30 am: Pre-K Fours
- Friday, Feb. 6 at 10:30 am: Infants, Toddlers, Twos

We welcome family tours! Call Susan Sumpter or Susan Kelley at 884-4232.

www.wesleymemorialschool.org

CALENDAR - January 18, 2015 - January 25, 2015

Sunday, January 18, 2015

- Children's Music (K-1's), 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Space
- Wesley Memorial 101, 9:45 am, Circle View Room
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Student Ministry Small Groups, Middle and High School
Girls 6:00 pm / Boys 7:00 pm, Underground

Monday, January 19, 2015

- Church Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

- Live Alive Events, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- Charge Conference / Church Council, 5:30 pm, Circle View Rm.

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

- Mid-Week Communion, 11:00 am, Chapel
- Revival Bible Study Lunch, 12:00 pm, Dining Hall
(Cost is \$5 for the soup-and-sandwich combo. Call the church office by 4:30 pm on Monday to make a reservation.)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, 6 Grade / A&C
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall
(Menu: Eastern Style Chopped Barbecue, Baked Beans, Barbecue Slaw, Roll, & Dessert. Children's menu is Hot Dog, Chips, Carrots and Dessert. Call the church office at 884-2204 to make a reservation. Cost is \$6-adults, \$3-youth 14-18, and free for those under 14.)
- Confirmation Class, 5:30 pm, Underground
- Revival Study, 6:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Paths of Grace, 6:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #2
- Chancel Choir Practice, 6:45 pm, Conf. Rm. #2
- Men's Bible Study, 7:00 pm, Circle View Room

Thursday, January 22, 2015

- Student Ministry Breakfast Club, 7:00 am, Chick-fil-A
- WOW Bible Study, 9:30 am, Youth Gathering Space
- Adult Handbell Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, E204

Saturday, January 24, 2015

- Praise Team Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 25, 2015

- Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship 8:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Contemporary Worship 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Children's Music (K-1's), 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Space
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Children's Ministry Team, 4:00 pm, Children's Gathering Space
- Student Ministry Small Groups, Middle and High School
Girls 6:00 pm / Boys 7:00 pm, Underground

WELCOME VISITORS!

Thank you so much for joining us today in worship. If this is your first time worshipping with us, **please help yourself to a blue Wesley Memorial reusable tote bag as our gift to you.** Inside you will find information about our church. We also invite you to take our First Time Visitor Survey found on the homepage of our website. We hope you will return to worship with us again!

Our faithfulness in attendance January 11, 2015

All Worship Services: 454

(Goal 505)

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OUR CLERGY & MINISTRY STAFF:

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In the event of an emergency, you simply need to call the main number, 884-2204. You will then **choose option 1.** It is available 24/7 and will connect you with a pastor.