

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 - MARCH 23, 2014 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

March 23, 2014

8:30 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Aria on a Chaconne.....Joel Martinson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to our God and make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation.

We lift our hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving

for being here together in the presence of our beloved God.

Come, let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to God.

We will listen for God's word and live in the hope it inspires.

† HYMN No. 96

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above.....AMSTERDAM

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hymnal No. 881

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 5:16-26

Matthew 6:31-33

SERMON

"The Grass Is Always Greener"

Al Ward

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

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confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people.**

We are often envious of what others possess.

**We are consumed by a shameless desire for what
belongs to someone else. Our jealous attitudes separate us from one
another and block our experience of our transforming grace.**

Forgive our cravings and our complaining.

Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us.

Restore our souls. Amen.

Continue to pray in silence

Our hope and assurance rest in God's unfailing love and forgiveness.

**May the healing waters of God's never-ending love and forgiveness
flow into and over us.**

Know that in this love and forgiveness we have encountered the living God.

Amen.

† HYMN No. 500 (VERSES 1, 3, 5)

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart.....MORECAMBE

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Lift Thine Eyes.....Felix Mendelssohn

Carol Huff, soprano Betty Jeanne Day, soprano Patty McLarty, alto
Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.

† 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.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

† HYMN No. 452 (VERSES 1 & 2)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee..... OLIVET

† BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Intrada..... Joel Martinson

† Please stand as you are able.

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

Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Kathy Barba Pierce, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation; Frank Pifferetti, Organist.

Service Notes:

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The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession and Pardon are adapted from the writings of Joanne Carlson Brown as they appear in ministry-matters.com.

Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:45 am

March 23, 2014

The Beginning 9:45 am

Gathering Music

The Same Love Paul Baloche
The Heart of Worship Matt Redman

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns and Prayer

Offering

Redeemer Savior Friend Darrel Evans

Scripture

Galatians 5:16-26
Matthew 6:31-33

Message

"The Grass Is Always Greener" Al Ward

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Closing

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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!

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Sanctuary

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Chancel Choir

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 96

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OPENING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lenten Carillon..... Leslie Sullivan
Wesley Handbell Choir

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM

Oh, How Good Is Christ The Lord (Oh, Qué Bueno Es Jesus) arr. Jeff Reeves
Carillon Choir; Jared Stine, guitar

Oh, how good is Christ the Lord. He is with me ev'ry day. Never shall I be alone, glory be to Jesus! He has filled my life with love. Glory be to Jesus. Oh, how good is Christ the Lord. On the cross he died for me. He has pardoned all my sin, glory be to Jesus. In three days he rose again, glory be to Jesus.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Set Me As A Seal..... Julius C. Miller, III
Chancel Choir

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it, no flood can drown it.

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BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Benediction Howard Coble
Chancel Choir

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Intrada Joel Martinson

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Ushers for the month of March: Laura Amos, Nancy Ilderton, Bill Levina, Howard Regan, Pat Rosser, Craig Skillman, Rex Walser.

Greeters for the month of March: Harold Martin, Hayden McKenzie, Nancy McKenzie, Laney Morris, Don Scarborough.

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"Set Me as a Seal" is a 2014 publication by a young composer from Detroit. The text is from Song of Solomon and the anthem was written to commemorate the life of his late father.

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Our Sympathy to ~

Madison Brewer and Andy Brewer in the death of their father, Stephen Nolan Brewer, on March 12, 2014.

Kathy Clontz in the death of her sister, Juanita James, on March 16, 2014.

Thanks and praise ~

... to all Chancel Choir members who attended last Saturday's choir retreat. Your time and talents are very much appreciated.

... to Wesley 100 and Phillip Dixon for all their hard work and service in providing the meal for the UMW District Prayer Breakfast.

... to all those who came out and helped pack over 625 meals for Back Packs at Fairview last Sunday!

... to Tom Mason and George McLarty for transporting all the food from Sam's Club and Larry Brown for helping deliver the boxes of meals to Fairview.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . .

It's time for a new Wesley Memorial membership directory. Save the dates: April 29 - May 23 will be the window for photography appointments. As a special incentive, families who register for an appointment the first week of signups, will have their name placed in a drawing for an iPad mini. If you register for an appointment the first week of signups, FOR the first week of photography sessions, your name will be entered a second time, for double the chance at winning. For more information, contact Directory Committee Chair, Joseph Gamble at 336-883-1007.

Ways to CONNECT

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR 3RD - 5TH GRADERS

On Friday, April 11th from 6 pm - 7:30 pm all 3rd - 5th graders are invited to a pizza dinner and Easter egg hunt. Bring your flashlights and join the fun! Cost is \$5 and reservations are due by April 7. Contact Melissa Coley (mcoley@wesleymemorial.org or Debbie Foust (dfoust@wesleymemorial.org).



ROCK-N-ROLL EASTER EVENT FOR THE FAMILY

Join us on Sunday April 13 from 3-5 pm for an all-out family affair with booths, games, music, crafts, snacks, and activities that center on the fact that God rolled the rock away. This is an Easter egg hunt and so much more. Everything about the Rock-n-Roll Easter Event points people to one thing: celebrating Jesus Christ.



CHANCEL CHOIR SPRING PRESENTATIONS PLANNED

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for several upcoming special performances by our Chancel Choir.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, the choir will sing festive anthems accompanied by organ, brass and timpani.

MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 11, the choir will present for worship the *Mass in B-Flat* by Joseph Haydn. The congregation is invited to join the choir after worship for a reception on the lawn.

Ways to GROW



PRAYER BEADS DAY RETREAT RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY MARCH 29 (9 AM - 12 NOON)

There is still room for you to join us next Saturday as we learn about and make prayer beads to help us focus our thoughts and guide us into different forms of prayer. This retreat will be led by Miriam Ward and Kathy Barba Pierce. Everyone is welcome! Children 7 and older can register to attend with an adult. Child-care is available by reservation. Register by calling the Front Desk at 884-2204.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR 5TH SUNDAY SEMINAR - MARCH 30; 9:45 AM IN THE CHAPEL

The topic is "Singing and Praying the Psalms." We will explore and experience the practice of singing and praying the Psalms. Our Choral Scholars will sing some Psalms for us and Kathy Barba Pierce will be teaching about praying the Psalms and how we can use them in our own prayer life. Everyone is welcome, whether you are in a Sunday school class or not. We hope to see you there!



PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR HUMAN SEXUALITY EVENT - APRIL 24-26

The Created by God workshop for 5th graders will take place Thursday, April 24-Saturday, April 26. A letter with complete details and registration information has been sent to all 5th grade families. Questions? Please contact Debbie Foust at dfoust@wesleymemorial.org or Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org.

Ways to SERVE

CHECK OUT OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT THE FATHER'S TABLE

WMUMC is committed to serving one night a month at the Father's Table (Open Door Ministry). Because there is an overwhelming interest in this service opportunity, we are currently seeking a 2nd monthly night for us to serve. If you are interested in serving, please sign up on the web at www.wesleymemorial.org/table or contact Julie Price at julie.f.price@wellsfargo.com. There are also OTHER ways we can serve Father's Table. A complete list of volunteer positions is also available on our website.



HELP THE CHANCEL CHOIR WITH REFRESHMENTS

Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments for our reception on the lawn Sunday, May 11 immediately following the 11 am worship service featuring a special presentation by the Chancel Choir. If you are interested in providing snacks or cookies for this reception, please contact Anne Carroll at 812-4816 or acarroll@wesleymemorial.org.

Are you serving or looking for opportunities to serve at a community agency in High Point? Please let the Missions and Community Impact Team know. Contact Adam Vernon at avernon@wesleymemorial.org.

Ways to GIVE



HONOR OR REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES WITH AN EASTER LILY

Easter Lilies may be placed on the altar in the Chapel, Sanctuary or Contemporary Worship Services on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of a special person. The lilies cost \$25 each. Call Sue Schoch at 812-4811 to reserve your lilies for the worship service of your choice. Ordering deadline is April 11. Please make checks payable to Wesley Memorial UMC and mail to Tish Schultheiss, P. O. Box 5289, High Point, NC 27262. Please put Easter Lilies in the memo line.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

On Sunday, March 16, 2014, we received a Special Offering to help our neighbors who lost perishable food items because of power outages in the recent ice storm and need help replacing them. High Point area churches joined together to help our neighbors in need. We are proud to announce that Wesley Memorial raised \$10,000 in this effort. This money will be combined with the other churches to help those families impacted. This is one way we live out our mission to transform the world by SERVING as the voice and feet of Christ in our community. Thank you Wesley Memorial for your generous giving!

WM "SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT!" AT CHICK-FIL-A

Stop by the Chick-fil-A on North Main Street in High Point (near Walmart) on Monday, March 31 from 5-8 pm and join the fun & fellowship as our church & school families get together for a meal. Tell the restaurant staff that you are from "Wesley Memorial" and our school will receive a donation of 15% of total Wesley Memorial receipts from this night! The Chick-fil-A donation will be put towards our new playground project. We hope to have a BIG TURN-OUT, so please come! If you are too busy to eat with us, your purchase at the drive-thru will support our school, too.



CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL®

KENYA FUNDRAISING DINNER

Join us in the Dining Hall for dinner on Wednesday, April 2 from 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm and help make a significant Impact in the life of an orphan child. Your participation will support ongoing missions benefiting orphans in Kenya. Plus, you will enjoy a delicious Italian dinner prepared and served by Carrabba's Italian Grill!

Pick up your tickets at the Front Desk of the church during weekdays or on Sunday mornings outside each worship area. You may call Diane Hamrick at 210-3765 to hold tickets for you at the door or email diane@kenya-partners.org. Tickets are \$12/person. Enjoy chicken marsala, cavatini pasta, salad, tea and dessert. Take-out or eat-in.

CALENDAR - March 16 - March 23, 2014

Sunday, March 23, 2014

- Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Wesley 201, 9:45 am, Perspectives Classroom
- Music Committee Meeting, 12:00 pm, Perspectives Classroom
- Carillon Choir, 4:00 pm, Choir Room
- Serendipities Choir, 4:00 pm, A224
- Church Camp Planning Meeting, 4:00 pm, Youth Gathering Space
- Hang Time for Youth, 4:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Unity Group Leaders Meeting, 5:00 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- The Gathering, 5:30 pm, Youth Gathering Space

Monday, March 24, 2014

- Jean Stockton Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- Adult Education & Spiritual Formation Team Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

- Mid-Week Communion, 11 am, Chapel
- Bible Study Lunch, 12:00 pm, Dining Hall
(Lunch cost \$5, reservation required by 4 pm on preceding Monday.)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, 6th Grade/A&C Room
- Wesley Ringers, 4:15 pm, D204
- Qubein Fund Committee Meeting, 5:00 pm, Conf. Rm. #2
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall (Menu: Meat Loaf, Baked Potatoes, Peas, Roll, Dessert. Children's menu is same as adult menu. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for those 14-18 yrs., Free for those under 14)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm, Choir Room
- Class on Prayer, 6:30 pm, Brand X Classroom
- Class on the Bible, 6:30 pm, Media Center
- Class on Parenting, 6:30 pm, Children's Gathering Space
- Disciple II Class, 6:45 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Thursday, March 27, 2014

- High School Breakfast Club, 7:00 am, Chick-fil-A
- WOW Study - Esther, 9:30 am, Circle View Room
- Adult Handbell Choir, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Saturday, March 29, 2014

- Prayer Beads Day Retreat, 9:00 am, Chapel
- Praise Team Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 30, 2014

- 5th Sunday Seminar, 9:45 am, Chapel
- Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Wesley 201, 9:45 am, Perspectives Classroom
- Carillon Choir, 4:00 pm, Choir Room
- Serendipities Choir, 4:00 pm, A224
- Children's Ministry Team, 4:00 pm, Children's Gathering Area
- Church Camp Planning Meeting, 4:00 pm, Youth Gathering Space
- Hang Time for Youth, 4:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- The Gathering, 5:30 pm, Youth Gathering Space

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 hope you will return to worship with us again!

Our faithfulness in attendance March 16, 2014

All Worship Services: 463

(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.*