

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 - AUGUST 17, 2014
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

August 17, 2014

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

Choral in a minor Cesar Franck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship God with your whole heart.

We come as mustard seeds of faith.

Come and worship God with your whole being.

We come as leaven for the world.

Come and worship God with your whole mind.

We come to worship God with your whole lives.

OPENING PRAYER

† HYMN No. 144

This Is My Father's World TERRA BEATA

BLESSING OF TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND BACKPACKS

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Rabbi Jesus, we give You thanks for our teachers and students.

As pencils are sharpened and backpacks are filled, back-to-school lists are checked and enrollment forms filled out, children prepare to meet their teachers and learn their schedules, and new students nervously hope to make new friends,

We remember the boy Jesus as he stayed behind in the temple, to learn as well as to teach, and so we ask for Your blessing upon our students and their backpacks, that they may grow in understanding and that we may learn from them.

As papers are stacked and supplies are stocked, Teachers arrange their classrooms and lesson plans, educators give out of their own resources to meet shrinking budgets, And principals and teacher's aides prepare for the first day,

We recall Rabbi Jesus who taught thousands of people, who brought the children forward to be first, and who fed five thousand with the bread and fish brought by a child, so we ask for Your blessing upon our teachers, that their resources may be increased, that they can reach out to children in need, and that they may know the love and support of the community surrounding them.

All: May we all remember to pray for our teachers and educators, may we lift up our students and the students in our community, and may we reach out to help our students, teachers and schools in need. Rabbi Jesus, our Teacher and our Savior, we pray all things in Your name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:31-35

SERMON

"The Truth Shall Make You ... Odd"

Rev. Preston Davis

† **Hymn No. 405**

Seek Ye First..... SEEK YE

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

This Is My Father's World..... Improvisation

† **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!**

† **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

† **Hymn No. 569**

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations..... MESSAGE

† **BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Entree dans le style Classique..... Gabriel Pierne

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Worship Leaders: Rev. Preston Davis, Guest Preacher; Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregation Care; Frank Pifferetti, Organist.

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Service Notes:

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Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:45 am

August 17, 2014

The Beginning 9:45 am

Gathering Music

Holy is The Lord Chris Tomlin

Days of Elijah Donnie McKlurkin

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns & Prayer

Offering

How Great is Our God Chris Tomlin

Blessing of Teachers, Students and Backpacks

Scripture

Matthew 13:31-35

Message

"The Truth Shall Make You ... Odd" Rev. Preston Davis

Time of Reflection

Holy is The Lord Reprise

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!

The Worship of God

Sanctuary

August 17, 2014

11 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Choral in a minor..... Cesar Franck

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!*

Please stand as you are able.

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OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 144

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

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ANTHEM

Now Let Us All Praise God and SingGordon Young

Chancel Choir

Now let us all praise God and sing Our great Redeemer's praise; That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia! All ye servants of the Lord, Praise Him forever, Sing Jehovah's mighty pow'r, Praise Him forever, Sing of His righteousness, Praise Him forever. So let us all praise God and sing Our great Redeemer's praise; That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise. Sing alleluia!

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lauda AnimaMark Andrews

Chancel Choir

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King! Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows; In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows. Angels in the height adore Him! Ye behold Him face to face; Saints triumphant bow before Him, Gathered in from ev'ry race. Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

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BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Benediction Howard Coble

Chancel Choir

May the Lord bless you. May the Lord keep you. May the Lord show his face to you and give you peace. Amen

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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Ushers for the month of August: Scott Dunbar, Windley Dunbar, Barbara Frye, Miles Gurley, Jane Harriss, Stuart Nunn, Colby Walton, Tom Smothers.

Greeters for the month of August: Jim Adams, Laney Morris, Joe Needham.

Ways to CONNECT

Acknowledgments ~

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Drew Dalton Fuller by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Ingram.

Thanks and praise ~

... to everyone who made sandwiches, packed lunch, and delivered them to Fairview elementary school students. Thanks to all who helped prepare and serve lunch to the Fairview staff and to Real Creations for their contribution.

Connect with Wesley Memorial on Facebook & Twitter ~

Stay up-to-date on the latest posts, photos, and events by following Wesley Memorial on Twitter and like us on Facebook.

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JOIN US FOR EXPLORE WESLEY MEMORIAL COFFEE

Are you new to Wesley Memorial and want to know more about the church, our ministries or our pastors and staff? Please join us for Explore Wesley Memorial Coffee today at 9:45 am in the Asbury Room.



RISING 6TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO A LOCK-IN AUGUST 22-23

This event will serve as a way to introduce them to the student ministry, get to know Jay and our Student Leadership Team. The lock-in starts at 6 pm with a parent meeting and dinner for the students. After dinner, we'll be heading to Airborne in Winston-Salem and then back to the church for games and ice cream! The lock-in will end at 8 am with breakfast. Please contact Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org to register or Jay Butler at jbutler@wesleymemorial.org for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES KICK OFF NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Are you



August 24

All morning we will be celebrating the wonderful things that will be taking place in our children's ministries this year. At 9:45 children, grades kindergarten through fifth grade will be treated to "Sundaes on Sunday" in the Dining Hall as a welcome back from the summer. During this same time parents will have the opportunity to see, as well as hear about the exciting direction Children's Ministries is taking.

BIBLE SUNDAY FOR RISING 3RD GRADERS - SEPTEMBER 14

During the 11:00 worship service we will present Bibles to the rising 3rd Grade class. These Bibles are a gift from the Covington and Millis families. A letter will be sent to the parents of each rising 3rd Grader with information. If you have a rising third grader and have questions, please contact Debbie Foust at dfoust@wesleymemorial.org or Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org.

Ways to GROW

COMMITMENT TO GROW SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2014 @ ALL SERVICES

What is GROW? We believe the Holy Spirit works through spiritual GROWth to transform us to be more like Christ and into the fullness of all God desires us to be, both individually and as a church. Whether you have been growing for a few days, a few years, or a lifetime, continued growth requires taking time to make intentional choices. Each Sunday in August, we will be rolling out what a letter of our GROW acronym stands for. Make sure to attend worship to find out!



G - God's Word

R - Relationships, relating to God and others. It is necessary to connect with God and others so that we can grow in our Christ-like-ness. It is only in the context of relationships that we can grow to be healthy followers of Jesus Christ.

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This growth does not happen in isolation; we need each other. Transformational growth is facilitated when we actively and intentionally embark on the journey of growth together. Please be in attendance Sunday, September 7 for our Commitment to GROW Sunday!

ARE YOU READY TO GROW? NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP STUDY AT WESLEY MEMORIAL!

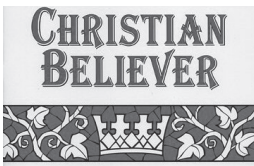
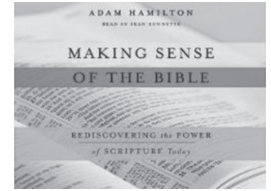


YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN A NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTING IN AUGUST

Women of Wesley (WOW), there is a new Bible Study of Nehemiah that will begin on August 28 in the Youth Gathering Space at 9:10 am. WOW seeks to encourage women to grow in their faith in Christ, and to develop and strengthen friendships with other women, while providing opportunities to serve and reach our community for Christ. Please join us in August!

ADAM HAMILTON'S *MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE* — WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL

Rev. Erin Beall will offer a study on this fascinating new book, which explores questions and uncertainties many of us share about the Bible. For more information contact Erin Beall at 812-4815 or ebeall@wesley memorial.org. To register for the study, please contact the Front Desk at 884-2204.



DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY: *CHRISTIAN BELIEVER* 32-WEEK COURSE COMING THIS FALL

If you have ever taken Disciple, you know how enriching and fulfilling it can be. *Christian Believer* is a Disciple course which offers less Bible reading in lieu of the writings of theologians, authors, and poets. Whether you've taken all, some, or none of Disciple, we would love to have you in this study! For more information contact Erin Beall at ebeall@wesley memorial.org or 812-4815.

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NEW BIBLE STUDY WITH DR. EFIRD — COMING SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 6

This fall, Wesley Memorial will once again be hosting the esteemed professor Dr. Mickey Efirm! Dr. Efirm is joining us for four weeks of Bible teaching, exploring what God reveals to us through the Scriptures. Be sure to mark your calendars for this upcoming event! For more information, contact Erin Beall at ebeall@wesley memorial.org or 812-4815.



WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY BEGINS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Jean Stockton will be returning to lead a women's Bible study this Fall. The group will meet on Mondays at 10 am in the Circle View Room. The first meeting is scheduled for September 8. All are welcome!

Ways to SERVE



TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP FOR THE MISSION TRIP TO HAITI WITH HPU STUDENTS

We need you to join HPU students as we partner together in mission to Cange, Haiti October 18-24. The team will work with Ansan Ministries to facilitate art and health opportunities for local schools and orphanages, witness the work of Stop Hunger Now, and build on existing relationships for future partnerships. Contact Jared Stine at jstine@wesley memorial.org or 812-4813 to register for the trip. Visit ansanm.org to see pictures and videos. Deadline to sign up is TODAY.

Ways to GIVE

GET YOUR CAR WASHED AND HELP THE GIRL SCOUTS



Our local Girl Scout Troop is hosting a car wash to raise money for their Summer 2015 trip to Alaska. The car wash will be held next Sunday, August 24 from 2 pm -5 pm at the Auto Zone at 2709 North Main Street in High Point. Donations are greatly appreciated.



BACKPACK ITEMS NEEDED

- Granola Bars
- Individual Cereal Boxes
- Fruit Cups
- Juice Boxes

Collection bins are in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Administrative Building Lobby.

CALENDAR - August 17 - August 24, 2014

Sunday, August 17, 2014

- Blessing of the Backpacks, All Worship Services
- Early Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship, 8:45 & 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Explore Wesley Memorial Coffee, 9:45 am, Asbury Room
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Student Leadership Team Meeting, 12 Noon, Underground Canteen
- Children's Ministry Team Meeting, 4:00 pm, Children's Gathering Space
- Leadership & Nominations Team, 4:00 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

- Church Council Meeting, 5:30 pm, Circle View Room

Wednesday, August 20, 2014

- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, Small Dining Room
- Chancel Choir Practice, 6:45 pm, Choir Room

Saturday, August 23, 2014

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

Sunday, August 24, 2014

- Promotion Sunday & Blessing of Teachers, All Worship Services
- Early Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship, 8:45 & 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Leadership & Nominations Team, 4:00 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

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 August 10, 2014
All Worship Services: 415
(Goal 505)

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

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.