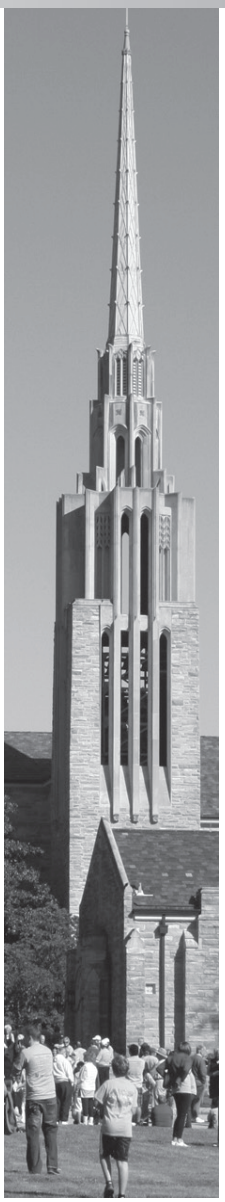
Welcome to

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 - September 7, 2014

TWELFTH 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

1225 Chestnut Drive • High Point, North Carolina 27262
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The Worship of God

Chapel | September 7, 2014 | 8:30 am

Opening Voluntary

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ..... John Longhurst

Welcome and Announcements

† Call To Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good!
God's steadfast love endures forever.
We dedicate our lives to You, Lord Jesus,
Through worship, study, relationships, and service.
We dedicate ourselves to You, Lord God Almighty,
As we grow spiritually, making You first in our lives.

† Prayer

† Hymn No. 699

Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join ..... CANTERBURY

Scripture Lesson John15:1-8

Sermon Al Ward

Invitation to Grow

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Give Me Jesus ..... arr. Moses Hogan

Adrienne Leggett, soprano

In the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus, nobody but Jesus.

† 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!

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Eucharist

Prayer After Communion

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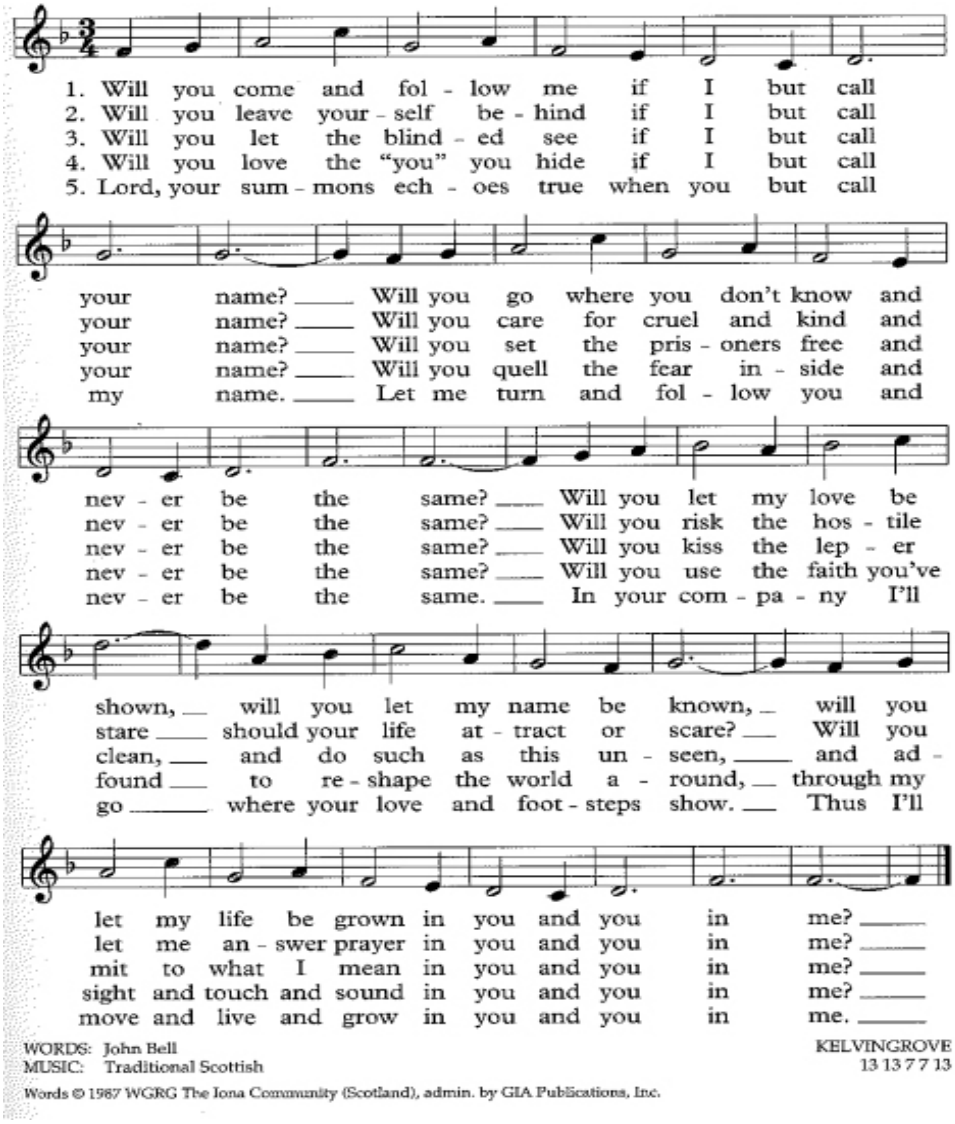
† Hymn

The Summons ..... KELVINGROVE



† Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in A Major ..... Alessandro Scarlatti

† Please stand as you are able.

Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; **Jared Stine**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; **Frank Pifferetti**, Organist.

Service Notes:
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Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:45 am September 7, 2014 The Beginning 9:45 am

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Gathering Music

How Great Thou Art Paul Baloche

Come and Let Us Sing Israel Houghton

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Invitation to Grow

Offering

How He Loves David Crowder

Scripture

John 15:1-8

Message

Al Ward

Holy Communion

How He Loves Reprise

Closing

If you are gluten intolerant, we now offer a gluten-free wafer. You may receive the wafer from the server between the communion stations. If you are not gluten-intolerant, we ask you to please receive the bread.

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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 September 7, 2014 11 am

Opening Voluntary

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.....John Longhurst

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Sing Hallelujah, Praise The Lord.....John C. Bechler

Chancel Choir

This is the day the Lord hath made, Let us be glad and rejoice. Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheerful voice; Exalt our God with one accord, And in His Name rejoice. Ne'er cease to sing, Thou ransomed host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Until in realms of endless light Your praises shall unite.

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Opening Prayer

Processional Hymn No. 699

Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join.....CANTERBURY

Please be seated.

Children's Moments

Anthem

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Adrienne Leggett, soprano

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Offertory Anthem

O For A Closer Walk.....arr. Charles Villiers Stanford

Chancel Choir

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heav'nly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

Please stand as you are able.

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(Please come to the front by the center aisle, receive the bread or gluten-free wafer and dip it in the cup. After receiving, you may kneel at the prayer rail or return to your seat by a side aisle. If you need to be served at your seat, please tell an usher.)

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Ushers for the month of September: Chris Dudley, Warren Lackey, Britt Lytle, Jobie Redmond, Jr., J.J. Smith, Bruce von der Lippe, Kevin von der Lippe.

Greeters for the month of September: Norman Andrews, Bob Bass, Evelyn Davis

Doxology No. 94

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Please be seated.

Great Thanksgiving

UM Hymnal No. 23

Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Eucharist

Prayer After Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

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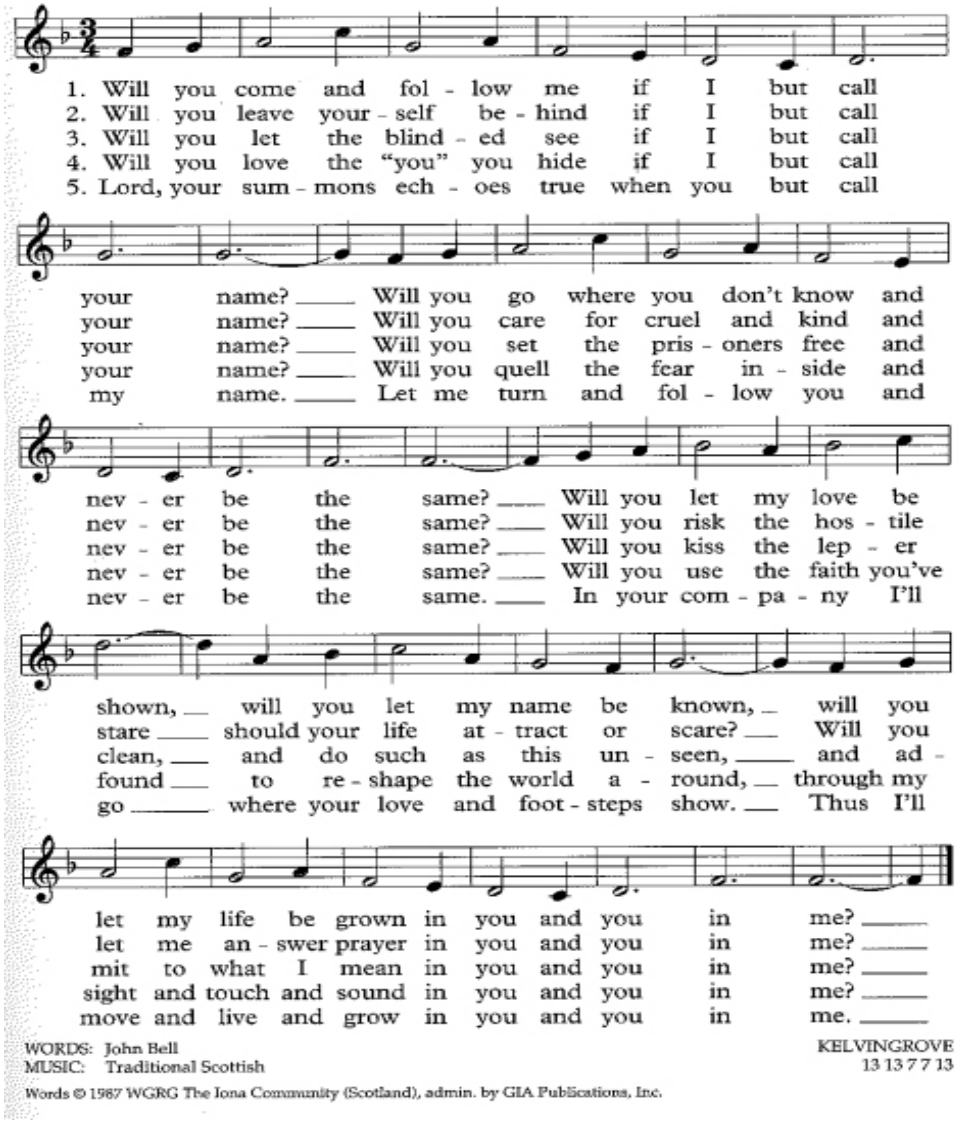


Benediction and Choral Response

Amen ..... Philip E. Baker

Chancel Choir

Chimes of the Trinity

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in A Major ..... Alessandro Scarlatti

Our Sympathy to ~

John Weaver and family in the death of his father, Oscar John Weaver, on August 26, 2014.

The family of Lula Hoskins in her death on August 27, 2014.

Acknowledgments~

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Thayer Coggin by his wife, Dot.

Thanks and praise ~

… to Brenda Bradner, Judy Marsh and Ann Linthicum for serving the Bereavement Reception for the family & friends of Lula Hoskins.

… to the Moo Moo Council group for providing the bereavement meal for the family of Lula Hoskins.

… to the dedicated Chancel Choir members and Choral Scholars who attended the choir retreat on Saturday, September 6.

ON THIS COMMUNION SUNDAY . . .

We share the addresses of some of our members with health concerns who would like to hear from you. There are cards in the Welcome Folders. Please take a moment to write to them. Please address the card. You may mail it or place it at the altar rail or in the offering plate for us to mail.

Harvey Barnett
Pebble Beach 114
1575 John Knox Dr
Colfax, NC 27235

Mary Grace Megginson
Hughes House – 5014
107 Penny Rd
High Point, NC 27260

Ways to CONNECT

JOIN US FOR THE SUPER SUNDAY STUDENT KICK-OFF TODAY FROM 5 - 8 PM

Students! Today, we are starting our new series entitled "Behind the Scenes." From 5-8 pm this evening we will have our kick-off party in the Student Ministry area, the Underground. Bring your friends and family for food, fun, and games! If you'd like more information, please contact Jay Butler or Melissa Coley.

INVITE SOMEONE "BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY"

Know a friend or neighbor without a church home? Invite them to "Back to Church Sunday" - with lots of visitors, no one will feel like a stranger. Mark your calendars!

BIBLE SUNDAY FOR RISING 3RD GRADERS IS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

During the 11:00 worship we will present Bibles to the rising 3rd Grade class. These Bibles are a gift from the Covington and Millis families. Questions, please contact Debbie Foust at dfoust@wesleymemorial.org or Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org.

WESLEY MEMORIAL 101 TWO-WEEK COURSE: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14 & 21

Wesley Memorial invites all its prospective members to participate in a two-week fellowship time with other prospective members. Wesley Memorial 101 is held during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 am in the Circle View Room. This two-week course will give you the opportunity to learn new information about Christianity, United Methodism, Wesley Memorial UMC and ways that you can plug into our ministries once you become a member. This is also a great time to meet other new church members.

LIVE ALIVE EVENTS RETURN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 FOR SENIORS

Live Alive gatherings are for adults 55+ to enjoy and fellowship. Activities begin at 10 am. The Older Adult Rhythm Band will lead the program for September. Lunch is at 11:45 am and the menu is Chicken Pie, Green Beans, Carrots, Cole Slaw, Bread and Apple Fritters. To make a reservation for lunch, call the Front Desk (884-2204) by 10 am this Friday. Lunch is $6.

Ways to GROW

DIVORCECARE CLASS STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 PM IN MEDIA CENTER

A new weekly divorce class and support group will be meeting on Wednesday nights this Fall. Each session will include a video featuring top experts on divorce and healing, as well as time to discuss and support one another. $15 provides you with a helpful study guide. Can't come all 13 weeks? Come whenever you can. Call the Front Desk to register at 884-2204. Contact Jared Stine for more information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WITH JEAN STOCKTON BEGINS TOMORROW

Jean Stockton will be returning to lead a women's Bible study this Fall. The group will meet on Mondays at 10:30 am in the Circle View Room. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8. No pre-registration required.

NEW STUDY WITH DR. EFIRD — STARTS SEPTEMBER 15

Wesley Memorial is once again hosting the esteemed professor Dr. Mickey Efird! Dr. Efird will teach from the books of Joshua and Judges about the history of the land of Israel, which as we know so well is disputed even to this day. For more info, contact Erin Beall at ebeall@wesleymemorial.org or 812-4815.

TODAY IS COMMITMENT TO GROW SUNDAY

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. Over the last four weeks, the letters in our acronym GROW have been revealed:

GROW — SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY FOLLOWERS · CONNECTING · GROWING · SERVING

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

G - God's Word **R - Relationships** **O - Openness to God's Spirit** **W - Wonder and Prayer**

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. Today is Commitment to GROW Sunday. We hope you will bring forward your Commitment to Grow card and receive a special commissioning for a great year of GROWth!

Ways to SERVE

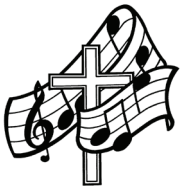
TODAY WE ARE TAKING STEPS TO STOP HUNGER NOW

Join us this afternoon for our third annual STOP HUNGER NOW meal packing event. We will be packing 20,000 meals in the Fellowship Hall and need volunteers to help set-up at 1 pm and 40 packers for two shifts at 2 pm and 3:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for all ages to SERVE as the hands of Christ and transform the world. Contact Al Ward for more information.

STOP HUNGER NOW

SINGERS NEEDED ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS

The Women's Choir will rehearse on Monday, September 15 and 22 from 11:15-12:15 and sing in worship on September 28. After rehearsals we will go to lunch together. Men's Choir will rehearse at 8 pm on Wednesday, September 24 and October 1 for 20 minutes with the men of the choir. Men's Choir will sing for worship on October 5. Women, please let Anne Carroll know by September 12 if you wish to sing and go to lunch.



Ways to GIVE

HELP BUILD A WALL OF CANNED GOODS FOR THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT TO FEED THOSE IN NEED

The Wow Bible Study this fall is *Nehemiah…A Heart that Can Break*. Nehemiah is a life-altering story about a man whose heart didn't bow to earthly pleasures but instead broke for the suffering and vulnerable. He obeyed God's call to rebuild the WALL in Jerusalem. Please join us as we build a WALL of canned goods to be given to the organizations in High Point that so desperately need food! Look for the containers labeled: **NEHEMIAH! BE PART OF THE ALL…HELP BUILD THIS WALL!**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ANTHEM ANGEL AND SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR?

To purchase an anthem or major work for the traditional music library in honor of or in memory of someone, contact Anne Carroll (acarroll@wesleymemorial.org or 812-4816). A new list of anthems/major works is available.

ENRICHING LEARNING EXPERIENCES AWAIT YOUNG CHILDREN THIS FALL AT WESLEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Classes are almost full! Families are invited to call soon to inquire about NURSERY classes for Infants (3 mos +), Toddlers, & Twos; PRESCHOOL classes for Threes & for Pre-K Fours; KINDERGARTEN classes for Fives. Schedule is 9-12:00, and 9-1:00 for Fives. Optional hour of childcare before school or after to extend the day and help support parent needs. Call Susan Sumpter or Susan Kelley for an appointment to tour at 884-4232. Pre-K curriculum includes "Get Set For School" and "Handwriting Without Tears." Kgt Fives follow the curriculum of the Common Core State Standards. We pledge to ignite each child's love of learning & grow attitudes of Christian care – a foundation that will last a lifetime. Visit www.wesleymemorialschool.org.

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NURSERY · PRESCHOOL · KINDERGARTEN

CALENDAR - September 7 - September 14, 2014

Sunday, September 7, 2014: Commitment to GROW

- Children's Music, 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Space
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Historical Room Open House, 12:00pm, E203
- Stop Hunger Now Event, 2:00 pm & 3:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Youth Super Sunday, 5:00 pm, Back Circle

Monday, September 8, 2014

- Jean Stockton's Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- Staff Parish Meeting, 5:15 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Stewardship Team Meeting, 5:30 pm, Circle View Room
- Stephen Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #2
- Leadership & Nominations Team, 7:00 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

- Finance Team Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Student Leadership Team Meeting, 7:00 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

- Mid-Week Communion, 11:00 am, Chapel
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, 6 Grade / A&C
- Wesley Ringers, 4:15 pm, D204
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall - FREE this week! *(Menu: Scalloped potatoes and ham, broccoli/cauliflower salad, dessert. Come by the church office during the week or call the church office at 884-2204 to make a reservation.*
- "Making Sense of the Bible" Study, 6:30 pm, D201
- DivorceCare & Support Class, 6:30 pm, D213 Media Center
- Chancel Choir Practice, 6:45 pm, Choir Room

Thursday, September 11, 2014

- WOW Study of Nehemiah, 9:10 am, Underground
- Board of Trustees Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Adult Handbell Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, Choir Room

Saturday, September 13, 2014

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

Sunday, September 14, 2014

- Back to Church Sunday, All Services
- Early Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Children's Music, 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Space
- Contemporary Worship, 8:45 & 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Wesley 101, 9:45 am, Circle View Room
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- 3rd Grade Bible Presentations, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Youth Handbells, 5:00 pm, Bell Room

WELCOME VISITORS!

Thank you so much for joining us today in worship. If this is your first time worshiping 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 31, 2014

All Worship Services: 364

(Goal 505)

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

OUR CLERGY & MINISTRY STAFF:

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Rev. Jared Stine, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*
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Anne Carroll, *Director of Music Ministries*
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Debbie Foust, *Director of Children's Ministries*
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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.*