

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 11, 2016
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Traditional Worship in the Chapel
8:30 am

Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall
8:30 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 11, 2016

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

*Nimrod from "Enigma Variations"*Edward Elgar
(In memory of those who died on September 11, 2001)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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We have a God who knows us deeply.

God even knows the extent of our imperfections and wrongs.

We are always being searched for, and our returns celebrated.

We come together to worship a God who never, ever gives up on us.

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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Almighty God,

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

† HYMN No. 61

Come, Thou Almighty King.....ITALIAN HYMN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:1-10 (NT pg. 78)

SERMON

Al Ward

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us.....BRADBURY

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

He That Keepeth Israel

Adolphe Schlösser
Brittany Griffin, mezzo-soprano

He that keepeth Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. He will give his angels charge over thee, To keep thee in all thy ways.

Service Notes:

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† **DOXOLOGY No. 94**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings FlowLASST 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. 378 (VERSES 1, 2, 3)**

Amazing Grace..... AMAZING GRACE

† **BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude on a National HymnWilliam Thomas Best

† Please stand as you are able.

Worship Leaders: **Al Ward**, Senior Pastor; **Erin Beall**, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship; **Brittany Griffin**, mezzo-soprano; **Frank Pifferetti**, Organist;

Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:30 am September 11, 2016 The Beginning 9:45 am

Gathering Music

Your Grace is Enough Matt Maher
Let Everything Geron Davis

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns and Prayer

Offering

Mended Matthew West

Scripture

Luke 15:1-10

Message

Al Ward

Time of Reflection

Who Am I Casting Crowns

Closing

Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care (8:30); Keith Byrd, Director of Contemporary Music; The Horizon Praise Team.

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Horizon

Horizon Worship Services include The Gathering at 8:30 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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PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 61

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Please be seated.

ANTHEM

For I Am Called By Thy Name Crawford Gates

Wesley Singers

*Thy words were found and I did eat them, and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing
of mine heart: For I am called by thy name, oh, Lord God of Hosts. (Jeremiah 15: 16)*

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Lovely Are The Messengers Felix Mendelssohn

Chancel Choir

*How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is
gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the land their glad tidings.*

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There will not be **"Children's Moments"** during the summer. We will resume in the fall.

Children's Worship bags are available for the children at the entrances to the sanctuary.

"For I Am Called By Thy Name" was purchased by Anthem Angel, Libby Atwell, for the Glory of God and in honor of her grandchildren, Elizabeth Garland Boger and Caroline Vance Boger.

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The Lord Bless You And Keep YouDale Grotenhuis

Chancel Choir

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

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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: Norman Andrews, Bob Bass, Evelyn Davis.

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Acknowledgments ~

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Akiko Suarez on her 80th birthday by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dan Smoak.

Thanks and Praise ~

... to the One Word Sunday School Class for patching and painting the 16 foot walls in the multi-purpose room at the Macedonia Family Resource Center. This was a collaborative effort between our church, the City of High Point and Huffman Paint. Participants included Charles Surles, Darren and Linda Clark, Molly Clark, Bert and Samantha Klemme, Jobie Redmond, MacLean Redmond, Teri DeCurtis, Tony Alexander, Jeff & Marguerite Braddy.

... to Katherine & Henry McMullan for serving as Communion Stewards at the 11 am Worship Service and Jim Royal for serving as Communion Steward at the 8:30 am Chapel Service.

... to our Wesley 100 "Building Team" for outstanding modifications to the old stone building on Playground Level #2. They added a front porch, ceiling, new roof; plus built-ins of child-size benches and table. Participants on the Building Team: Buddy Wilson, Jim Holcomb, Mike & Susan Hedrick, George McLarty, Joe Gamble, Rick Lutz, Bill Russell, Jim Royal, Keith Lee. The children, parents and teachers send their LOVE and THANKS!

Ways to CONNECT

MIDWEEK COMMUNION & DINNER ARE BACK THIS WEEK

The Midweek Communion service led by Rev. Jared Stine begins at 11 am this Wednesday in the Chapel. Wednesday Dinners are prepared by our fabulous Holy Chefs from Wesley 100.



This week's meal is FREE for everyone! Menu:

Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli/ Cauliflower Salad, Rolls & Dessert. RSVP by calling the church office at 336-884-2204.

3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATIONS NEXT SUNDAY

During the 11:00 worship service next Sunday, September 18, we will present Bibles to the rising 3rd grade class. These Bibles are a gift from the Covington and Millis families. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Foust or Melissa Coley.

LIVE ALIVE EVENTS KICK OFF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Live Alive gatherings are for adults 55+. Activities begin at 10 am. This month's presenter is Darryl Sumner, a speaker on American Heritage. He will discuss the religion of our American founders. Call the Front Desk to register (336-884-2204) by September 16 at 10 am. Our lunch menu is chicken pie (from Real Kitchen & Catering) with carrots, slaw, bread & apple fritters for dessert.

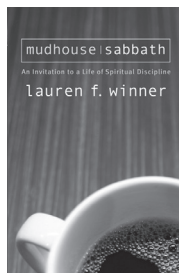
BIBLE STUDY LUNCH RETURNS SEPTEMBER 21

Led by Dr. Al Ward, the study begins at 12 noon in the Dining Hall. Meal includes: Soup, Sandwich, Dessert, Tea or Water. Bring your own lunch or make a reservation by Monday at 4:30 pm for the \$5 catered lunch.

Ways to GROW

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE WOMEN OF WESLEY: NEW YEAR, NEW DAY, NEW STUDY

The Women of Wesley will be delving into a fabulous, newly-redesigned study by Lauren F. Winner on the spiritual disciplines at the heart of the Christian faith. In her book *Mudhouse Sabbath*, Winner builds on her unique Jewish heritage and introduces Christians to the inherited faith of our Jewish forefathers and – mothers! Join Barbara Coughlin and Rev. Erin Beall for this six-week study, now on Monday mornings from 9:30-11:00 am, in the Underground (ask at Front Desk for directions). Books will be available for \$14 at our first session on Monday, September 12. All ladies welcome!

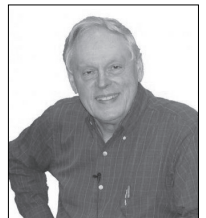


THE LIFE & LETTERS OF PAUL: STARTS SEPTEMBER 14

Join us in the Circle View Room at 6:30 pm Wednesday nights for a study of the Life and Letters of the Apostle Paul. Rev. Erin Beall will lead us in this in-depth study, drawing on her recent trip to Greece and Turkey with acclaimed Paul scholar Dr. Douglas Campbell. No book purchase necessary; childcare available on request.

DR. EFIRD RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Wesley Memorial is thrilled to announce that our friend and scholar Dr. James (Mickey) Efird will be joining us again for a series of lectures this September and October. Join us in the Dining Hall, 6:45-8:15 pm on 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, and 10/10.



BOY SCOUT INFO SESSION: Boy Scout Troop 4 is holding an Open House and Information Session on Monday, September 19 at 7 pm in the Wesley Memorial Scout Room. The meeting is for 11-year-olds (or rising 6th graders) and their parents. **Contact Nolan Clinard with questions at nolanclinard@gmail.com**

Sundaes on Sunday

**BBQ Lunch
& Ice Cream**

Adults: \$10

Kids: \$5
(10 and under)

**TODAY FROM
11 am - 1:30 pm**



This event is sponsored by the United Methodist Women to benefit the Wesley Memorial School Scholarship Fund. Meal includes: BBQ, Baked Beans, Slaw, Chips & Ice Cream Sundaes.

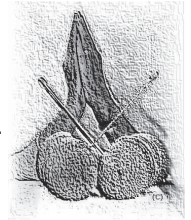
Ways to SERVE

SERVE AT OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES

We have open nights available for serving at Open Door Ministry. Please review the schedule and sign-up at the link below as you are available. Please contact Julie Price at 336-869-0672 if you have any questions. Link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aa4af2fa31-volunteer/20924350>

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY ON WEDNESDAYS

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered over 1,600 shawls, blankets, sweaters and other items to members of our church and community! Join the group on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. For more info, please contact Lee Huff, 887-9165; Karen Sumner, 883-8721 or Linda Dale, 884-5121.



Ways to GIVE

HELP US FILL THE BACKPACKS FOR KIDS AT FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY

Wesley Memorial is once again providing "backpacks" of food for Fairview students on the weekend and holidays throughout the school year. Items needed: Individual pop-top Spaghetti's, Chef Boyardee Spaghetti and Meatballs, and Kraft Mac and Cheese easy cups. We can no longer accept peanut butter items! Collection bins are in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Administrative Building Lobby.



YOU CAN BE AN ANTHEM ANGEL AND SUPPORT WESLEY MEMORIAL'S MUSIC MINISTRY

Anthem Angels purchase anthems from a list compiled by the Director of Music in honor or in memory of a loved one, Sunday School teacher, staff member or friend. If you would like to see a list of anthems for purchase, please contact Anne Carroll. If you would like to purchase an orchestra instrument in honor or in memory of someone you may also contact Anne Carroll. Harp, oboe, flute, brass and strings will be participating in worship this fall and winter.

HAVE YOU TRIED GIVING ONLINE? IT IS EASY, QUICK AND CONVENIENT.

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 to log-in.

**ENDING
HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK**

Sunday, September 25 (Walk begins at 3 pm at First Baptist Church)

Two route options – 1 mile fun walk and 3 mile walk

**Two ways
for walkers
to register:**

- (1) www.wesleymemorial.org/cropwalk
- (2) a sign up station outside one of the worship services

CALENDAR: September 11-18, 2016

Sunday, September 11, 2016

- Wesley 101, 9:45 am, Circle View Room
- BBQ & Ice Cream Fundraiser (UMW), 11:00 am - 1:30 pm, Dining Hall
- Youth Handbells, 4:30 pm, Bell Room

Monday, September 12, 2016

- Women of Wesley: *Mudhouse Sabbath* Study, 9:30 am, Underground
- Multi-Denominational Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- Staff Parish Relations Team, 5:15 pm, Circle View Room
- Stephen Ministry Meeting, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #2

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

- Finance Team, 5:45 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

- Midweek Communion, 11:00 am, Chapel
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, Arts & Crafts Room
- Wesley Handbell Choir (Grades 3-5), 4:15 pm, D204
- Handbell Quartet, 4:30 pm, Bell Room
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall
(Menu: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad, Rolls & Dessert. Call the church office at 884-2204 to make a reservation. This week's meal is FREE!)
- Confirmation Parent Orientation, 6:30 pm, Underground
- Financial Peace University, 6:30 pm, Media Center
- The Life & Letters of Paul Study, 6:30 pm, Circle View Room
- Chancel Choir, 6:45 pm, Choir Room
- Leadership Development Team, 7:15 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Thursday, September 15, 2016

- Board of Trustees, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Chancel Bells Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, E204

Saturday, September 17, 2016

- Wesley 100 Breakfast, 8:00 am, Small Dining Room
- Contemporary Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 18, 2016

- Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship, 8:30 am & 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 am, Sanctuary
- Wesley 101, 9:45 am, Circle View Room
- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship (3rd Grade Bible Presentations), 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Youth Handbells, 4:30 pm, Bell Room
- Student Ministries Kick-Off, 5:30 pm & Parent's Meeting, 6:00 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!

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

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**In the event of an emergency,
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option 1. It is available 24/7 and
will connect you with a pastor.**