

Welcome to WESLEY MEMORIAL

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

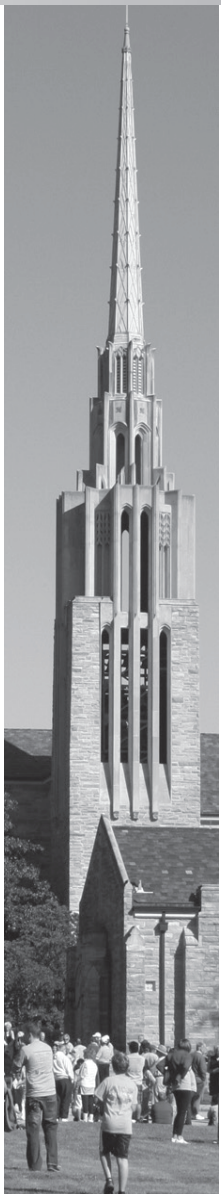
Our purpose is to make and sustain spiritually healthy followers
of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world.

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 16, 2014 **TWENTY-THIRD 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

November 16, 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

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary.....Karl Hoyer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

We lift our eyes to the Lord.

God created the heavens and the earth

We raise our voices in songs and speech

We raise our voices in prayer and praise.

Lord, hear our prayers, accept our praise.

Lord, open our hearts to receive your blessings of peace. AMEN.

† OPENING PRAYER

† HYMN No. 578

God of Love and God of Power.....UNSER HERRSCHER

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

GLORIA PATRI

UM Hymnal No. 71

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Prayer.....Hugo Wolf

Jacob Cortes, baritone

Lord, send what Thou deem'st best, be it joy or grieving; I wait Thy will, believing, that both Thy love attest, Not without measure give sadness or pleasure all-merciful Father! For mid-way rather, lies heart's ease' pure treasure. (Marie Boileau)

† 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. 594

Come, Divine Interpreter.....DIX

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 16:1-4

SERMON

"A Word About the Offering"

Al Ward

Service Notes:

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† HYMN No. 298

When I Survey the Wondrous CrossHAMBURG

† BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God.....Karl Hoyer

† Please stand as you are able.

Worship Leaders: Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Jacob Cortes, Soloist; Frank Pifferetti, Organist.

Horizon Worship

The Gathering 8:45 am

November 16, 2014

The Beginning 9:45

Gathering Music

Father Spirit Jesus Casting Crowns

Look My Way Lenny Leblanc

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns and Prayer

Offering

This is the Air I Breathe Darlene Zschech

Scripture

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 (8:45)

I Corinthians 16:1-4 (9:45)

Message

"Children of Light" Erin Beall (8:45)

"A Word About the Offering" Al Ward (9:45)

Time of Reflection

Look My Way Reprise

Closing

Worship Leaders: Erin Beall, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship (8:45); Al Ward, Senior Pastor (9:45); Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; (8:45); 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

November 16, 2014

11 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary Karl Hoyer

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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We raise our voices in songs and speech

We raise our voices in prayer and praise.

Lord, hear our prayers, accept our praise.

Lord, open our hearts to receive your blessings of peace. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 604

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Please be seated.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(The children are invited to gather at the baptismal font for Landon's and Dean's baptism)

After the parents' profession of faith, the pastor asks the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *Landon* and *Dean* in your care?

We will.

After the baptism, the pastor asks the congregation:

Will you welcome our new brothers in Christ?

Through baptism we are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome both of you as members of the family of Christ.

HYMN No. 611

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (vv. 1 & 4) STUTTGART

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.**

ANTHEM

Prayer Hugo Wolf

Jacob Cortes, baritone

Lord, send what Thou deem'st best, be it joy or grieving; I wait Thy will, believing, that both Thy love attest, Not without measure give sadness or pleasure all-merciful Father! For midway rather, lies heart's ease' pure treasure. (Marie Boileau)

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We rejoice in the baptisms of **Landon James and Dean Mendel Bregman**, sons of Ben and Landi Bregman, and welcome them into the family of Christ. Grandparents are Andy and Joan Bregman of Wheaton, IL and Larry and Dru Coltrain of Colfax, NC. Great grandparents are Spencer Coltrain of Lexington, NC, Lily Bregman of Tampa, FL and Lois Kovarik of Winfield, IL.

“Come, You People, Rise and Sing” is a recently published anthem composed for the Marble Collegiate Church Sanctuary Choir by their organist, Kenneth Dake. Marble Collegiate Church is in New York, New York.

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Greeters for the month of November:

Linda Dale, Jerry Tucker, Kay Tucker.

PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, You People, Rise And Sing.....Kenneth Dake

Chancel Choir

Come, you people, rise and sing praise to God who made you, and to heav’n’s eternal King bring the prayers God bade you. Bring your praise for mercies past, all God’s love confessing, and in life, while life shall last, ask your Maker’s blessing. Praise we God the only Son who in mercy sought us; born to save a world undone, out of death he brought us; here, awhile he showed his love, suffered uncomplaining; now he pleads for us above, ris’n, ascended, reigning! Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost, help us to adore you, till with all the angel host low we fall before you, till throughout our earthly days, guided, loved for given, we can blend our songs of praise with the song of heaven!

Please stand as you are able.

DOXOLOGY No. 94

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN No. 500 (VERSES 1, 4, 5)

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

Please be seated.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

SERMON

“Children of Light”

Erin Beall

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN No. 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light.....HOUSTON

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

Now Thank We All Our God.....Karl Hoyer

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Ushers for the month of November: Brett Barbour, Ed Bass, Daniel Dale, Bart Lassiter, Bob Niebauer, Bill Russell, Don Shaw.

Acknowledgments ~

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Charles and Scotty Tucker and Hubert and Ellen Leach by Jerry and Kay Tucker and Kelly and Don Tucker.

The flowers in the Chapel and the Narthex are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Pat Sharrard and Rex Walser on November 15, 2014, and in honor of their children and grandchildren.

Our Sympathy to ~

Linda Smoak and family in the death of her father, Emilio Suarez, on November 10, 2014.

Lucille Duncan and family in the recent death of her brother.

Thanks and praise ~

... to Kathy Neibauer's Bereavement Team for the meal for the family and friends of Jack Slane.

... to Janie Bass, Ann Linthicum, Pat Neal, Ivey Orr, and Bobbie Rasmussen for serving the Bereavement Reception for the family and friends of Jack Slane.

... to the Pictorial Directory Committee who worked so hard in putting together the beautiful Church Directory we now have.

... to the many Administrative Volunteers who help so diligently in the office. The office staff could not do the work without you!

Ways to CONNECT

YOU'RE INVITED TO LIVE ALIVE THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Live Alive gatherings are for adults 55+ to enjoy and fellowship. Activities begin at 10 am. This month's program will feature Brenda Haworth, curator of The Quaker Museum, sharing medicine that our Grandparents might have used and ailments they may have had. Lunch is at 11:45 am. If you were unable to RSVP, bring your lunch and join us anyway!



SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THIS YEAR'S ADVENT DEVOTIONS BY EMAIL



Something new and exciting we're trying this year with the Advent Devotional Book is making the daily devotions available online via email. If you would like to sign up to receive these daily Advent Devotional emails (one per day for only 25 days throughout Advent—no spamming, we promise!), sign up online at www.wesleymemorial.org/advent2014.

Ways to GROW

ADVENT STUDY WILL FOCUS ON THE MEANING OF THE SEASON

During the season of Advent, Rev. Erin Beall will be offering a Bible study exploring the meanings of the season on a deeper level. Have you heard words like "incarnation" and always wondered what that kind of theology might mean to our day-to-day faith and lives? Have you asked yourself questions about why the doctrine of the Virgin birth is important? What is the significance of the Magi? What does any of it might mean to your life? Come let us adore Him, and learn about Him, and consider just what this God-in-flesh, God-with-us Emmanuel really means for our faith. For more information, contact ebeall@welseymemorial.org or 812-4815.



JOIN US FOR CONSECRATION SUNDAY EVENTS NEXT WEEK - NOVEMBER 23



We will formally receive, bless and give thanks for our 2015 pledge commitments. It will be a day for our congregation to come together and express our gratitude to God and to each another for the abundant blessings that surround us. We will have TWO worship services on November 23:

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP CELEBRATION • 9:00 am (Fellowship Hall)
- FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH & MISSION ACTIVITY • 9:30-11:30 am (Dining Hall)
- TRADITIONAL WORSHIP CELEBRATION • 11:00 am (Sanctuary)

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE (AGES INFANT - 4 YEARS) FROM 9:00 AM UNTIL 12 NOON.

Ways to SERVE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WORK 'GIFTS THAT TRANSFORM OUR WORLD' STORE THROUGHOUT DECEMBER



Starting December 3, Wesley Memorial will open our church store for purchasing Gifts That Transform Our World (GTTOW). Your help is needed to man the store on:

- Sundays (before Sunday school class and before & after worship services)
- Wednesdays (during the day and before our Wednesday night dinners)

Your help in making the store available is critical to a successful GTTOW event. To sign up visit: www.wesleymemorial.org/GTTOW or contact Julie Price (869-0672) or Laura Amos (889-7575).

INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS? JOIN THE PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP PLANNED FOR JANUARY

A mission building team going to Puerto Rico is being formed in our church. The team will be working at the Methodist Church in San Sebastian, PR getting their new modular units ready. The congregation is presently meeting outdoors until their buildings can be completed. The work is mostly light carpentry. The dates for the mission trip are January 8-21, 2015. Anyone interested in this mission trip may contact Joel Key at 885-1927 for more information.



HELPERS NEEDED TO PREPARE LOVEFEAST CANDLES THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

It is time to dress the beeswax candles for the Lovefeast with their red frills. We will meet this Tuesday, November 18 at 1:15 pm in the Choir Room. Please come for an enjoyable and vital part in preparing for the Lovefeast. For more info, contact Ann Linthicum at 882-4044 or just show up on Tuesday!

Ways to GIVE

THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Now through November 21, we are collecting specific items (see below) for Thanksgiving food bags that will be distributed to families in need. Our Goal is to supply enough food for 50 complete bags. A Turkey will be added to each bag to complete their Thanksgiving meal. We will be "packing" these bags as a Mission activity on Consecration Sunday, November 23 from 9:30-11:30 am in the Dining Hall. We will need drivers to deliver these food bags that day (Nov. 23) after they are packed. If you can help, please e-mail Mary Nifong at nifongm@earthlink.net. Items can be dropped off in the labeled bins outside each worship space and the Administration Building Lobby.

NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS LIST:

- Student Ministries - Green Beans (large cans) & Stove Top Stuffing
- Adult SS Classes/Unity Groups - Candied Yams (large cans) & Corn Bread Mix (add water)
- Children's Ministries - Chicken/Turkey Broth
- WM School - Instant Potatoes & Cranberry Sauce

DONATIONS NEEDED TO FILL THE BACKPACKS



Please help us feed hungry children by donating the following items: **Granola Bars, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes, and Individual Cereal Boxes.** Collection bins are in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Administrative Building Lobby.

WILL YOU DONATE SHOES FOR FAIRVIEW STUDENTS?

During November we are collecting new and/or gently used and washed tennis shoes for the students at Fairview Elementary School. Please tie each pair together and place them in the collection bins located outside each worship space and in the children's area. The most popular sizes are boys and girls 2 to 6, but we'll take shoes sized 11 youth, men's 7, and women's 8.



OUR ANGEL TREES ARE UP AND READY FOR YOU



Visit one of the trees in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby or Adult Education building and pick up an angel. Each angel represents a child who would otherwise not receive a Christmas gift. These children are identified by our partners at Henderson Settlement and the High Point Jail Ministry. Angels are available for pick up beginning today. All gifts should be delivered back to the trees no later than Sunday, December 7.

ON-LINE STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Not going to be at church Sunday, November 23? Submit your 2015 pledge commitment on-line at wesleymemorial.org/gifts or use this QR code.



CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 16 - 23, 2014

Sunday, November 16, 2014

- Children's Music (Grades 2-5), 9:30 am, Children's Gathering Space
- Paths of Grace (Wesley 201), 9:45 am, Circle View Room
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Children's Ministry Team, 3:30 pm, Children's Gathering Space
- Bible Explorers, 4:45 pm, Children's Gathering Space
- Youth Handbells, 5:00 pm, E204
- Student Ministry Small Groups, Middle and High School
Girls 6:00 pm / Boys 7:00 pm, Underground

Monday, November 17, 2014

- Jean Stockton's Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- Stewardship Caller Dinner, 6:00 pm, Dining Hall
- Worship Team, 7:00 pm, Circle View Room

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

- Live Alive Events, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

- Mid-Week Communion, 11:00 am, Chapel
- 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
- Wesley Ringers, 4:15 pm, D204
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall (Menu: Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Bread 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 C101
- DivorceCare & Support Class, 6:30 pm, D213 Media Center
- Chancel Choir Practice, 6:30 pm, Choir Room
- Men's Bible Study, 7:00 pm, Circle View Room

Thursday, November 20, 2014

- Student Ministry Breakfast Club, 7:00 am, Chick-fil-A
- Adult Handbell Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, E204

Saturday, November 22, 2014

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

Sunday, November 23, 2014

- Stewardship Sunday, 9:00 am and 11:00 am Services
- Fellowship Brunch & Mission Activity, 9:30 am, Dining Hall
- Children's Music (Grades 2-5), 10:00 am, Children's Gathering Space
- Youth Handbells, 5:00 pm, E204
- 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 November 9, 2014

All Worship Services: 480

(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.