

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.

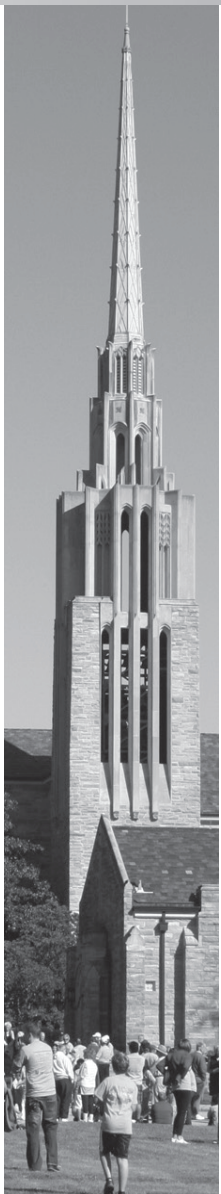
SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 30, 2014 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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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Our Sympathy to ~

The family of Mary Elizabeth Cross Hughes in her death on Nov. 21, 2014.

Thanks and praise ~

... to Mike Hedrick for cutting wood pieces or children nativity sets.

... to Carolyn Steed and Hope Byles for repairing costumes for Children's Nativity program.

... to Brenda Haworth for speaking at our November Live Alive Gathering! A donation has been made in her name to Mobile Meals.

... to everyone who submitted their 2015 pledge commitment card! If you have not yet submitted your pledge card, please do so today!

... to the Stewardship Team for an exciting Consecration Sunday. Special thanks to Ivey Orr for coordinating the "Fill the Bag" mission activity and to Katherine McMullan for coordinating the Fellowship Brunch.

... to the Wesley 100 for serving the food and cleaning up after Fellowship Brunch.

... to Karen Odom and Grygorii Mishura for their liturgical dance offered at the 9:00 and 11:00 services on Consecration Sunday.

Ways to CONNECT

JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Join us Friday, December 5 at 6:30 pm as we gather around the Front Circle to sing carols, enjoy cookies, and countdown to light our Christmas Tree. "So simple, and so meaningful. We love the tree lighting!" said one Wesley Memorial family. We will celebrate together, rain or shine, so invite your neighbors and friends to this wonderful Christmas tradition!



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR EXPLORE WESLEY MEMORIAL COFFEE



Interested in learning more about our church? Want to meet our pastors or ministry directors in a smaller group? Want a tour of the Wesley Memorial campus? If you answered "Yes!", please join us for our Explore Wesley Memorial Coffee next Sunday December 7 at 12 noon in the Asbury Room. We look forward to getting to know our visitors better and hope to answer questions you may have.

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



AGING WELL SERIES PRESENTS

"Funerals Are Only Important If You Die"

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 11 AM (CIRCLE VIEW ROOM)

While it's uncomfortable to think about, we will all pass from this life to the next. One of the best gifts you can give your family is the knowledge of your final wishes for celebrating your life. What should you prepare?

How should you plan for your service? What questions do you have about funerals and memorial services? Andrew Cumby, Rev. David Emery, and Danny Beeson will join us on Dec 4 at 11am in the Circle View Room to lead a conversation on funeral planning, preparation, and grief.

ADVENT STUDY WILL FOCUS ON THE MEANING OF THE SEASON

Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17 at 6:30 pm, Rev. Erin Beall will lead a Bible study exploring the meanings of the season. Have you heard words like "incarnation" and always wondered what that kind of theology might mean? Why is the doctrine of the Virgin birth 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. Childcare is available. For more info, contact ebeall@wesleymemorial.org or 812-4815.

WESLEY 100 IS SELLING CHRISTMAS TREES - DELIVERY NEXT SATURDAY!

The NC mountain Christmas Trees will be cut on December 5 and delivered on December 6. Please consider buying your Christmas Tree from our own Wesley 100. Order forms are available at the Front Desk. Order yours today!

Ways to SERVE

HANGING OF THE GREENS NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 4:30 PM

Please come join us for this annual tradition. Children-toddlers through 5th grade will have fun decorating their tree in the Dining Hall, making the next set of pieces for their Nativity set as well as visiting with Mary and Joseph as they stop by on their way to Bethlehem. Infant care will be available in the Crib Room. Activities begin at 4:30 pm. Dinner begins at 6 pm in the Dining Hall for everyone followed by a "Carol Sing" and Children's Tree lighting! Advance reservations are needed for dinner. Contact Melissa Coley at 812-4806 or by email at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org by December 1.

Ways to GIVE

HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR ANGEL TREE ORNAMENT?

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. All gifts should be delivered back to the trees no later than next Sunday, December 14.



ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS TODAY!

You may order wreaths (inside and out), trees and poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one to decorate the church for Christmas. Don't wait, place your order today. Call Sue Schoch at the church at 812-4811.



Your gifts will support:

- WM Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Hospice Pillow Ministry
- Wesley Memorial School
- Community Clinic of High Point
- Macedonia Family Resource Center
- Fairview Elementary School Students
- Open Door Ministries
- Mobile Meals of High Point
- Ward Street Mission
- West End Ministries
- High Point Jail Ministry
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- YWCA of High Point
- Henderson Settlement
- Nakuru, Kenya

SHOPPING LOCATIONS & PLACES:

Sundays December 7, 14, 21

Fellowship Hall: 8:30 - 9:00 & 9:30 - 10:00 am
Media Center: 9:15 - 9:45 am
Narthex: 10:45 - 11:00 am & Noon - 12:15 pm

Wednesdays December 3, 10, 17

Administration Building Lobby:
11:30 am - 1:00 pm



**Advent
2014**

Mark your calendar:

November 30:

1st Sunday of Advent
Blessing of the Advent Wreath
(all services)

December 5

Tree Lighting on the Circle - 6:30 pm

December 7

2nd Sunday of Advent
Blessing of the Greens (all services),
Chancel Choir sings
"A Ceremony of Carols" at 11 am,
Hanging of the Greens 4:30-6:30 pm

December 14

3rd Sunday of Advent
White Christmas (all services)
Children's Nativity at 11 am,
Churchwide Caroling &
Poinsettia delivery - 2-5 pm

December 21

4th Sunday of Advent
Children's Nativity at 8:45 am

December 24

Christmas Eve Worship
Family Service at 3 pm
Lovefeast at 5 pm
Contemporary Service at 8 pm
Candlelight Communion at 11 pm

**ON-LINE STEWARDSHIP
RESOURCES AVAILABLE**

It's not too late to submit your 2015 pledge commitment on-line at wesleymemorial.org/gifts or use this QR code.



CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 7, 2014

Sunday, November 30, 2014

- Blessing of the Advent Wreath
- Early Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship, 8:45 & 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Traditional Worship, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Children & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am

Monday, December 1, 2014

- Jean Stockton's Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- Mission Trip Information Meeting, 7:00 pm, C101

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

- Facilities Team Meeting, 5:30 pm, Circle View Room
- WM School Weekday Ministry Board, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #2
- Leadership & Nominations Team, 7:00 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

- GTTOW Sale, 10:00 am, Administrative Lobby
- 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
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall (Menu: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad, Dessert & Tea. 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.)
- Advent Study, 6:30 pm, D201 Rhema Classroom
- 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, December 4, 2014

- Student Ministry Breakfast Club, 7:00 am, Chick-fil-A
- Aging Well Series, 11:00 am, Circle View Room
- Evangelism Work Team, 4:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Adult Handbell Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, E204

Friday, December 5, 2014

- Christmas Tree Lighting, 6:30 pm, Front Circle

Saturday, December 6, 2014

- Praise Team Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- Chancel Choir & Instrument Rehearsal, 9:30 am, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 7, 2014

- Blessing of the Greens
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- "A Ceremony of Carols", 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Explore Wesley Memorial Coffee, 12:00 pm, Asbury Room
- Historical Room Open House, 12:00 pm, E203
- Choir Luncheon, 12:15 pm, Dining Hall
- Youth Handbell Rehearsal, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary
- Hanging of the Greens, 4:30 pm

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 23, 2014

All Worship Services: 484

(Goal 505)

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

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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.