



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 - DECEMBER 6, 2015 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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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Our Sympathy to ~

Lee Aldridge and family in the death of her mother, Anne Reinking on November 29, 2015.

Acknowledgments ~

The flowers in the Asbury Room are given by the Chancel Choir in honor of Howard Coble and Wanna McAnally.

Thanks and Praise ~

... to Bettye Packer, Glenda Miller, Mary Louise Stone, Debra Catton and Dottie O'Connor for helping with the reception in the Asbury Room today.

... to Mary Louise Stone for arranging the flowers for the reception today.

... to Lucille Duncan for recruiting the reception helpers today.

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.

Sandra Steadman

1410 Fernwood Dr
High Point, NC 27262

Geneva Craig

Rm # 317
630 Whittier Ave
High Point, NC 27262

Ways to CONNECT

WESLEY MEMORIAL 101 TWO PART SESSION STARTS TODAY AT 9:45 AM

Have you been visiting Wesley Memorial for a while, and you want to learn more about who we are and what we believe? You're invited to Wesley Memorial 101, a two-part class to introduce you to life at Wesley Memorial and the meaning of Membership. Join Jared Stine today and next Sunday at 9:45 am in the Circle View Room to learn more.

JOIN US FOR HANGING OF THE GREENS THIS AFTERNOON AT 4:30 PM

We have an evening of fun and fellowship planned for all ages, with activities for children K - 5th grade beginning at 4:30 pm. Infant care will be available in the Crib Room. Volunteers are needed to assist with the activities in each classroom. Dinner will be served at 6 pm in the Dining Hall. Following dinner we will have a "Carol Sing" and light the decorated Children's Tree.



THE MYF CHRISTMAS PARTY IS NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Our annual Christmas party will be at Mary Drummond's house at 4236 Rock Bridge Road from 7-9 pm next Sunday. Middle school students are asked to bring a sweet snack, and high school students are asked to bring a salty snack. We will have our traditional Dirty Santa gift exchange. If you'd like to be involved, please bring a gift that is no more than \$5.

LIVE ALIVE'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Live Alive gatherings are for adults 55+ to enjoy and fellowship. Activities begin at 10 am, Live Alive Book Club at 10:30 am in the Small Dining Room. For our December program, we will share the songs of Christmas. The lunch menu is: baked ham, mac-and-cheese, peas, bread and apple pie. Please RSVP for the meal by calling the Front Desk (884-2204) by noon on Friday, December 11. Cost is \$6.



Ways to GROW

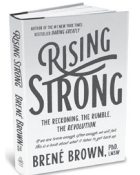


SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THIS YEAR'S ADVENT DEVOTIONS BY EMAIL

It's not too late to sign up to receive our daily Advent devotions by email! To sign up visit: www.wesleymemorial.org/advent2015.

JOIN OUR NEW JANUARY BOOK STUDY ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

The New Year brings with it renewed enthusiasm, resolutions and big plans! Make joining a book study one of those plans! Join Rev. Erin Beall as she leads a discussion-based study of Brené Brown's, *Rising Strong*. Brown is a magnificent teacher, speaker, and writer, whom you may have heard on NPR or seen on ted.com. *Rising Strong* is her second book, following her first, number-one bestseller *Daring Greatly*. Brené specializes in studying shame and fear, and how they can be overcome so that we can be our best selves. Books will be \$20 from the church, or you can order your own on your Kindle. Classes will be Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:45 pm in the Circle View Room, January 13 - February 24.



NEW CLASSES STARTING IN JANUARY! DIVORCECARE FOR KIDS

DC4K After a divorce or separation, kids usually feel scared, sad, and confused. They know you have been hurt deeply. As a result, they may hide their feelings because they are worried about your happiness or because they do not know how to express their feelings appropriately. DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) helps them process those feelings and gives them tools to communicate better with you. DC4K provides your children with a safe and neutral place to gain an age-appropriate understanding of separation and divorce. They will learn how to process and share their feelings. For 13 weeks your children become involved in a fun, caring group. The weekly session topics help your children learn that God's love strengthens them and helps them turn their sadness to hope and their anger to joy. Children ages 5-12 are welcome. Sessions are supervised by a licensed professional counselor. Stay tuned for more information.

Ways to SERVE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HANGING OF THE GREENS TODAY

Every year the Adult Sunday School classes help with decorating. Below is the assignment list: Aldersgate-Miller Memorial/Adult Fellowship (Asbury Room & garland in Chapel); Brand X (Narthex Tree); Covenant Class along with the Contemporary Worship Praise Team (Fellowship Hall); Genesis (Wreaths on the outside doors); New Vision (help serve dinner); One Word (bring refreshments); Perspectives (help with Dining Hall tree, stringing lights, helping kids with ornaments & preparing the meal); Suzanna Wesley (decorate Dining Hall tables & help serve dinner). Additional volunteers are needed to decorate the Pre-School Lobby Tree and other areas. We would love to have you join us!

DELIVER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS DECEMBER 13-18

The Caring Ministry Team invites you to help deliver Christmas poinsettias to Wesley Memorial members who are homebound or in nursing facilities. They look forward to your visit every year. No caroling or singing required! Simply pick up a few poinsettias with some names and addresses, and make a visit at your convenience. Contact Cynthia Reddick at creddick@wesleymemorial.org or 884-2204 to sign-up and help! Makes a great service project for students!



GIFTS THAT TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

SHOPPING LOCATIONS:

Sundays December 6, 13, 20

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 9 & 16

Administration Building Lobby:

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Fellowship Hall Foyer:

5:15 pm - 6:15 pm



Advent 2015

December 6

2nd Sunday of Advent
Blessing of the Greens
(all services)

Chancel Choir sings
"On Christmas Night" at 11 am
Angel Tree gifts are due
Hanging of the Greens
4:30-6:30 pm

December 13

3rd Sunday of Advent
White Christmas (all services)
Children's Nativity at 11 am

December 20

4th Sunday of Advent
Children's Nativity at 8:30 am
(Contemporary Service)

December 24

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

Ways to GIVE

BRING YOUR WHITE CHRISTMAS GIFTS NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13



Next Sunday, bring a gift wrapped in white paper to the worship service you attend. At the end of the service, you will be invited to bring the gift to the prayer rail. These gifts will be given to Open Door Ministries to be distributed. Suggested gifts are coats, winter hats, gloves, socks, underwear or children's toys. Please write what is inside your gift on the bottom of the package.

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS TODAY FROM SUE SCHOCH

You can 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 812-4824.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A HOLIDAY ANTHEM ANGEL?

Anthem Angels purchase music from a list compiled by the Director of Music Ministries in honor of or in memory of a loved one. When your anthem is played or sung, a note will be placed in the bulletin to honor or memorialize your loved one. Contact Anne Carroll at 812-4816.



HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR 2016 PLEDGE CARD?

As of December 1, we have received \$1.4M in pledged financial support of our 2016 operating budget. Our goal is to receive \$1.8M by December 15. Currently 118 pledges (representing approx. \$400K in support) remain outstanding. If you have already submitted a 2016 pledge card, **thank you**. If you have not yet submitted pledge card, please do so today. You may submit your pledge card by:

- Mailing your completed pledge card to the church; or
- Returning your pledge card to the Front Desk; or
- Submitting a pledge card on-line at <http://www.wesleymemorial.org/gifts>

Thank you, in advance, for your generous support!

CALENDAR: December 6-13, 2015

Sunday, December 6, 2015 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

- GTTOW, 8:30 am - 12:15 pm
- Chancel Choir Practice, 9:30 am, Sanctuary
- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Wesley 101, 9:45 am, Circle View Room
- Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Howard Coble & Wanna McAnnally Reception, 12 noon, Asbury Rm
- Hanging of the Greens, 4:30 pm
- Youth Handbells, 4:30 pm, Bell Room

Monday, December 7, 2015

- Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- Congregational Care Team, 5:15 pm, Circle View Room
- Leadership & Nominations Team, 7:00 pm, Conf. Rm. #3

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

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

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

- Mid-Week Communion, 11:00 am, Chapel
- GTTOW, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Administration Lobby
- 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, Arts & Crafts Room
- Handbell Quartet, 4:30 pm, Bell Room
- GTTOW, 5:15 - 6:15 pm, Fellowship Hall Foyer
- Wednesday Dinner, 5:30 pm, Dining Hall
(Menu: Ham, Baked Potato Bar, Green Beans, Bread and Dessert. Call the church office at 884-2204 to make a reservation. Cost is \$6-adults, \$3 ages 14-18, and free for those under 14.)
- "Soul Food", 6:30 pm, Soul Cafe
- Chancel Choir, 6:45 pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 10, 2015

- Student Ministry Breakfast Club, 7:00 am, Chick-fil-A
- Board of Trustees, 5:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #3
- Adult Handbell Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, E204

Saturday, December 12, 2015

- Contemporary Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- Nativity Readers Rehearsal, 9:30 am, Sanctuary
- Nativity Rehearsal, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 13, 2015 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

- Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- GTTOW, 8:30 am - 12:15 pm
- Contemporary Worship 8:30 am and 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Children's Music Rehearsal, 9:30 am
- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Wesley 101, 9:45 am, Circle View Room
- Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Confirmation Class, 4:00 pm, Circle View Room
- Youth Handbells, 4:30 pm, Bell Room
- MYF Christmas Party, 7:00 pm, Off-Site

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 29, 2015

All Worship Services: 402

(Goal 505)

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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.*