



# 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 13, 2015**

### **THIRD 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



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## Acknowledgments ~

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the Glory of God, and with love and admiration in honor of Jeff and Marguerite Braddy on their 20th wedding anniversary by their children, Scott, Brock, Kellie and Wes, and grandchildren, Whitman and Kensington.

## Our Sympathy to ~

Joe and Kari Craig and family in the death of her son and his stepson, Andrew Duane Coleman, on December 2, 2015.

Fred Isenhower and Leslie Gill and family in the death of his wife and her mother, Janice Gill Isenhower, on December 7, 2015.

## Thanks and Praise ~

... to Carolyn Steed and Patricia Nash and team for cutting felt pieces for the children's nativity projects for Hanging of the Greens and to Mike Hedrick who cut woodblocks for the nativity sets.

... to all those who came and helped during Hanging of the Greens. Many Sunday school classes and individuals came and helped decorate the church, helped with the children's activities, dinner and singing. It was a great event that takes a lot of volunteers to make it happen.

... to the Early Childhood Team and to the WMS Board of Directors for their decorations and special surprises for the WMS Teachers Christmas Luncheon.

... to John Schultheiss (Tish's husband) and to Sarah Woollen for their beautiful portrayals of "Mr and Mrs Santa Claus" at the WMS Family Christmas Lunch. Hundreds of children sat on their laps to receive a hug, whisper their secret wishes, and pose for photos.

## Ways to CONNECT

### YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

A highlight of the Christmas season for many, join us for the children's nativity today during the 11:00 am service and next Sunday, December 20 at the 8:30 am Contemporary service. Children ages 4 years through 5th grade will dramatize the story of the birth of Jesus. Come re-live the Christmas story through the eyes of a child.



### MYF CHRISTMAS PARTY IS THIS EVENING AT 7 PM

Our annual Christmas party will be at Mary Drummond's house at 4236 Rock Bridge Road from 7-9 pm this evening. 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.

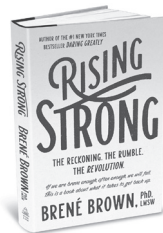
### LIVE ALIVE'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IS THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Live Alive gatherings are held on the third Tuesday of each month 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. If you were unable to RSVP for lunch, bring your lunch and join us!



## Ways to GROW

### 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 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!

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

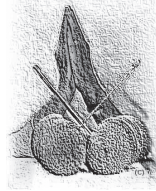


### DELIVER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS DECEMBER 13-18

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](mailto:creddick@wesleymemorial.org) or 884-2204 to sign-up and help! Makes a great service project for students!

### WANT TO JOIN WESLEY MEMORIAL'S PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY?

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. Contact Lee Huff, 887-9165; Karen Sumner, 883-8721 or Linda Dale, 884-5121.



## Advent 2015

### 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



### WHITE CHRISTMAS GIFTS DUE TODAY

At the end of each worship service today, you will be invited to bring your gift(s) to the prayer rail. These gifts will be given to Open Door Ministries to be distributed. Please remember to write what is inside your gift (size and gender) on the bottom of the package.

### ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS 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 AN 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 8, we have received \$1.5M in pledged financial support of our 2016 operating budget. Our goal is to receive \$1.8M by December 15. Currently 94 pledges (representing approx. \$260K in support) remain outstanding. If you have already submitted a 2016 pledge card, **thank you.** If you have not yet submitted your 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 [www.wesleymemorial.org/gifts](http://www.wesleymemorial.org/gifts)

**Thank you, in advance, for your generous support!**



## GIFTS THAT TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

### SHOPPING LOCATIONS:

#### Sundays December 13 & 20

Fellowship Hall:  
8:30 - 9 & 9:30 - 10 am

Media Center:  
9:15 - 9:45 am

Narthex:  
10:45 - 11 am & Noon - 12:15 pm

### 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

## CALENDAR: December 13-20, 2015

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

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

### Monday, December 14, 2015

- Women's Bible Study, 10:30 am, Circle View Room
- Staff Parish Relations Team, 5:15 pm, Circle View Room
- Stephen Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm, Conf. Rm. #2

### Tuesday, December 15, 2015

- Live Alive Events, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- Church Council, 5:30 pm, Circle View Room

### Wednesday, December 16, 2015

- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, Arts & Crafts Room
- Handbell Quartet, 4:30 pm, Bell Room
- Chancel Choir, 6:45 pm, Sanctuary

### Thursday, December 17, 2015

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

### Saturday, December 19, 2015

- Wesley 100 Breakfast, 8:00 am, Dining Hall
- Contemporary Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- Jail Ministry Angel Tree Party, 3:00 pm, Underground

### Sunday, December 20, 2015 (4th 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
- Chancel Bells Rehearsal, 9:00 am, Sanctuary
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 am, Sanctuary
- Children, Student & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Youth Handbells, 4:30 pm, Bell Room

## 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  
December 6, 2015  
All Worship Services: 552  
(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.***