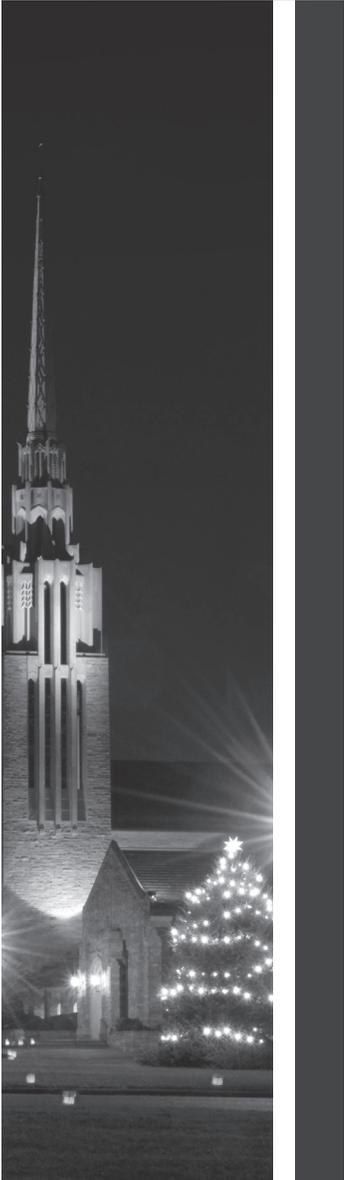




Welcome to WESLEY MEMORIAL

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 28, 2014
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall
8:45 am

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 am

1225 Chestnut Drive • High Point, North Carolina 27262
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Horizon Worship

December 28, 2014
8:45 am

Gathering Music

Joy to the World/Shout for Joy Paul Baloche
I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day Third Day

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns and Prayer

Offering

What Child Is This?

Scripture

Luke 2:25-40

Message

Jared Stine

Closing

Worship Leaders: Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational AI Ward, Senior Pastor ; Erin Beall, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship; Keith Byrd, Director of Contemporary Music; The Horizon Praise Team.

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Please sign the attendance notebooks that the ushers pass out during the announcements. If you are a guest, we ask that you please leave your contact information and a pastor will contact you this week with more information about our church.

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

December 28, 2014

11 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God).....Benedetto Marcello
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.....Alfred Fedak

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to God who has given God's light to us.

Honor and praise to God for God's most precious gift.

The darkness that enveloped the people,

Has been pierced by the Light.

Let us rejoice in God's blessed goodness!

Let us always praise God with great joy and thanksgiving. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 250

Once in Royal David's City.....IRBY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM

I Wonder As I Wander.....John Jacob Niles

Jesse Darden, tenor

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, why Jesus the Savior did come for to die For poor
orn'ry people like you and like I...I wonder as I wander, out under the sky. When Mary birthed
Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from
God's heaven a star's light did fall, And the promise of ages it then did recall. If Jesus had
wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, Or all of God's angels in
heav'n for to sing, He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.*

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Gesù Bambino.....Pietro A. Yon

Jesse Darden, tenor

*When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows Upon a winter night Was born the Child, the Christ-
mas Rose, The King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, The grateful
earth rejoiced, And at His blessed birth the stars Their exultation voiced. O come let us adore
Him, Christ the Lord. Again the heart with rapture glows To greet the holy night That gave
the world its Christmas Rose, Its King of Love and Light. Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, The
grateful chorus swell, from paradise to earth He came That we with Him might dwell. O come
let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

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.

We are blessed today with the return of former Campbell Choral Scholar, Jesse Darden, who is currently living and studying in Boston.

Please stand as you are able.

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. 219

What Child Is This.....GREENSLEEVES

Please be seated.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:25-40

SERMON

Jared Stine

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN No. 240

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.....MENDELSSOHN

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah.....George Frederic Handel

Service Notes:

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Worship Leaders: Jared Stine, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care; Al Ward, Senior Pastor; Erin Beall, Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation and Contemporary Worship; Debbie Foust, Director of Children’s Ministries; Frank Pifferetti, Organist; Jesse Darden, tenor; Ella Russell, Moregan Kelley, Acolytes; TJ Webb, Crucifer; Gary Yates, Sound Engineer.

Ushers for the month of December: Scott Dunbar, Windley Dunbar, Barbara Frye, Miles Gurley, Jane Harriss, Stuart Nunn, Tom Smothers, Colby Walton.

Greeters for the month of December: Wanna Blanton, Bill Bradner, Brian Bunch.

Acknowledgments ~

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Emilio Suarez by Linda & Dan Smoak.

Thanks and praise ~

... to Betty Martin, Pat Neal and Ann Linthicum for serving the Bereavement Reception for the family and friends of Jim Marlowe.

... to John Schultheiss for his loving portrayal of Santa Claus and to Sarah Woolen for beautifully playing the charming Mrs. Claus for the WMS "Lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus" event. Thanks to our delightful Elves, Heather Absher and daughter Hadley, who assisted Santa by distributing prizes and treats. Over 200 children sat on the laps of Santa and "his Mrs." and shared their Christmas wishes. Appreciation to the Early Childhood Team for their set up of this event.

... to all our Advent candle readers for their participation in worship.

... to the parents and volunteers in the Student Ministries. Y'all made it a fun and eventful semester!

... to the WMS Kindergarten Fives for their wonderfully performed Nativity Pageant presented in the Sanctuary to their families and friends. Children, you amazed everyone with your confidence and beautiful voices as you recited speaking parts and sang solos. What a special gift you gave to all who attended.

... to all the WMS families for your overwhelming response to fill Kids Care Bags with Christmas gifts. Each weekday class prepared one bag for a girl and one bag for a boy.

Ways to CONNECT

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, January 4 at 9:45 am or 12 noon in the Asbury Room. We look forward to getting to know our visitors better and hope to answer questions you may have.

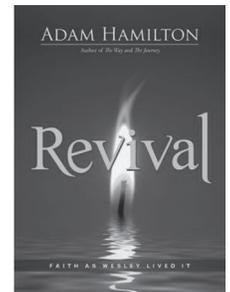
Ways to GROW

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SHORT-TERM SMALL GROUP?

A new small group called Paths of Grace is forming this spring for 8 weeks starting January 7. This is a great second step for new members after joining the church. We want existing members to join, too, and meet our new folks and walk with them as we all deepen our life of faith here at Wesley Memorial. We will meet at 6:30pm on Sunday evenings and study Jim Harnish's *A Disciple's Path*, exploring discipleship and our membership vows of prayers, presents, gifts, service, and witness. Contact Jared Stine at 812-4813 or jstine@wesleymemorial.org to be a seed and friend to new members.

REVIVAL STUDY WILL BE OFFERED ON MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Have you ever wondered about how Methodism came to be? About our founder? About what makes our denomination different from the rest? In *Revival*, Adam Hamilton leads us into the mind of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. His life, his doubts, his faith, and the theology that led to the creation of what we now know as the United Methodist Church will all be covered in this 6-week study. Come and discover what our founder believed, and how he hoped it would shape our lives today! There are three time options— Monday mornings at 9:15 am, Wednesdays at noon (Bible Study Lunch) and Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. The study will run January 5 and 7 through February 9 and 11.



NEW WOW BIBLE STUDY STARTING THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

Attention, Women of Wesley Memorial UMC! A new Bible study called *Breathe*, by Priscilla Shirer, is coming Thursday mornings 9:30-11:00 am, beginning January 22, 2015. We are in bondage to busyness. We



constantly strive to complete the limitless to-do lists that hinder us from experiencing all that God has for us. We miss the moments because we rush ahead to the next thing. It is

time for us to breathe and build margin into our lives for God. Sabbath was intended as a gift and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted the concept of Sabbath will change your life.

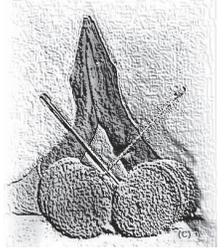
Ways to SERVE

OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: DRIVERS AND SERVERS

Volunteers are needed to serve at the Father's Table (Open Door Ministry). This program makes it possible for men, women and children of all ages who are in need, to receive a hot meal at no cost. We also need of volunteers to pick up food at 1 pm on Friday afternoons from local schools and then deliver to Open Door for meals. Thank you for volunteering with WMUMC for Open Door Ministries. Together we can make a difference! For more information contact Julie Price at julie.f.price@wellsfargo.com.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY AT WESLEY MEMORIAL

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered over 1,400 shawls, blankets, sweaters and other items to members of our church and community! You are invited to join the group on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the Small Dining Room. Contact Lee Huff, 887-9165; Karen Sumner, 883-8721 or Linda Dale, 884-5121.



SUMMER 2015 MISSION TRIPS PLANNED FOR STUDENTS

The Student Ministries is excited to announce that we are going on two mission trips this summer! High school and college students will be going on a trip to the Bahamas from June 28-July 4, 2015. Middle school students will be going on a mission trip to West Virginia from July 12-17, 2015. If you are interested in going on either one of the trips or would like more information, please contact Jay. Space is limited, so don't wait!

Ways to GIVE



DONATIONS NEEDED TO FILL THE BACKPACKS FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN

Please help us feed hungry children in our community by donating the following non-perishable food items: Spaghetti-O's, White Milk (non refrigerated), pop tarts, individual cereal boxes, raisins, pudding, fruit snacks, cookie packs. Look for collection bins in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Administrative Building.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING 2014 YEAR-END GIVING DEADLINES

Our staff is happy to work with you to help you achieve your 2014 giving goals and intentions. Here are some options and timelines available to you. In addition, you may contact Deanie Simmons at dsimmons@wesleymemorial.org or 812-4801 to facilitate your giving at this busy time of the year. Thank you for making a difference in countless lives in this community and around the world.

- Mail your check to 1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC 27262 postmarked by 12/31
- Contribute on line at <http://www.wesleymemorial.org/online-giving> by 12/29
- Use your bank's bill pay system by 12/29
- If giving stock or funds managed by a broker, ask for the transfer to be completed by 12/29
- Bring your gift to the church office by 12/31 at 12 noon.

HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR 2015 PLEDGE CARD?

To date, we have received over \$1.6M in pledged financial support of our 2015 operating budget. If you have already submitted a 2015 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>;
- Or using this QR code:



CALENDAR: DECEMBER 28, 2014 - JANUARY 4, 2015

Sunday, December 28, 2014

- Contemporary Worship 8:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30 pm, 6 Grade / A&C

Thursday, January 1, 2015

- New Year's Day Holiday - Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 3, 2015

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

Sunday, January 4, 2015

- Traditional Worship, 8:30 am, Chapel
- Contemporary Worship 8:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Contemporary Worship 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am
- Traditional Worship Service, 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- Explore Wesley Memorial Coffee, 12:00 pm, Asbury Room
- Student Ministry Small Groups, Middle and High School Girls 6:00 pm / Boys 7:00 pm, Underground

Our faithfulness in attendance December 21, 2014

All Worship Services: 564

(Goal 505)

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, 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.