

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, AUGUST 27, 2023
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL
8:30 AM

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“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2).

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Order of Worship

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

arr. Dan Miller
(b. 1954)

The prelude is a time for people to become quiet, to meditate and pray,
and to prepare their hearts individually for the worship of God.

WELCOME

Rev. Jeff Patterson

† CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER Congregation reads bold print
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

† HYMN NO. 545
The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving-kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO

GRAFTON

When Our Confidence Is Shaken

When our confidence is shaken in beliefs we thought secure, when the spirit in its sickness seeks but cannot find a cure, God is active in the tensions of a faith not yet mature. Solar systems, void of meaning, freeze the spirit into stone; always our researches lead us to the ultimate unknown. Faith must die, or come full circle to its source in God alone. In the discipline of praying, when it's hardest to believe; in the drudgery of caring when it's not enough to grieve; faith, maturing, learns acceptance of the insights we receive. God is love, and thus redeems us in the Christ we crucify; this is God's eternal answer to the world's eternal why. May we in this faith maturing be content to live and die.

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Please take a moment to sign the Friendship 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.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Brenda Coates

We share the names of some of our people who would be blessed to hear from you. There are cards in the Welcome Folders. Won't you take a moment to write to them? Please write your encouraging message on the caring card and drop in the offering plate for us to address and mail.

CONDOLENCES TO
HENRY McMULLAN on the death of his mother, Kitty Field.

HEALTH CONCERNS:

Judy Marsh

*universal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response:

“Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

† 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. 328

Surely the Presence of the Lord

WOLFE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 133 (O.T. Pg. 575)

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Very Good and Pleasant”

Rev. Jeff Patterson

† APOSTLES' CREED

We face the cross and profess in unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† HYMN No. 534

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor
Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions
Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Congregational Care/Senior Adults
Mrs. Clarice Friedrich, Soprano Soloist
Mr. Chris Massey, Audio Visual Technician
Mr. Frank Pifferetti, Director of Traditional Music Ministries and Organist



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Welcome guests! Scan the QR code on the left to receive a free welcome gift (to scan the code, use your phone's camera and follow the provided link)!

Attendance: please fill out and pass the friendship folders located in each row.

Wesley Memorial School is open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The 61st school year begins September 6th.

Nursery childcare is available (infants - 2 years old) Sunday mornings for the 9:45 a.m. service and the 11 a.m. service. The nursery is in the Children's Ministry Hall. If you need assistance in locating the nursery, one of our ushers will be glad to assist you.

Offering plates will be passed down each row during the service. To give online use your camera on your phone to scan the QR code to the right or text the word DETAILS to 94000 to give online.



MONDAY, August 28 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Boy Scout Room Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, August 29 11:00 a.m.	Susanna Wesley End-of-Summer Luncheon	Dining Hall
WEDNESDAY, August 30 7:20 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study with Pastor Clark Prayer Shawl Ministry Vespers Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Dining Hall Media Center Chapel Choir Room (under Sanctuary)
THURSDAY, August 31 1:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	"Meaning Behind the Message" Bible Study Wesley Memorial School Parent Night AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult D202 Dining Hall Adult Wing D208 Adult Wing D201
SUNDAY, September 3 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Chancel Choir Rehearsal Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D208 Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Choir Room (under Sanctuary) Fellowship Hall Sanctuary

To view the full church calendar visit our website, www.wesleymemorial.org/calendar

Dates to Save

September 6, 2023 - Vespers moves back to 5:30 p.m.
 September 16, 2023 - Chancel Choir Workshop
 September 17, 2023 - 3rd Grade Bibles Sunday
 September 17, 2023 - Rise Against Hunger at 2 p.m.
 September 20, 2023 - Wed. Night Dinner starts back
 September 24, 2023 - Autumn Lights at 7:30 p.m.
 September 29, 2023 - Soul of the Community Dinner
 October 8, 2023 - Blessing of the Animals at 4 p.m.
 October 29, 2023 - Serving Expo (one service at 10 am)

November 5, 2023 - All Saints Sunday
 November 12, 2023 - Consecration Sunday
 December 1, 2023 - Christmas Tree Lighting
 December 3, 2023 - 1st Sunday of Advent
 December 13, 2023 - Red Cross Blood Drive
 December 14, 2023 - Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon
 December 17, 2023 - Drive-thru Nativity
 December 17, 2023 - White Christmas/Angel Tree
 December 24, 2023 - 50th Annual LoveFeast at 5 p.m.

SAVE	CONGREGATIONAL VOTE
AUGUST 27 2023 <small>Doors Open 4:30 p.m. Start Time 5:30 p.m.</small>	THE
DATE	 Sanctuary of Wesley Memorial

Our Commitment to Open Door Ministries

Open Door Ministries provides critical services in our community for individuals and families experiencing homelessness and/or food insecurity. Wesley Memorial has been associated with this ministry for many years by providing both financial aid and volunteers. To help offset this increased demand for Food Pantry items, a collection of nonperishables is taken up each month on Communion Sunday. **Next Sunday, September 3rd will be our next collection. Bins will be placed outside of all three services for your deposits.** Presently, the greatest need is for protein products such as: — Canned meat (i.e. chicken, tuna, turkey, ham, etc) — Peanut Butter — Beans or Rice & Beans products.

Please consider bringing items as you feel led, knowing that your act of love and kindness is providing for our neighbors who lack the most basic needs. Thank you for your generosity.

Baptism Day - Sunday, September 10th

We have had many people in our congregation inquire about baptism. To help with this exciting development, we are offering a baptism day on Sunday, September 10. There will also be an opportunity for individuals to reaffirm their baptism. Please sign up ahead of time at the following link so that a Pastor may be in touch with you to further discuss the meaning of baptism in your spiritual life. This is open to children up to any age adults. We will have a great celebration on the front lawn after the 11 a.m. worship service on Sept. 10. To sign up, visit wesley memorial.org/baptism by August 31st.



Substitute Teachers

Wesley Memorial School is looking for Substitute Teachers for our 61st school year, 2023-2024. If you have a passion for teaching and caring for our littlest ones in an Early Childhood Development Program, we would love to speak with you. Please call Susan Kelley at 336-884-4232. We will have a training on Wednesday, Sept 20th at 9:30 that includes Safe Sanctuaries training.



The Walk to Emmaus

The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day retreat held twice a year by the Piedmont Emmaus Community. It is sponsored by the Upper Room of the United Methodist Church. It runs from Thursday night to Sunday afternoon. It is an uplifting, energizing, and wonderful time away from the day-to-day worries that tend to drown out God. The dates for the Men's Walk for this fall are Sept. 14-17 and the Women's Walk is from Sept. 21-24. The retreat looks in depth at a variety of topics related to basic Christian theology. It is a very spiritual and renewing experience. It does require registration through an application. If you would like to attend or have questions please call or email any of the members listed below:

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Join Our New Eucharistic Ministry

Congregational Care is starting the Visiting Eucharistic Ministry to serve communion to our members who are unable to join us at church for the Great Thanksgiving. We need members to visit congregants and serve communion and to make phone calls and coordinate schedules. To learn more and to sign up, please email Pastor Glenn Myers at gmyers@WesleyMemorial.org.

Rise Against Hunger - September 17th

Calling All Meal Packers...it's that time again! Our annual packing event for Rise Against Hunger is scheduled



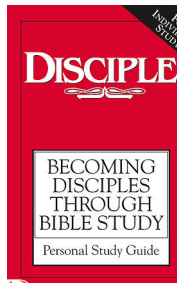
for September 17th from 2-4:30 in the Dining Room. All ages, young to not-so-young are welcome as there are jobs for everyone. Please come join us for a time of great fellowship, music, and laughter as we create meal packets that will provide critical nutrition for children and families living in one of several impoverished parts of the world. We have committed to packing 36,000 meals in the time allotted. Last year was the first time we have come up short in reaching our goal so we are doubly committed this year. Participation is the key and we will only succeed with your help. To assist with planning, if you will be able to attend please visit wesleymemorial.org/rise to register your name and the number of participants in your party. Please bring the whole family as well as any friends...this will be a great chance to introduce nonmembers to our church. This event offers something enjoyable for everyone, and continues to be one of our most popular activities... please come join in the fun as we strike a blow to food insecurity!

Pillow Ministry

Join us in the Scout Room for a stuffing party on Monday, September 18th at 1:30. This important ministry provides 30 pillows every month to Hospice of High Point in addition to comfort pillows for members of our church and community. Please help if you can! Also, remember that these pillows are yours to distribute to anyone who needs a reminder of God's love, grace, and mercy. They are available from Brittany at the reception desk in the administrative wing.

Disciple Bible Study Returning in September

Disciple I is the foundational class in the internationally acclaimed Disciple series. The class is open to all adults and is not limited to church members. It is a 32-week study of the Bible in which participants read approximately two-thirds of the Bible during the course. Disciple 1 will meet on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. starting September 21st. There is a small charge for course materials. To sign up, or to find out more, contact Tucker at tuckermitchell4104@gmail.com, or 843-409-5587, or contact the church office.



Autumn Lights Outdoor Candlelight Prayer Service

Sunday, September 24, 2023 from 7:30-8:00 pm

(Registration begins 7:00)

Location ~ Dining Hall Patio. In case of rain, Service held in the Fellowship Hall

The Senior Adult Council invites ALL FAMILIES of our church and community to participate in an OUTDOOR candlelight worship service of songs and prayers. Attendees will receive candle votives for this beautiful service, and invited to write names on paper flowers of their loved ones affected by Alzheimer's. Our pastors will pray over these names. This event is to raise awareness and financial support to benefit Alzheimer's/Dementia patients & their care partners. All donations benefit The Alzheimer's Association of Guilford County, given in a combined gift from Wesley Memorial. Last year's donations totaled \$6,490. Our 2023 goal is to meet or exceed this gift.



"LIVING WELL ALL YOUR LIFE"

New Adult Learning Series Coming This Fall!

Tuesdays, beginning September 26 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm in the Media Center

As adults maturing in our spiritual journey, we all have questions about end-of-life. We want to have real information, but the topic is too difficult for most of us to think about ... let alone to ask. In your Christian walk with the Lord, you know that through understanding and proper planning, a legacy of love and care that you leave for your family and friends can be a special gift. Part of being a "good and faithful servant" is to create a good plan. This series will guide you in that process and provide a comfortable setting for you to ask difficult questions. Open to all adult ages, this series is sponsored by your Senior Adult Ministry. Please RSVP by calling the front desk, 336-884-2204.

Session 1 – Tuesday, September 26
"Biblical Perspectives on Death and Beyond"

Session 2 – Tuesday, October 3
"When My Time Comes"

Session 3 – Tuesday, October 10
"The Celebration of My Life"

Session 4 – Tuesday, October 17
"What Is My Legacy?"

Sermon Growth Notes

Sermon Title

"Very Good and Pleasant"

Key Verses

Psalm 133