# WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

## **WELCOME**

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest,
to all who mourn and long for comfort,
to all who struggle and desire victory,
to all who sin and need a Savior,
to all who are strangers and want fellowship,
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
to all who have been blessed and wish to give thanks,
and to whoever will come -- we open wide our doors
and offer welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

May 25TH, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL 8:30



## Order of Worship

Prelude Spiegel Im Spiegel

Arvo Pärt

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. Clark Chilton

† CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER Congregation reads bold print Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Let us pray:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† Hymn No. 672

Come Away from Rush and Hurry
Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace; from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ and find release. Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace; come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's face.

Inn the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul. From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole. At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed; with the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens-life's confusions, fears, and pain; leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead His kingdom's reign. Bring your thirsts, for Christ will quench them—Christ alone will satisfy, all our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

O holy merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, nor been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have called us in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and have grieved your Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## Welcome!

Thank you for worshiping 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.

## CARING CARDS

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.

Sympathy to the family of Rena George, who passed away 5/18.

Lee George (son)

Sympathy to the family of Bill Garner, who passed away 5/16.

REHABILITATION:

Jim Foscue

#### **GIVING**

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.



## **DUET**

Shalom Dan Forrest

Peace, shalom.

Peace I leave with you, my peace, I give to you. Not as this world gives, I give to you. Do not be afraid. Shalom, my peace I give to you, shalom.

## 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.

## GLORIA PATRI No. 33

**MEINEKE** 

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

Pavane Gabriel Faure

## † Doxology

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:23-29 (Pg. 901)

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

SERMON

"My Peace I Give You"

Rev. Clark Chilton

† Apostles' Creed

We face the cross and profess in unison

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living 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.

\*universal

(The Altar is open for prayer.)

† Hymn No. 346

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

Be still my soul! The Lord is on thy side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide; in ev'ry change He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul! thy best, thy heav'nly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake to guide the future as He has the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul! the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul! when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

- † Benediction
- † Postlude

† Those who are able please stand.

## WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor
Reverend Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism
Reverend Susannah Pittman, Congregational Care/Adult Spiritual Formation
Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions
Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation
Mr. Phillip Leach, baritone soloist
Mr. Julian Smart, violin
Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts
Ms. Mora Wolff, organ

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AND BIBLE BEARERS.
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JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Pam Ingram
Paul Ingram
Ginger Michaud
Doug Michaud

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Welcome, guests! We're glad you're here. Scan the QR code on the left with your phone's camera to receive a free welcome gift!

Nursery childcare is available for infants through 2-year-olds during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, located in the Children's Ministry Hall. If you need help finding it, an usher will be happy to assist you.

Members and guests, please take a moment to fill out and pass the friendship folders located in each row.

Large print hymnals are available in the Narthex for those who need them.

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

For more announcements, visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, May 26	Memorial Day - Church Office Closed	
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
WEDNESDAY, May 28		
1:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Conference Room 3
5:30 p.m.	Vespers	Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Safe Church Training	Media Center
6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6-12)	Student Ministry Wing
6:45 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room 3
6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
THURSDAY, May 29		
5:30 p.m.	Safe Church Training	Media Center
6:00 p.m.	Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D202
7:30 p.m.	AlAnon	Adult Wing D201
SUNDAY, June 1	Food Collection/Communion Sunday	
7:30 a.m.	Televised Worship Service	WGHP, FOX8
8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	AA Meeting	Adult D202
9:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m.	Children's Ministry Sunday Funday	Children's Ministry Wing
9:30 a.m.	Youth Sunday School	Student Ministry Wing
9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Adult Wing
11:00 a.m.	Small Groups/All Welcome	Dining Hall
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Children's Church	Children's Ministry Wing

To view the full church calendar visit our website, wesleymemorial.org/calendar Visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements for our announcement board

## **Monthly Food Collection**

The Missions team rotates our monthly Communion Sunday food collection between Open Door Ministries and Macedonia Family Resource Center. **Next Sunday, June 1st donations will go to Open Door Ministries. Bins will be placed outside all three services.** Please consider bringing items as you feel led— your generosity helps provide for neighbors in need. Thank you!

## **Vespers Summer Time Change Reminder**

This is a friendly reminder that Wednesday evening Vespers will move from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the summer (June - August). Our Wednesday evening dinners will start back on September 10th.

## **Veterans Day Event on Memorial Day**

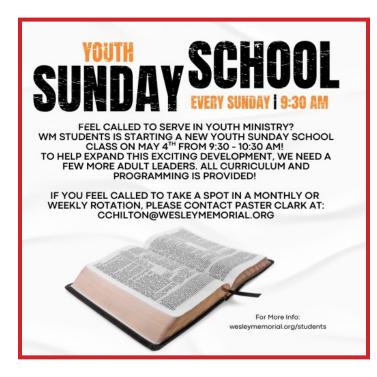
Veterans and Senior Adults are invited to attend a special Memorial Day ceremony at the Carolina Field of Honor on Monday, May 26. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. and will include a presentation of colors, wreath laying, and remarks from a special guest speaker.

The church bus will depart from the front circle at 9:45 a.m. Seating at the ceremony is limited; attendees are encouraged to bring a chair.

To attend, veterans should contact Richard Nifong at 336-259-0874 and Senior Adults may call the church office at 336.884.204 to sign up.

## **Combined Adult Summer Sunday School Class**

Join us this summer for a Combined Adult Sunday School Class, *The Hard Sayings of Jesus Christ*, held Sundays from June 1 through August 24, from 9:45 to 10:30 AM in the Brand X/Aldersgate Miller Sunday School Classroom. This engaging series will be led by a variety of teachers and will explore some of the most challenging and thought-provoking teachings of Jesus. All are welcome to attend.



## Join Our Prayer Team

Do you feel called to the ministry of intercessory prayer? We are seeking prayer warriors of all ages and stages who will pray before, during and even after our church services each Sunday. If interested contact Pastor Clark at 336-812-4813 or cchilton@wesleymemorial.org

## Summer Adult Studies

Taught by Dr. Jeff Patterson

## THE LAST BATTLE

Wednesdays, June 4 – June 25 at 9:30 AM or 6:45 PM in Media Center

This 4-week study will discuss The Last Battle by C.S. Lewis. Besides being a conclusion of the series called "The Chronicles of Narnia", this children's book is also a Narnian version of the New Testament book of Revelation. The Last Battle presents a fantasy that deals with some of the same themes found in the Book of Revelation. No previous knowledge of the other Chronicles of Narnia is necessary to benefit from this study. Please obtain your own copy of the book and show up at the first class having read the first four chapters.

## OUR BENEVEOLENT AND SEVERE GOD: A STUDY OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE'S GOSPEL



Mondays, June 9 – August 25 at 10:30 AM in Media Center

This 10-week study will be a deep historical, theological, and devotional study into the Passion of Christ from Luke's Gospel.

## WISDOM FOR LIVING IN STRESSFUL TIMES

Sunday- Thursday, July 20-24 at 6:00 – 7:30 PM in Media Center

Do you long for moderation, balance, stability, and a lifegiving rhythm to your life? Do you want to find the peace and presence of God amid your daily activities? Do you want some Christian tools to help you grow as a Christian disciple? Pastor Jeff will bring the spirituality of the 6th century Rule of St. Benedict to bear on our busy 21st century lives. (Next to the Bible, Pastor Jeff says that this ancient book has been the most important book on his spiritual journey.)

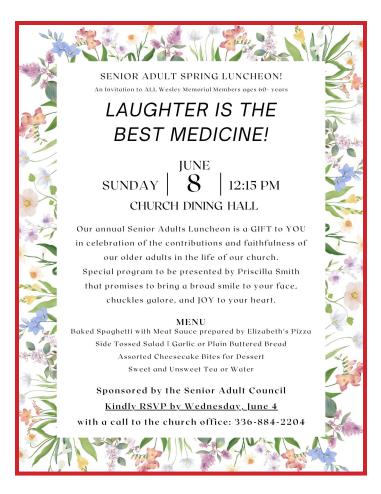
## AN INTRODUCTION TO MERE CHRISTIANITY

Wednesdays, August 6 – 27 at 9:30 AM or 6:45 PM in Media Center

This will be a 4-week study of the classic work by C.S. Lewis that presents the concepts of basic Christianity in a rational way to the modern world. This book originated as a series of radio talks by Lewis to strengthen the English during the bombings of World War II. Since publication in 1952, this book has influenced millions of Christians. The magazine Christianity Today in 2000 ranked it first among the "100 books that had a significant effect on Christians in this century." Since 2001, Mere Christianity has sold well over 4 million copies. It has been translated into at least 36 languages.

Please obtain your own copy of the book and show up at the first class having read chapters 1-5. While this book has major popular appeal, these opening chapters are a little difficult because they lay a philosophical groundwork for Christianity. You probably will find the remaining chapters much more engaging, but these opening chapters are important.

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# Sermon Growth Notes

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