

# 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, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**WE ARE WESLEY**



*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29: 11*

**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).*

# WESLEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Order of Worship

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 24, 2023

Chapel

8:30 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Andante with Variations*

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

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 us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

† HYMN NO. 140

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

**Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and from henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
(1872-1958)

*Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine*

*Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord, in a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord; Give up ourselves, thru Jesus' power, his name to glorify; and promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die. Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive, present with thy celestial host the peaceful answer give; to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away, and register our names on high and keep us to that day!*

#### 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.

#### PRAISE FOR THE BIRTH OF Amelia Stewart

Elizabeth Hussey,  
daughter of Jim and  
Weldon Hussey.

Proud grandparents  
are George and Laney  
Morris.

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.

RECENT INJURY:

Judy Layne

RECENT HOSPITALIZATION:

Don Kearns  
Randall Johnson

\*universal

MISSION MOMENT

Generosity Team Chair Warren Lackey

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY No. 95

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

† HYMN No. 349

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

LEMMEL

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of glory and grace.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Timothy 1:3-7 (N.T. Pg. 211)

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

SERMON

*"We Are a Resilient People"*

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. 133

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

SHOWALTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Andante in D Major*

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

† Those who are able please stand.

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## WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor  
Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions  
Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Congregational Care/Senior Adults  
Mr. Elli Yu, Pastoral Intern  
Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist  
Mr. Chris Massey, Audio Visual Technician  
Mr. Frank Pifferetti, Director of Traditional Music Ministries and Organist

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## JOIN A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!

Our Sunday School liasons invite you to join their sunday school class at 9:45 a.m. If you need more information about a class, call the front office at 336-812-4808 to be connected to the correct liason, or better yet, just show up to a class and see what it's all about. Looking forward to seeing you!

1. Aldersgate Miller: Meets in Adult-D208 Aldersgate-Miller  
Liason: Patsy Surles & Lois Markham
2. Susana Wesley (All Women's Sunday School Class):  
Meets in Adult-D210  
Liason: Sue Browder
3. Brand-X: Meets in Adult-D211  
Liason: Joan White & Ed White Jr.
4. Bible Class: Meets in Adult-D201 The Bible Class  
Liason: Dan Smoak

## SERVICE NOTES:

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.



<b>MONDAY, September 25</b> 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Interdenominational Bible Study Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal Student Ministry Ball & Bible Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Adult Wing D213 (Media Center) Adult Handbell Room Fellowship Hall Boy Scout Room Adult Wing D208
<b>TUESDAY, September 26</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	High School Guys Bible Study Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study Senior Adult "Living Well All Your Life" Series Chancel Bells	Chick-fil-A Media Center Media Center Adult Handbell Room
<b>WEDNESDAY, September 27</b> 7:00 a.m. 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	High School Girls Bible Study John Willett's Men's Bible Study Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Prayer Shawl Ministry Wednesday Dinner (served until 6:30 p.m.) Vespers Children's Ministry Games & Gospel (ages 2-11) Student Ministry Midweek Motivation GriefShare Men's Bible Study with Pastor Clark Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Message Coffee Dining Hall Dining Hall Media Center Dining Hall Chapel Children's Ministry Hall Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing D203 Conf. Room 3 - Admin Building Media Center Choir Room (under Sanctuary)
<b>THURSDAY, September 28</b> 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	"Meaning Behind the Message" Bible Study Disciple 1 AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult Wing D202 Conference Room 3 Adult Wing D208 Adult Wing D201
<b>FRIDAY, September 29</b> 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Soul of the Community Dinner Student Ministry Middle School Lock-In	Dining Hall Student Ministry Wing
<b>SUNDAY, October 1</b> 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:45 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 Student Ministry Sunday Morning Live Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Chancel Choir Rehearsal Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D208 Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Choir Room (under Sanctuary) Fellowship Hall Sanctuary

To view the full church calendar visit our website, [www.wesley memorial.org/calendar](http://www.wesley memorial.org/calendar)



## Autumn Lights Outdoor Candlelight Prayer Service

Sunday, September 24, 2023

7:30-8:00 pm

(Registration begins 7:00)



Location ~ Dining Hall Patio.

In case of rain, service held in the Fellowship Hall

### Raising Awareness and Financial Support to Benefit: ALZHEIMER'S / DEMENTIA PATIENTS & THEIR CARE PARTNERS

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 are invited to write names on paper flowers of their loved ones affected by Alzheimer's. Our pastors will pray over these names.

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.

### Greeters Needed

Our Greeter's liaison, Nancy Perryman, invites you to be a greeter at our 11 o'clock service! We are committed to making everyone who walks through the sanctuary doors feel welcomed. If you feel called to be an encourager and to share your gift of hospitality, this is the right ministry for you. Let the Lord use your gifts for the growth of our Wesley Memorial family.

To sign up for this monthly commitment opportunity, call Isabel Cruz Valencia at 336-812-4808 or send an email at [icruzvalencia@welseymemorial.org](mailto:icruzvalencia@welseymemorial.org)

### Wednesdays @ Wesley

On Wednesday evenings we serve a warm, home-cooked meal beginning at 5:15 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. in our Dining Hall. The cost is free, but donations are accepted. Following dinner is a wide range of opportunities for learning and spiritual growth.

The menu for September 27th is beef shepherd's pie with peas and carrots. All dinners come with salad bar, roll, and dessert.

### "LIVING WELL ALL YOUR LIFE"

New Adult Learning Series Coming This Fall!

Tuesdays, beginning September 26

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" (Pastor Jeff)

Session 2 – Tuesday, October 3

"When My Time Comes" (Pastor Glenn)

Session 3 – Tuesday, October 10

"The Celebration of My Life" (Pastor Jeff)

Session 4 – Tuesday, October 17

"What Is My Legacy?" (Pastor Ken)

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CARE SERVICES

THE ANNUAL  
**SOUL OF THE  
COMMUNITY**  
DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

TICKET PRICE  
**\$15.00**

MENU:  
CHICKEN  
VEGETABLES  
CORNBREAD  
DESSERT

FRIDAY,  
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 MACEDONIA  
FAMILY RESOURCE  
CENTER

Tickets available at  
Wesley Memorial UMC and  
Macedonia Family Resource Center

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## 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, October 1st 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.

# Blessing of the Animals

 PETS OF ALL FAITH WELCOME 

**OCTOBER 8, 2023**  
4:00 PM  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

If your pet does not play well with others, you may use a carrier or bring a picture of your pet. If your animal companion has passed away, feel free to bring a photo or just bring them in your heart.

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## Card Ministry

Snail Mail rocks, especially when it comes to cards. So spread some joy as part of the Caring Card Crew! Join us every second Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Circle View Room as we discuss current prayer concerns, and make plans to send cards to our Wesley Memorial family. You'll choose names from the prayer list and directory, and during the month send a card to those you've selected. Nothing is required at this meeting except a heart for making someone smile! There's no registration needed, either. Simply come as you can and know that you're bringing a smile to many in our congregation. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 10th.

## Help Our Church with Evangelism!

Pick up a stack of door hangers from the front desk this week. Distribute them in your local neighborhood. Even hanging a few dozen on your street will make a huge difference inviting someone new into our church.

## Thank You from Missions

**YOU DID IT!!** A heartfelt thanks to all who participated in last Sunday's meal packing event for Rise Against Hunger. The Dining Room was abuzz with activity as 150 participants of all ages measured, scooped, weighed, sealed, shuttled, and boxed 36,000 meals in less than two hours. Each of these meals contains ingredients to provide the daily nutrition necessary to feed a family of four. Information about which country will be receiving these meals will be shared soon. Again, thank you for your outstanding effort which beautifully reflects the heart and soul of Wesley Memorial!



## CAROLINA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 18, 2023

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR'S WESLEY WOMEN BAZAAR

Please volunteer to contribute your time (by contacting Carol Young at 336.688.1896 or email her at [cyoungsoldit@gmail.com](mailto:cyoungsoldit@gmail.com)), bake something wonderful for the Bake Sale (cakes, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, muffins, pies, soul, bread) or donate gently used housewares, toys, books, collectibles, and small appliances for the General Store and Treasure hunt.

**NO CLOTHES.** Your participation is vital to the success of the our Bazaar. Proceeds will benefit local mission projects of Wesley Women.

COMPLETE DETAILS AVAILABLE AT:  
<https://wesley memorial.org/carolinachristmasbazaar>

# Sermon Growth Notes

# Sermon Title

## "We are a Resilient People"

## Key Verses

## 2 Timothy 1:3-7