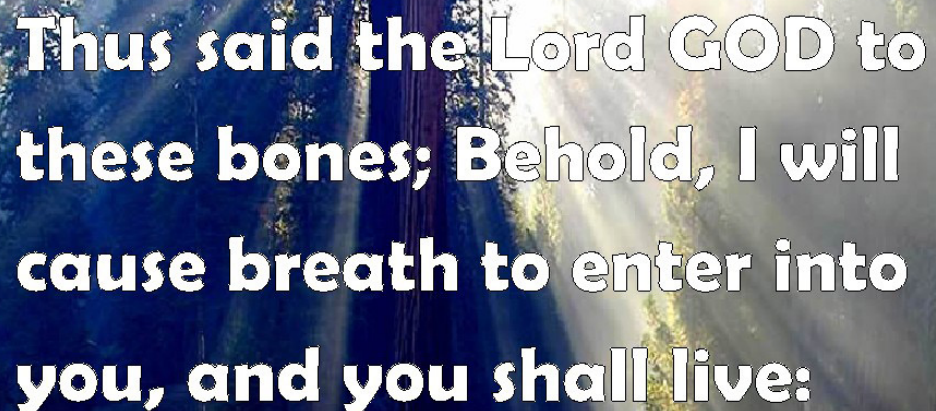



Welcome to **WESLEY MEMORIAL**

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, MARCH 26, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



**Thus said the Lord GOD to
these bones; Behold, I will
cause breath to enter into
you, and you shall live:**

—Ezekiel 37:5

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL
8:30 AM

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WESLEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2023

Chapel

8:30 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Lord Jesus Think on Me

SOUTHWELL

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

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:

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† HYMN No. 368

My Hope Is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO

As the Winter Days Grow Longer

Mary Louise Bringle
(b. 1953)

As the winter days grow longer, drawing short the hours of night; as our eager expectation waits for Easter's dawning light yearning people, here we gather, turning watchful eyes to you: God who blesses

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.



ARE YOU HURTING?
Stephen Ministers bring Christ's love and care to people during a time of pain and need. Each specially trained Stephen Minister confidentially guides his or her care receiver toward a place of peace and healing. To learn more, contact Mike Flack at gmlack@northstate.net or 336-688-5526 or Barbara Coughlin at BLBC215@aol.com or 336-414-6350.

We share the addresses of some of our people who need to hear from you.

There are cards in the Welcome Folders. Won't you take a moment to write to them? Please address the card. You may mail it yourself or place it at the altar rail or in the offering plate for us to mail.

Recent Fall
Faith Key
2126 Chestnut St. Ext.
High Point, NC 27262

Vivian Penry
100 Lost Tree Lane
High Point, NC 27265

earth with spring-time, shine within our world a-new! As the vines burst into blossom, fragrant in the morning air, lifting spirits with their sweetness, luring hearts to thankful prayer, Lenten people, here we gather, seeking lives refreshed from sin. God who blesses earth with spring-time, bloom within our hearts again! As we journey through this season, pilgrims through a thirsty land, quench us with your living presence; guide us with your loving hand. Wandering people, here we gather, called to rest along our way. God who blesses earth with spring-time, grant us sabbath joy this day!

MY GOD STORY

Hannah Gantt

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. 451 (VERSE 1)

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-10 (O.T. Pg. 806)

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

SERMON

"Speak Life"

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. 593

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

† ANNOUNCEMENTS

*universal

† BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

What Wondrous Love Is This

FOLK TUNE

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Lisa Tanico, Pastor of Congregational Care and Senior Adults

Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions

Hannah Gantt, Guest Speaker

Mrs. Clarice Friedrich, Soprano Soloist

Frank Pifferetti, Director of Traditional Music Ministries and Organist

SERVICE NOTES:
Texts of the Call to
Worship, Opening
Prayer, Old Testament,
Epistle, and Gospel
taken from the New
Revised Standard
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome guests! Scan this QR code 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 attendance pads located in each row.

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.



Wesley Memorial School is open Monday – Friday at 9 a.m.

Offering plates will be passed or you can scan the QR code with your camera phone or text the word DETAILS to 94000 to give online.

MONDAY, March 27 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Interdenominational Bible Study Jubilate Ringers Senior Adult Line Dancing Asbury Revival Testimony Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Adult Wing D213 (Media Center) Handbell Room Fellowship Hall Media Center Boy Scout Room Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, March 28 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	High School Guys Bible Study Chancel Bells	Chick-fil-A Handbell Room
WEDNESDAY, March 29 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. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	High School Girls Bible Study Men's Bible Study with John Willett 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) Middle School Midweek Motivation Disciple 1 DivorceCare WOW (Women of Wesley) Bible Study Men's Bible Study w/Pastor Clark Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Chick-fil-A Dining Hall Dining Hall Media Center Dining Hall Chapel Children's Ministry Hall Student Ministry Wing Circle View Room Adult Wing D202 Student Ministry Wing Conf. Rm. 3- Admin Building Media Center Choir Room (under Sanctuary)
THURSDAY, March 30 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult Wing D208 Adult Wing D201
FRIDAY, March 31 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial School's Super Hero Dash Children's Ministry Escape Room (3rd-5th graders) Congregational Care Easter Flower Delivery	Front Circle Children's Ministry Hall Porte Cochere
SATURDAY, April 1 8:30 a.m.	24-Hour Prayer Vigil	Online
SUNDAY, April 2 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 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. 3:00 p.m.	Palm/Passion Sunday Televised Traditional Worship Traditional Worship AA Meeting Handbell Rehearsal Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Student Ministry Sunday Morning Live Chancel Choir Rehearsal Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship Easter EGG-stravaganza Family Event	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D208 Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Student Ministry Wing Choir Room (under Sanctuary) Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Dining Hall

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

Wednesdays at 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 29th is sliced ham, scalloped potatoes, and broccoli cauliflower salad. All dinners come with a salad bar, roll, and dessert. Donations are accepted.

Testimony from the Asbury Revival

“Every time I leave the chapel auditorium, I feel I have tasted and seen that the Lord is good,” wrote Timothy H. McCall, professor of theology at Asbury Theological Seminary, in the magazine Christianity Today. The Asbury Revival is a phenomenal move of the Holy Spirit in our age that is now spreading to other college campuses. One of our own, Hannah Gantt, will share about spending time at Asbury and experiencing this renewal movement. You are invited to learn about what God is doing among the people of Asbury University and beyond. This meeting will occur in the Media Center on Monday, March 27, at 7 pm. You are invited!

Seder Meal and Dinner

Valley of Blessing, a local messianic congregation, will be holding their annual Seder meal in our Dining Hall on Wednesday, April 5th from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This meal is fully catered and includes brisket and sides, in addition to the Seder Meal. The cost is \$25 per person. Ages 12 and under are free. To register, please call Valley of Blessing at 336-454-5073. The deadline to register is March 31st. Dress is nice or business casual.



Easter Lily Memorials and Tributes

We will decorate our worship areas with Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday. If you would like to order in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Sue Schoch at 336-812-4806 by March 31. The cost is \$26 per lily.



Easter EGG-stravaganza Family Event

A Bible-based egg hunt for families to enjoy candy, treats, crafts, fellowship, & fun will be held on Sunday, April 2, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Register at wesley memorial.org/egg

Please bring candy to donate and place in the labeled bins around church for the Easter Egg-stravaganza!

Easter Flower Delivery Help

Congregational Care appreciates your help delivering Easter flowers to members of our congregation who aren't able to attend.



On Friday, March 31st from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. drive through the porte cochere at the side entrance to the narthex where we will load your car. You may request the number of Easter flowers you wish to deliver along with specific neighborhoods or specific recipients. Any flowers left over from Friday pick up will be available for delivery after Palm Sunday services.

Hope you will help, it means so much to over 100 REACH members of our congregation!

Kenya Initiative at Wesley Memorial

There is a mission opportunity traveling to Kenya from May 17 through June 1. There are six slots still available at a cost of \$1700 per person. If anyone is interested in this mission opportunity, please contact Joe Lorber at 336-285-5030 for further details. You can also visit kenyapatrners.com



**HIGH POINT
A SPECIAL BLEND
INFO SESSION**

This info session is open to anyone who is interested in applying for any role at our upcoming High Point location!

**When: Monday, April 17th
Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm**

**Location:
First United Methodist Church
512 N Main St, High Point, NC 27260**

At A Special Blend, a great cup of coffee is served while achieving the greater goal of providing employment for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Having a job gives people a sense of dignity, purpose, belonging and acceptance. But sadly, in our society, about 75% of adults with IDD are unemployed. Their aim is to impact the High Point community by changing that statistic! Our Greensboro store is often called the happiest place in town. As one customer put it. "

Employment Opportunity at Wesley Memorial

We are sad to announce that after almost 35 years, Tish is retiring. She has been a loyal and faithful employee of Wesley Memorial and we will miss her personality and all her knowledge. Her last day with us will be May 4, 2023. Though we know that Tish's shoes will never be filled, we are looking for someone to take over her position:

Administrative Assistant to the Pastors. 40 hours per week, full benefits. For details and to share with someone you know, visit wesleymemorial.org/jobs

We will have more information about Tish's retirement coming soon.

Missions Opportunity

Partnership with Fairview School: Volunteers needed to join a team to support the staff at Fairview elementary only several times during the year.

Our Wesley Memorial partnership with Fairview School has flourished for almost 20 years investing in students and changing lives. Our church has been instrumental in the following ways: backpack food ministry, tutoring, breakfast buddies, open houses, and supporting teachers and the school. Wesley has blessed the staff of 70 by showing our appreciation with donuts and fruit or pizza and salad on teacher workdays, a Christmas Breakfast Buffet and a teacher appreciation luncheon in May. This a wonderful way for our church to show gratitude to these hard-working teachers and staff. Please contact Pastor Ken or or Jayne Lutz (336-870-4422) if you can lend a hand.

Another need is food for the backpack ministry during Easter break. We will be feeding 75 students for 4 days. Collection boxes will be set up in the Narthex for people attending the 11 o'clock service and in the bridge café for those attending the contemporary service. You may also drop off donations during the week in the box located at the church offices. Healthy snacks and food are requested. Some examples include single serving protein items such as spaghettios, milk, juice boxes, fruit cups, single-serving cereal, wrapped oatmeal cookies, or single-serving chocolate chip cookies to name a few. Donations due by April 2.

Baby Shower for YWCA Baby Closet

The Wesley Women are collecting items for the YWCA Baby Closet. Start shopping! Collection bins will be in place soon. Items are due by Saturday, April 15th at the baby shower being held in the Dining Hall. There will be a spring salad and dessert-covered dish lunch for all women of the church.

Items needed include:

- Diapers
- Unscented baby wipes in small packages
- Baby soap, lotion, and shampoo
- Baby towels, washcloths, and blankets
- Baby hats, board books
- Educational games
- New teethers and pacifiers

More info to follow and we hope to see you there.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

7:30 a.m. TV Service on WGHP FOX8

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Chapel)

9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

5:30 p.m. Vespers in the Chapel

Holy Communion and Anointing of Oil

6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Valley of Blessings Seder Meal

Thursday, April 6, 2023

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

Holy Communion to commemorate the Last Supper

Friday, April 7, 2023

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

Chancel Choir - Dubois' Seven Last Words of Christ

Saturday, April 8, 2023

7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Service (Sanctuary)

Candle-lighting and baptismal reaffirmation

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Columbarium

7:30 a.m. TV Service on WGHP FOX8

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Chapel)

9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Lenten Mission Project/Easter Offering


Our Lenten Mission Project is to restore clean water to our long time mission partner in the Dominican Republic. The Good Samaritan Medical Clinic has been closed for a few years due to Covid and other circumstances but is now in the process of restoration. We hope to help with the first steps to repair and renovate the water system which must filter the parasite and pollutant filled water that serves the clinic and the community.

The total cost of the project is approximately \$25k including a generator for reliable and sustainable electricity for the system and clinic operations.

Make your checks to Wesley Memorial and write "clean water" on the memo line. You may contribute online at our website by clicking in the "give" tab.

The Chancel Choir of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church presents
Theodore Dubois'

SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST



Good Friday
April 7, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Clarice Friedrich, Soprano
Veronica Siebert, Mezzo-Soprano
Michael Friedrich, Tenor
Phillip Leach, Baritone

WESLEY MEMORIAL
1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC

Help Us Adorn Flower Crosses for Easter

Help our crosses BLOOM with new life on Easter Sunday. Crosses covered with chicken-wire and palm branches will be placed OUTSIDE in front of the Sanctuary and near the Bridge Cafe entrance. Members and friends of Wesley Memorial Church are invited to bring flowers (purchased or from your garden) to adorn the crosses starting Saturday, April 8, 2023.

On Easter Sunday, these crosses will serve as the background for family photographs taken by a professional photographer.

Easter Photos

As a gift to you, on Easter Sunday there will be a photo station set up to provide you with a free digital image and a free 4x6 photo print. The photo will be taken of you by the flower crosses, located outside in front of the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall after both the 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.