



Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

Missions and Community Impact Newsletter

The purpose of Wesley Memorial is to make and sustain spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world

Easter Offering 2025

2025 Mission Team Members

Charles Surles	Chair
Ken Gullede	Vice-Chair
Lisa Cheek	Member
Pat Colonna	Member
Mary Drummond.....	Member
Matt Heald.....	Member
Brook Moore	Member
April Maines.....	Member
Becky Scholtz	Member
Buddy Wilson	Member
Jayne Lutz	At Large
Sydney Harris.....	At Large
Rev. Ken Lyon ...	Staff Liaison
David Adams	Lay Leader

Upcoming Events

Easter in the Mountains
Saturday, April 18th - 20th

New Missions Website



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In the meantime, use your smart phone, take a picture of the QR code and be taken to the site.

Each year at Easter and Christmas, it's been our tradition to receive a special offering to support those in our community—and beyond—who are going through a tough time and could use a helping hand.

This year, we're excited to support three meaningful organizations that are making a real difference:

Commander Peace Academy

This amazing local youth program is all about shaping strong, thoughtful young people. Through mentorship, teamwork, and life guidance, they're helping disadvantaged teens make wise decisions, face challenges with resilience, and grow into the leaders of tomorrow.

Western North Carolina Relief

We're teaming up with Samaritan's Purse and a local partner in Elk Park, NC,

to support home repairs and propane assistance for folks who just can't manage it on their own. One recent project even helped restore a home for a beloved teacher and first responder. It's community in action.

Samaritan's Clinic, Dominican Republic

We'll also be supporting the incredible work Samaritan's Clinic is doing in the Dominican Republic. They are providing health care for some of the most marginalized people. Some of our members have traveled with the volunteer medical team last month.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to give generously and share love with those who need it most. Together, we can bring hope, healing, and support to many lives this season.

Easter in the Mountains

After the devastation of Hurricane Helene, so many lives have been turned upside down. To bring some joy and much-needed support to the community, we're teaming up with the Seaboard Lions Club from Seaboard, NC to host a special event on Easter Saturday, April 18th - 20th and we'd love for you to be part of it!

What's Happening?

- Morning Fun for Kids – Games & Easter egg hunts
- Pizza Lunch & Dinner – Sharing meals together 11-2pm
- Evening Musical Entertainment – A time to unwind and enjoy!
- Mental Health Support – All Souls

Counseling (Asheville) & the Lions Club will provide appointments for those in need, with follow-up sessions available.

How You Can Help!

We're looking for volunteers to accompany those who have already signed up. They are willing to drive to Newland (close to Boone) to lend a hand. Here's where you can make a difference:

- Helping with kids' activities
- Serving meals (on-site, in nursing homes, and wherever else is needed)

If you are interested, please contact Ken Gullede at (336) 442-1741

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New Wesley Missions Website

We invite you to go to

www.mywesleymissions.com

This site is your one-stop hub for all things related to Wesley Missions. Here's what you'll find:

- A list of Missions Committee members with email addresses
- Current & past newsletters
- Photos from our mission events
- Blog updates reporting Wesley's involvement in Western North Carolina (coming soon!)
- A listing of upcoming events—both near and far!
- A contact form to get a message to the committee

We'd love your feedback! If you have comments or suggestions to help improve the site, please reach out to a committee member—we're always looking for ways to make it even better.

Check it out and stay connected!

Merge Day of Service

A huge thank you to all 73 of you who showed up for our very first **MERGE Day of Service**! It was amazing to come together and make a real impact in our community. Events like this go a long way in supporting our partners—they're able to focus more on providing hands-on help because we took care of some of the behind-the-scenes maintenance work. You made a difference and they are so grateful!



Commander Peace Academy



Horse Power



Registration at Wesley Memorial



Macedonia Family Resource Center



West End Ministries



Open Door Ministries - Men's Transitional House



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Schedule for Easter Weekend in Western North Carolina

Friday afternoon arrivals check in to your hotel after 3:00 @ The Inn/Best Western - just hotel guests.

Friday 2:30 – Cranberry Middle School

Will need help at

- Cranberry Middle for unloading truck/set up for counselors/get a lay out for games food etc for Saturday am
- Assemble bags for Nursing homes/Assisted Living- approx. 150
- Ag Center for unloading truck after unloading @ Cranberry Middle any set up/prep for Saturday

Friday night dinner @ 7 for all Volunteers – thank you to Susannah and staff and remind all to be patient as they are trying to get the restaurant going — we are guinea pigs

Saturday a.m.-

- **8:00** Set up @ Cranberry (light breakfast provided)
- Bring your own coffee- local Bojangles!
- Games begin @ 10:00
- Pizza around 11 (volunteers pizza will be in school cafeteria)
- Easter egg Hunt @12
- Games end at 1- clean up.

After cleaning up- some people will be needed to deliver goody bags to nursing homes and assisted living centers

- **Cranberry House** across from the school -2:00 *In his Steps* will perform
70 residents - 6215 US Hwy 19 E
- **Jonas Ridge-** 9051 NC Hwy 181 Jones Ridge NC (around 25 minutes from school), **50 residents**
- **Sugar Mountain** 264 Sugar Mountain rd Newland (about 14 minutes from school) **24 residents**

After clean up @ Cranberry – food prep and move food to Ag Center

Dinner event 4 -8 p.m. and then clean up

Sunday – Sunrise service @ Vet park 7:00am & then breakfast provided at:

The Inn Restaurant at 7:45

WNC First Responder's Home Update

As we shared in our last newsletter, Wesley Memorial—through generous donations from our congregation and the Western North Carolina Relief Fund—helped support the rebuilding of a home of a first responder and his family that was badly damaged by the hurricane.

We're happy to share some updated photos showing the completed work in several rooms. Even better news—the family has moved back in and is now living in their restored home!

Thank you, Wesley Memorial

