

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, JANUARY 15, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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

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January 15, 2023

Chapel

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Wayne L. Wold
(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

Jeff Patterson

† GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Congregation reads bold print

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

O Christ, who commanded the apostles to go into all the world and to preach the gospel to every creature, let your name be great among the nations from the rising up of the sun to it's going down, now and forever, amen.

† HYMN No. 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER 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.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

Death of father:
Randy Briggs
120 Winterberry Pl. Trl.
Kernersville, NC 27284

Death of brother:
Kellie Holbrook
1710 Heathcliff Rd
High Point, NC 27262

SOLO

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson
(b. 1934)

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God sent the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path and show me the way to the Father. In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

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

OFFERTORY

†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. 393 (Sing twice)

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-7 (NT pg. 102)

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

SERMON

Jeff Patterson

“If God Is Good, Why Is There So Much Suffering in the World?”

† 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.

*universal

HYMN No. 534

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Tell Out, My Soul

Walter Greathouse
(1877 – 1949)

SERVICE NOTES:

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† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Lisa Tanico, Pastor of Congregational Care and Senior Adults

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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– Thursday 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, January 16 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Holiday - Church Office and School Closed Interdenominational Bible Study Ball & Bible Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Adult Wing D213 (Media Center) Gym Boy Scout Room Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, January 17 7:00 a.m. . 7:00 p.m.	High School Guys Bible Study YAM (Youth Adult Ministry)	The Biscuit Factory Student Gathering Area
WEDNESDAY, January 18 7:00 a.m. 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 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 Vespers Children's Ministry Wednesday Student Ministry Midweek Motivation Disciple I Young Men's Bible Study w/Pastor Clark Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Bible Study with Lisa Tanico Chancel Choir Rehearsal	The Biscuit Factory Dining Hall Dining Hall Media Center Dining Hall Chapel Children's Gathering Circle View Room (Admin Bldg) Student Gathering Conf. Rm. 3- Admin Building Media Center Adult Wing D201 Choir Room (under Sanctuary)
THURSDAY, January 19 1:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Lisa AA Meeting AlAnon	Pennybryn Adult Wing D208 Adult Wing D201
SATURDAY, January 21 8:00 a.m. 12 noon	Wesley 100 Breakfast Visitation for Jean Ann Brown	Small Dining Room Family Residence
SUNDAY, January 22 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. 3:00 p.m.	Televised Traditional Worship Traditional Worship AA Meeting Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Student Ministry Sunday Morning Live Chancel Choir Rehearsal Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship Care Ambassador's Quarterly Gathering	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D208 Children's Gathering Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Student Gathering Choir Room (under Sanctuary) Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Dning Hall

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

Questions worth asking

JANUARY 2023 SERMON SERIES

January Sermon Series: Questions Worth Asking

Have a burning question about God, faith and more? Join us for our January sermon series called Questions Worth Asking, and we need your (anonymous) questions. We will incorporate answers to questions in each week of the series. Visit wesleymemorial.org/questions today to let us hear from you!

Jean Ann Brown Family Visit Invitation

I would like to invite you to my home (606 West Parkway Ave) on Saturday 21st of January to help honor the memory of my wife Jean Ann Brown recently passed & to meet her family coming from all parts of our great country.

There are no requirements to bring anything. Light refreshments will be served and time is 12 Noon until 6pm.

I look forward to your visit.

Best Regards,

Carroll Brown

Starting today the Aldersgate-Miller Sunday school class is began a new class on **Peter's epistles**. The class meets in room D203 at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays. These ancient words are so important for us today in our walk with Christ. Please join us for this important study.

Pastor Lisa started a new Bible study, "**Reading the Psalms**," on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:45 p.m. in room D201. This study will also be offered on the first, third, and last Thursdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. at Pennybyrn. The psalms connect us to the early church, and also serve as a guidebook for life today. Join us as we read, discuss, and pray through this beloved body of scripture.

Wednesdays at Wesley

On Wednesday evenings we serve a warm, home-cooked meal beginning at 5:15 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 January 18th is cheese tortellini with meat sauce, roasted root vegetables, and garlic rolls. All dinners come with salad bar, roll and dessert. Donations are accepted.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Starting Tuesday, January 24th you are invited to attend a 7-session Bible study titled "Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting God More" by Melissa Spoelstra. The study will last 7 weeks ending on Tuesday, March 7th and will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Media Center. Workbooks are \$22. Limited seating capacity. If you are interested in attending this Bible study facilitated by Debbie Carmichael and Polly LaPrade, please contact Cynthia Reddick at 336-884-2204.

Board Games & Line Dancing for Senior Adults

On Friday, January 27 in the dining and fellowship halls from 2pm to 4pm, Senior Adults are invited to come out and enjoy warm fellowship with your church friends as you play your favorite board games. Games provided. Line dancing starts at 3pm! You can watch from your seat at the game table or jump up to participate! These will be SIMPLE dance routines for beginners taught by professional line dance instructor, Sandy Fuller. This event is free and includes plenty of snacks and game prizes. No rsvp required. Sponsored by the Senior Adult Council. For more information, contact Susan Sumpter 336-848-4128 or susan.m.sumpter@gmail.com

The Congregational Care Team thanks YOU

The Congregational Care team is thankful for all who helped deliver poinsettias in December to REACH members of our congregation. The positivity was overwhelming for both those who delivered and those who received. Deliveries were met with hugs, tears, and candy bars!

With every Christmas and Easter floral delivery we receive notes and phone calls expressing gratitude to our church for this gesture of love, fellowship, and community.

We will deliver Easter flowers toward the end of March with date and instructions publicized well in advance. Consider helping with this meaningful ministry.

Pastor Clark's Mens Bible study resumed last Wednesday at 6:30 in Conference room 3. We will be studying the classic Wesleyan band meeting experience. Email cchilton@wesley Memorial.org with questions.

PILLOW MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Do you still feel stuffed full of Christmas goodies? Let's get 2023 off to a great start by stuffing comfort pillows for REACH members of our congregation, community and Hospice of the Piedmont patients. You will leave full of feelings of sharing, caring, and love.

Join us on Tuesday, January 31st at 1:30 in the Boy Scout room.

Special Needs Listening Session

April Maines and Pastor Ken are holding a listening session on February 26th from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the Dining Hall. This meeting is for anyone with a special needs child, as well as, all those who may be interested in special needs ministry. The goal of this meeting is to get a deeper understanding of what Wesley Memorial can offer spiritually to those with special needs and their families. Light hor d'oeuvres will be provided.

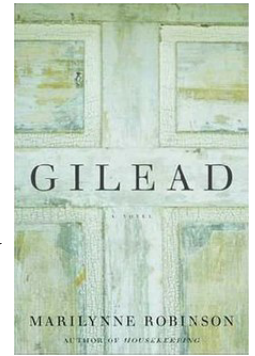
The Gift: 2023 Giving

To date the Financial Commitments made for 2023 is \$1,538,500.

Book Study:

Gilead by Marilynne Robinson

A book study on Gilead will begin on Wednesday, February 1st at 2pm. and will meet each Wednesday for four weeks (February 1, 8, 15, 22). This study will be lead by Jeff Patterson and Bill Wheeler in the Adult Wing Room D201.



Gilead is a 247 page novel published in 2004. It won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the National Book Critics Circle Award. The book is a the fictional autobiography of the Reverend John Ames, an elderly pastor in the small, secluded town of Gilead, Iowa (also fictional), who knows that he is dying of a heart condition.

Books are \$10 and will be given out at the first session on February 1st. To sign up for this book discussion, contact the church office 336-884-2204.

Volunteer Opportunity at Our Father's Table

As the New Year begins, Wesley Memorial begins another year of serving food at Open Door Ministry. Volunteers are needed to assist in the kitchen plating food trays for hungry people in our community. Three to four adults or teens are needed the 2nd Thursday of each month from 5:15 – 6:15.

If you would like to serve, please contact Myra Snider at 336.803.1403

Inclement Weather Updates

For all weather related schedule changes, you may call 336-884-2204 and press 6 for weather information. Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church will also share scheduled changes to:

- WFMY Channel 2
- WXII Channel 12
- WGHP FOX8
- Facebook/Instagram

