

# Welcome to WESLEY MEMORIAL

A 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 14, 2024**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF 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 METHODIST CHURCH

## *Order of Worship*

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

January 14, 2024

Chapel

8:30 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY  
*Allegretto Cantabile*

Flor Peeters  
(1903-1986)

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:

**Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the  
light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by  
your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of  
Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now  
and forever. Amen.**

† HYMN NO. 57

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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PRAYERS 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

#### Welcome!

Thank you for worship-  
ing 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.

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 DWIGHT BUMGARNER, who passed on 1/9/24.

Jean Bumgarner (Wife)  
Bill Bumgarner (Son)  
Virginia Bumgarner (Granddaughter)  
Katie Bumgarner (Granddaughter)

SYMPATHY TO KENT TILLEY who's father, Doug Tilley, passed away on 1/9/24.

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## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY SOLO

*This Is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere. This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!*

### † 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. 98

*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

### SERMON

Dr. Gary Chapman

### † 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. 560

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

ACCEPTANCE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### † BENEDICTION

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Dom Paul Benoit  
O.S.B. (1893-1979)

*Le Seigneur a fait le Soleil pour le jour...La Nuit amène ensuite l'ombre...L'alternance  
de l'un et de l'autre prêche la Beauté de Dieu...*  
(“The Lord has created the sun for the daytime...The night brings darkness... Both show  
forth His Beauty”)

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor  
Reverend Clark Chilton, Associate Pastor/Contemporary Worship/Evangelism  
Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions  
Reverend Susannah Pittman, Congregational Care/Adult Spiritual Formation  
Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation  
Dr. Gary Chapman, Guest Speaker  
Mr. Elli Yu, Pastoral Intern  
Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist  
Ms. Barbara Ann Peters, Guest Organist



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## ABOUT DR. GARY CHAPMAN

Gary Chapman, Ph.D.—author, speaker, and counselor—has a passion for people, and for helping them form lasting relationships. Chapman is a well-known marriage counselor and director of marriage seminars. The 5 Love Languages® is one of Chapman's most popular titles, topping various bestseller charts for years, selling over twelve million copies, and has been on the New York Times best-sellers list since 2007. Chapman has been directly involved in real-life family counseling since the beginning of his ministry years, and his nationally syndicated radio programs air nationally on Moody Radio Network and over 400 affiliate stations.



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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, January 15</b> 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>MLK DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> Interdenominational Bible Study Student Ministry Ball & Bible AA Meeting	Adult Wing D213 (Media Center) Fellowship Hall Adult Wing D208
<b>TUESDAY, January 16</b> 7:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	High School Guys Bible Study Student Ministry Pickleball Congregational Business Meeting	Chick-fil-A Fellowship Hall Dining Hall
<b>WEDNESDAY, January 17</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. 6:45 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 Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Chick-fil-A Dining Hall Dining Hall Conference Room 3 Dining Hall Chapel Dining Hall Student Ministry Wing Media Center Choir Room
<b>THURSDAY, January 18</b> 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult Wing D208 Adult Wing D201
<b>SATURDAY, January 20</b> 8:30 a.m.	Wesley 100	Dining Hall
<b>SUNDAY, January 21</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. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Student Ministry Sunday Morning Live Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship Student Ministry High School Lunch	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Off-site

To view the full church calendar visit our website, [wesleymemorial.org/calendar](http://wesleymemorial.org/calendar)  
 Visit [wesleymemorial.org/announcements](http://wesleymemorial.org/announcements) for our announcement board

### Special Recognition for Wesley Memorial

We are honored to announce that Wesley Memorial Methodist Church has been selected as the inaugural recipient of the Faith Partner for Education Award. This award comes from the High Point Schools Partnership in recognition of our impact and contributions to Fairview Elementary School. We currently support Fairview school through food donations for their Backpack Program, back to school open house, teacher appreciation meals, tutors, and reading buddies. Wesley Memorial has been a faithful and committed partner with Fairview for the past 21 years. The Local Missions and Community Impact team would like to thank everyone who has made this partnership successful as we continue our partnership with Fairview School.

### Congregational Business Meeting

The next congregational meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. During this time the 2024 leadership team will be presented along with updates to our governing structure and the proposed 2024 budget.

### 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 January 17th is BBQ, coleslaw, and baked beans. All dinners come with salad bar, roll, and dessert.

### Haynes Paintings at High Point Library

The High Point Library currently has 23 paintings by David Haynes on display. Mr. Haynes has painted a variety of images and scenes mostly in acrylics. Within three years he has painted over 300 paintings. His posted collection at the library includes Honoring Historic "Houses of Worship". One of his paintings is of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. Stop by for a quick view at 901 North Main Street. The library's hours are Mon. - Thurs. 9 - 8 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 9 - 6 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.

### Get a copy of "Our Daily Bread"

Starting this month, free copies of the Our Daily Bread devotionals are available in the church office. This monthly publication has replaced our subscription to the Upper Room. Contact 336.884.2204 with questions. Large print editions are also available.

**02.09.24 - 02.10.24**

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Join leading scholars for this two-day event to explore our history as Wesleyans, what we believe, how we read scripture, what it means to live out our faith, and how our lives are shaped and formed by the worship of God.

Location: Wesley Memorial Methodist Church  
1225 Chestnut Drive  
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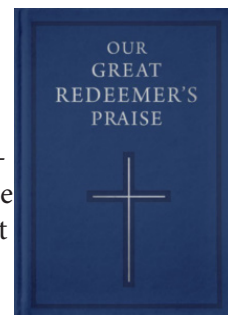
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### School of Methodism

The launching of The School of Methodism by the John Wesley Institute will take place at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church on February 9-10. The John Wesley Institute founded in 2021 exists to make faithful scholarship accessible to the Christian faithful. Sessions will be led by leading scholars from the broad Wesleyan tradition – Methodist, Anglican, Holiness, Pentecostal. Now more than ever the message of Scriptural Christianity, the universal offer of salvation, and the promise of wholeness in Christ needs to be proclaimed with clarity. Our instructors for this event will be Kenneth J. Collins, Ryan N. Danker, Joy J. Moore, Suzanne Nicholson, and Jonathan Powers. Cost of the event is \$25 per person. For more information and registration, go to [wesleymemorial.org/som](http://wesleymemorial.org/som).

### Sponsor New Wesley Memorial Hymnals

New hymnals are coming in 2024! Help our church purchase new hymnals by memorializing loved ones via sponsorship. Sponsorships are \$30 per hymnal. Visit [www.wesleymemorial.org/hymnal](http://www.wesleymemorial.org/hymnal), fill out the web form and submit your payment online. You may also submit your sponsorship by calling the church office with an accurate spelling of the person(s) you wish to sponsor, first-middle-last names. Make checks out to Wesley Memorial. Professionally printed stickers will be placed on the inside cover of each sponsored hymnal. Contact Rev. Clark Chilton at [cchilton@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:cchilton@wesleymemorial.org) with questions.



### **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**

You are invited to a 7-Session Study, *Jesus and Women*, by Kristi McLelland beginning February 13. The class will meet in the Media Center each Tuesday at 9:00.

Imagine walking the dusty roads of Galilee with Jesus of Nazareth—braving jostling crowds just to touch the edge of His cloak and hear Him say, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you." Those words, once meant to comfort a hurting woman's soul thousands of years ago, were also meant for you. Explore how Jesus generously restores dignity and honor to women in the first century and now.

Join biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland on those dusty roads as she transports you back to Jesus' world, stepping into the footsteps of the women who came face to face with the living God. Over 7 sessions, examine the historical and cultural climate of first-century Middle Eastern society to not only understand Jesus more deeply but to fuel your worship of Him today.

Please contact Debbie Carmichael at [debcar michael123@aol.com](mailto:debcar michael123@aol.com) if you are interested in attending or if you have any questions. She will purchase the workbooks for the class (\$21.99) and you can pay for them on February 13.



### **The Walk to Emmaus**

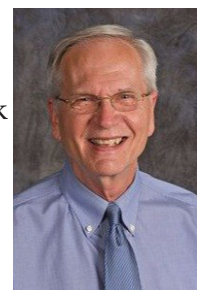
The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day retreat held twice a year by the Piedmont Emmaus Community. It is sponsored by the Upper Room of the United Methodist Church. It runs from Thursday night to Sunday afternoon. It is an uplifting, energizing, and wonderful time away from the day-to-day worries that tend to drown out God. The dates for the Men's Walk for this spring are March 7-10 and the Women's Walk is from March 14-17. The retreat looks in depth at a variety of topics related to basic Christian theology. It is a very spiritual and renewing experience. It does require registration through an application. If you would like to attend or have questions please call or email any of the members listed below:

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### **From Pastor Ken and Lydia**

Dear Wesley Memorial Family,

Recently in the bulletin and via the Wesley Weekly, Pastors Jeff and Clark shared their decisions and reasons regarding having their ministerial credentials recognized and affirmed in this new chapter of ministry as an autonomous Methodist church.



Lydia and I have chosen Wesley Memorial to be our spiritual community and family. We believe God has called us to join you in faithful ministry and life together.

The reality is that the UMC has in place, and rightly so, rules for UMC clergy that also apply to those in retirement. One of those rules is that a UMC clergy may not serve a non-UMC church without the approval of the Bishop. In addition, a UMC clergy, even retired, must have their charge conference membership at a UMC church and they are expected to participate in ministries there.

Since we are now an autonomous Methodist Church my options were to give up my clergy credentials or to leave my Wesley Memorial family and go to a UMC congregation. It has been a very intense season of prayer and reflection as Lydia and I have wrestled with discerning God's faithful path for us. We have come to a place of peace. As of December 31, I have withdrawn from conference membership in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. My ordination and clergy credentials have been recognized by the Global Methodist Church.

Wesley Memorial is an autonomous congregation. The recognition of my credentials by the GMC in no way obligates Wesley Memorial financially or in any other ways to the Global Methodist Church. Wesley Memorial will make its own decisions about denomination affiliation or remaining autonomous overtime. This recognition of clergy credentials allows me to continue serving you as one of your pastors and provides accountability that I believe all of us clergy need.

Lydia and I thank you for being our spiritual family and for the gift of serving with you. As we continue the journey together my fervent prayer is that we will continue to grow in our care and connection for each other and our unity of purpose in connecting people to Jesus, one another, and the world.

Blessings,  
Pastor Ken

# Sermon Growth Notes

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker \_\_\_\_\_

Key Scriptures \_\_\_\_\_

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