

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, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

WESLEY WOMEN'S SUNDAY



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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 2023

Chapel

8:30 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Epitaph for Peace

Bryan Kelly
(b. 1934)

The prelude is a time for us to become quiet, to meditate and pray,
and to prepare our 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:

We implore you, O Merciful God, look with grace upon those who courageously defend their land. Remember the mothers and fathers, the innocent children, widows and orphans, the disabled and helpless, those seeking shelter and refuge, who reach out to you and to their fellow human beings looking for mercy and compassion. Bless the hearts of those who have already shown great generosity and solidarity, and those who prepare to receive their Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Ukraine's greatest time of need. Bring us together as your children, your creation, and instill in us your strength, wisdom and understanding. May you be praised and glorified, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

† HYMN No. 428

For the Healing of the Nations

CWM RHONDDA

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

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.

We Remember:

Today we will commemorate the one year anniversary, of the Ukraine war. On February 24, 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine in a major escalation of the Russo-Ukrainian War, which began in 2014. The invasion has caused tens of thousands of deaths on both sides and instigated Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II.

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.

Hospice Care:
Barbra Lassiter
1272 Westminster Dr
High Point, NC 27262

Death of mother:
Family of Ann
Linthicum
1911 Kildare Woods Dr
Greensboro, NC 27407

*universal

SOLO

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Harrison Oxley
(1933-2009)

Forty days and forty nights Thou wast fasting in the wild, Forty days and forty nights tempted and yet undefiled. Sunbeams scorching all the day, chilly dewdrops nightly shed. Prowling beasts about thy way, stones thy pillow, earth thy bed. Let us thine endurance share, and from earthly joys abstain, with thee watching unto prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain. And if Satan, vexing sore, flesh or spirit should assail, Thou, his vanquisher before, grant we may not faint nor fail. So shall we have peace divine, holier gladness ours shall be, round us too shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear, ever constant by thy side, that with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

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. 431

Let There Be Peace on Earth

WORLD PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11 (NT pg. 3)

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

SERMON

"The Battles of this World"

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. 435

O God of Every Nation

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

O God of Every Nation

David Evans
(1874-1948)

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Lisa Tanico, Pastor of Congregational Care and Senior Adults

Ken Lyon, Pastor of Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions

Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist

Frank Pifferetti, Director of Traditional Music Ministries and Organist

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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 – 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, February 27 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Interdenominational Bible Study Jubilate Ringers Senior Adult Line Dancing Ball & Bible Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Adult Wing D213 (Media Center) Handbell Room Fellowship Hall Gym Boy Scout Room Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, February 28 7:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	High School Guys Bible Study Women's Bible Study on Isaiah Eucharistic Minister Training Church Council Chancel Bells	Chick-fil-A Media Center Media Center Dining Hall Handbell Room
WEDNESDAY, March 1 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. 6:30 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 4-11) Middle School Midweek Motivation DivorceCare WOW (Women of Wesley) Bible Study Young 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 Gathering Student Gathering Adult Wing D202 Student Ministry Wing Conf. Rm. 3- Admin Building Media Center Choir Room (under Sanctuary)
THURSDAY, March 2 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	C.S. Lewis Society AA Meeting AlAnon	River Landing Adult Wing D208 Adult Wing D201
FRIDAY, March 3 4:00 p.m.	Departure for Middle School Mountain Trip	
SUNDAY, March 5 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 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	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D208 Children's Gathering Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Student Gathering Choir Room (under Sanctuary) Fellowship Hall Sanctuary

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

Turkey & Syria Relief Fund

Thank you to all who have made contributions to the offering going to relief efforts following the earthquakes in Turkey & Syria. The amount collected as of Tuesday, February 21st is \$6,902.

Eucharistic Minister Training

Congregational Care's Eucharistic Minister Training will be held on Tuesday, February 28th at 1:00 p.m. in the Media Center. This training is for members who will be visiting congregants and serving communion to those unable to join us at church.

SENIOR ADULTS – LET'S GET MOVING! LINE DANCING IS HERE ON MONDAYS!

When: Mondays until March 27 -Time: 2:00- 3:00 pm

Place: Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$5/ per person for each 1-hr session. Pay when you come.

What to Wear: Casual clothes and Comfortable Shoes

No rsvp needed. Questions? Call or text Bonnie Odom, 336-259-1941

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 March 1st is kielbasa with onions, peppers, and mushrooms served with rice pilaf. All dinners come with a salad bar, roll, and dessert. Donations are accepted.

Storage Space Needed

Wesley Women are in need of a free storage space to collect Silent Auction and General Store donations for the 2023 Carolina Christmas Bazaar. If your home or business has an area we can use until November 18, please contact Carol Young at 336.688.1896. Thank you!

Missions Team Help

Catherine Niebauer is looking for someone to replace her in her role with Fairview Elementary. This role helps to coordinate teacher appreciation events and be the key contact for this partnership. Anyone who may be interested, please reach out to David Adams charlesadams10@gmail.com).



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Middle School Mountain Trip to Valle Crucis CC
The group will leave at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 3rd and return at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 5th. Cost is \$150 per student (scholarships are available). The weekend includes t-shirt, 2 nights/3 days lodging, 5 worship sessions, Mast General Stores, and tons of mountain adventure! This trip is also open to high school student sign-up that would enjoy coming alongside. Registration closes February 28th.

TVR Summer Camp to Teen Valley Ranch
The group will leave at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 26th and return at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 1st. Cost is \$350 per student (scholarships are available). The weekend includes t-shirt, 5 nights/6 days lodging, worship sessions, meals, and tons of mountain adventure! This trip is also open to current 6th through 12th graders. Registration closes March 15th.

The Gift: 2023 Giving

The Financial Commitments made for 2023 is \$1,659,190.00 as of Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Senior Adult March Event: Seagrove Pottery Tour

Thursday, March 16, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please join us for a guided tour and demonstration to learn about the rich history of NC Pottery and potters, past and present. We will visit the NC Pottery Center and Ben Owen Pottery. Ben's work can be found in many museums nationwide including the Smithsonian Museum of Art. The cost is \$10 per person plus money for lunch. We will meet in the sanctuary parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and carpool to Seagrove.

Reservations are required by Monday, March 6. Call Cynthia Reddick at 336-884-2204 to register.

Mark Your Calendar

Our Prayer Workshop will be on Thursday, March 23 this year. Two sessions will be offered: a morning and evening. More details to follow.

Mission Moment

Open Door Ministries continues to provide critical services for men in our community without resources for food or housing. During the winter months, the shelter has operated at full capacity with 60 +/- on the waiting list. During the periods of extreme cold in December and January they managed to provide life-saving accommodations for an additional 15-20 men per night. There are plans to open a new Day Center which will allow ODM to offer more AA/NA services, laundry facilities, and a nurse/First Aid station. And long-range goals include a plan to move the shelter into a newer building that will be more efficient to maintain.

As of January, ODM had several full-time staff openings, and volunteer opportunities exist regularly for serving meals at Our Father's Table. If you're interested in serving at this wonderful mission outreach or would like more information, please contact: Executive Director Ryan Ross at rross.odm@gmail.com or 336-886-0191.

To volunteer at Our Father's Table please contact our Wesley rep: Myra Snider at 336-803-1403 or msnider1@triad.rr.com, or reach out to any of your Local Missions Committee members.

High Point Singles

Our next event will be on Friday, March 17th for a casual Game Night. From 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. We will meet here at the church in the Dining Hall.

It's in the middle of March Madness and it's also St. Patrick's Day. So, wear a bit of green or your favorite team's jersey or both!

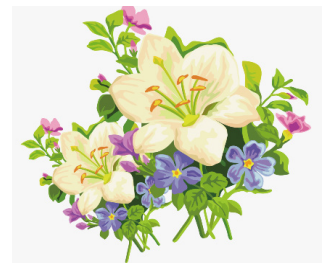
We will be serving snacks, chips, dips and popcorn. Joan Campbell is bringing the game Trouble, she hasn't played it in years, so challenge her. If you have a board game and you want to challenge a new friend or acquaintance – bring it. We will have other board games available.

Seder Meal and Dinner

Valley of Blessing 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. Deadline to register is March 31st and should be done through Valley of Blessing. Dress is nice or business casual.

Easter Flower Delivery Help

Easter is just around the corner and the Congregational Care Team would appreciate your help delivering Easter flowers to REACH (restricted or reduced mobility, exceptional circumstances, advanced aging, convalescing, and homebound) members of our congregation.



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!

2023 Lenten Devotional

Thank you to the Adult Spiritual Formation Team for providing the 2023 Lenten Devotional, as well as, all the members of our Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church family who contributed.



Didn't get a chance to pick up your 2023 Lenten Devotional last week? More copies are available at the Front Desk - please feel free to take a copy to a neighbor, a friend, or someone in need of a way to connect with God and with the community of faith during this Lenten season. You may also find the electronic version of this devotional online at wesleymemorial.org/lent.

Please note: these are not being mailed out this year. If you need one mailed to you, contact the church office.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2, 2023

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

6:00 p.m. Vespers in the Chapel

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

Thursday, April 6, 2023

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

Friday, April 7, 2023

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

Saturday, April 8, 2023

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

Easter Sunday

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)

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 wesleymemorial.org/egg

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

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.



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.