

WESLEY MEMORIAL

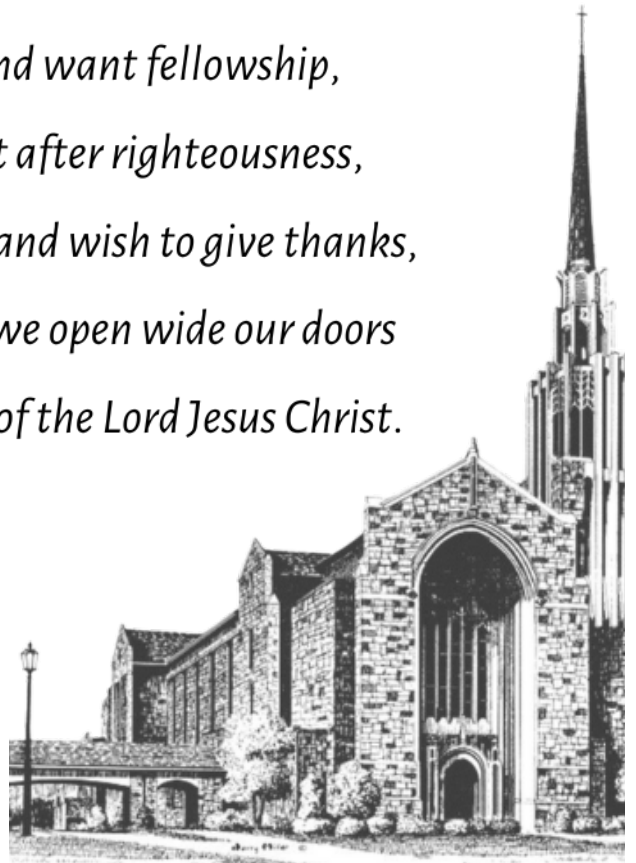
A METHODIST CONGREGATION

WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest,*
to all who mourn *and long for comfort,*
to all who struggle *and desire victory,*
to all who sin *and need a Savior,*
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship,*
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness,*
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks,*
and to whoever will come -- *we open wide our doors*
and offer welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

APRIL 6TH, 2025

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT ~ HOLY COMMUNION
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL 8:30**



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

PRELUDE

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
Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

† HYMN No. 157

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

HYFRYDOL

I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me, how He left His home in glory for the cross of Calvary. I was lost, but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray; threw His loving arms around me, drew me back into His way.

I was bruised, but Jesus healed me; faint was I from many a fall, sight was gone, and fears possessed me, but He freed me from them all. Days of darkness still come o'er me, sorrow's paths I often tread, but the Savior still is with me, by His hand I'm safely led.

He will keep me till the river rolls its waters at my feet; then He'll bear me safely over, where the loved ones I shall meet. Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me, sing it with the saints and glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

† PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

O holy merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, nor been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have called us in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and have grieved your Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Welcome!

Thank you for worshiping 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.

CARING CARDS

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 FRED BRYANT, WHO PASSED AWAY 3/31.

Susan Kelley
(Daughter)

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF DOT CALL, WHO PASSED AWAY 3/29.

SYMPATHY TO EMILY CROUCH ON THE PASSING OF HER SISTER, MARILYN PROCK, ON 3/21.

SOLO
The Lord's Prayer

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:10 (Pg. 811)

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

SERMON

Rev. Jeff Patterson

"Doing the Right Thing: The Justice of Jesus"

† NICENE CREED

We face the cross and profess in unison

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* universal

ON COMMUNION
SUNDAYS WE PROFESS
THE NICENE CREED, 325
AD, THAT PROFESSES
THE FAITH OF THE
UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

GIVING

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.



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY

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.

† THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and good to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth. When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people. When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Please be seated

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE 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.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table, but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us, Amen.

SHARING THE EUCHARIST

Please come to the serving table and receive the bread or gluten-free wafer. After receiving, you may kneel at the prayer rail. (If you are unable to come forward and would like to be served at your seat, please let an usher know.)

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN No. 572

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Yeah, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

BOARD OF MINISTRY MEETING - APRIL 22

There will be a Board of Ministry meeting on Tuesday, April 22 at 6:00 PM in the Dining Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the proposed budget. All members are encouraged to attend.

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HYMN No. 454

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed: we, Your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to Your purpose ev'ry gift that You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn in our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love of Your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to Your service, forth in Your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that Your servants, Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know and live.

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Reverend Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism

Reverend Susannah Pittman, Congregational Care/Adult Spiritual Formation

Reverend Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions

Reverend Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation

Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist

Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music and Worship Arts

Ms. Mora Wolff, Organist

JOIN OUR
MEMBERSHIP

APRIL
13th



Are you considering making Wesley Memorial your home church? We invite you to join with others on April 13th! Connect with one of our five pastors on staff after service or call our Pastoral Ministry Manager at 336-812-4808 with any questions. Let us help you get plugged in, so you can be a part of what God is doing here at Wesley Memorial!

Frequently Asked Questions:

• **Do I need to take a class before I join?**

No! If you are a baptized member of another congregation, you may join by transfer. Otherwise, you may join by Profession of Faith and Baptism.

• **Can I take a class before I join?**

Yes! Although we don't require you to take the 2-part Welcome to Wesley class, we highly recommend it as it is an introduction to what Wesley Memorial stands for and what we believe. The next class will be available on October 12th & 19th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome guests! Scan the QR code on the left to receive a free welcome gift (to scan the code, use your phones' camera and follow the provided link)!

Attendance: please fill out and pass the friendship folders located in each row.

Large print hymnals are available in the Narthex.

Nursery childcare is available (infants - 2 years) Sunday mornings for the 9:45 a.m. & 11 a.m. services. The nursery is on the Children's Ministry Hall. If you need assistance in locating the nursery, one of our ushers will be glad to assist you.

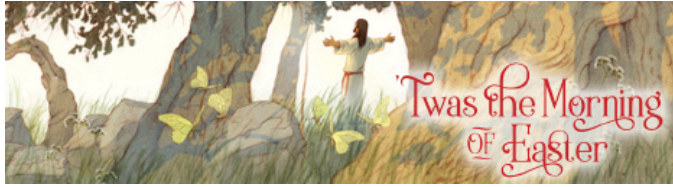
THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, April 7 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Lent Small Group (for all ages) Ball & Bible Lent Small Group (for all ages) Cub Scout Meeting Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Media Center Adult Wing D201 Fellowship Hall Adult Wing D201 Student Ministry Wing Scout Room Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, April 8 12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal Card Ministry Meeting Lent Small Group (for all ages)	Adult Wing D212 Circle View Room Adult Wing D201
WEDNESDAY, April 9 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Lent Small Group (for ages 40+) Prayer Shawl Ministry Wednesday Dinner (served until 6:30 p.m.) Vespers Handbells Rehearsal Wesley Memorial Kids Games & Gospel (Ages 0-11) Wesley Memorial Students (Grades 6th - 12th) W.O.W. (Women of Wesley) Bible Study Disciple II Lent Small Group (for ages 60+) Lent Small Group (for couples with school-aged children) Men's Bible Study Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Dining Hall Dining Hall Adult Wing D201 Conference Room 3 Dining Hall Chapel Adult Wing D208 Children's Ministry Wing Student Ministry Wing Student Wing - C111 Circle View Room Susanna Wesley Class Adult Wing D201 Conference Room 3 Media Center Choir Room
THURSDAY, April 10 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
FRIDAY, April 11 6:00 p.m.	Easter Flower Delivery (through 7 p.m.)	Narthex
SATURDAY, April 12 8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Dr. Gerald McDermott: Communion & Baptism Workshop Stained Glass Tour Valley of the Blessings Meal	Sanctuary Sanctuary Dining Hall
SUNDAY, April 13 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Palm Sunday Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship Children's Church Lent Small Group (for all ages) EPIC Easter! Interactive Show & Egg Hunt Senior Adult Outing to Carolina Core Game	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing D201 Fellowship Hall Truist Park

Wednesdays @ Wesley

On Wednesday evenings we serve a warm, home-cooked meal from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in our Dining Hall. The menu for April 9th is sliced ham with sweet potatoes and green beans.

Experience the Easter Story in a New Way



Step into the Children's Ministry Hall and journey through the Easter Story in a unique and meaningful way. One classroom has been transformed into a quiet space where people of all ages are welcome to walk through and reflect on this powerful story. Beautifully enlarged pictures bring each moment to life, guiding you through the events of Holy Week. As you enter, simply press play on the audio player. Come, listen, & experience the story of Easter in a way that speaks to your heart. Come by whenever you are at the church.

Easter Memorials

Our worship spaces will be decorated with Easter Lilies on Easter Sunday. To place an order in remembrance or celebration of a loved one, kindly reach out to Isabel at 336-812-4808 or icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org before April 11. Each lily is priced at \$26. In lieu of flowers, contributions can also be made to the Lenten Offering in honor or memory of a loved one.

Generosity Forms

A spiritually healthy follower of Christ is constantly growing in all spiritual practices including the spiritual practice of generosity. The goal we learn from scripture is to give generously. Will you take your spiritual generosity to the next level? Scan the QR code to visit www.wesleymemorial.org/wearewesley



Signs and Wonders: How the Holy Spirit Grows the Church

In this six-week study, you will take a look at how to more effectively share your faith in Christ. In addition to learning more about the role of the Holy Spirit in the work of evangelism, we will also explore individual spiritual gifts and how your gifts can be used to grow the body of Christ. Starts Wednesday April 23rd. Led by Rev. Clark Chilton. Location: Brand X classroom. Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15pm. Book provided (\$15). Register at wesleymemorial.org/wonders or call the front office at 336-884-2204.





Easter Flower Delivery

Celebrate Easter by delivering flowers to REACH members of our congregation, including those who are homebound. Join the Congregational Care Team on Friday, April 11th, from 6 to 7 p.m. Drive through the porte cochere at the narthex side entrance to pick up flowers for delivery. Help us share Easter joy with our church family!

JOIN US FOR A MORNING WITH Dr. Gerald McDermott



 Saturday, April 12th

 Location: Sanctuary





 Lecture: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Dr. Gerald McDermott, renowned theologian, author, and speaker, will offer **two powerful lectures** exploring the rich meanings of **Baptism and Holy Communion**—two of Christianity's greatest gifts. He is a leading scholar on Jonathan Edwards, Anglicanism, Israel's role in redemption, and Christian-Jewish connections. His newest book, *A New History of Redemption* (2024), centers on Israel's place in salvation history.

Why Attend?

- Deepen your understanding of Baptism & Communion
- Gain insights from a globally respected theologian
- Explore Christianity's Jewish roots
- Engage in meaningful discussion

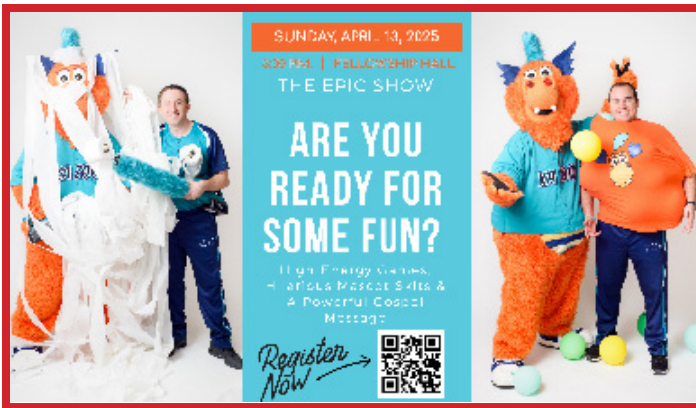
Additional Highlights!

-  Books will be available for purchase (cash or check)
-  Stay after for Stained Glass Tours with Tucker Mitchell
-  Free event; registration encouraged.
-  To register, contact the front desk.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the most respected voices in Christian theology today.

Senior Adult Council Outing: Carolina Core Game

The Senior Adult Council is sponsoring a group outing to the Carolina Core Soccer game on Sunday, April 13! This special event is part of Faith Sunday, where church groups will be recognized on the Jumbo Tron and have the opportunity to meet players on the field after the game. Game time is 3:00 PM, and gates open at 1:00 PM for church groups. The opponent is Chattanooga. Tickets are \$14 each for a group of 10–30 people, and children under age 2 are free. Seats are general admission. Reservations will be accepted through April 9—please call the church office to reserve tickets for the senior adult group!



Contemporary Worship Time Change

Beginning on Easter Sunday, April 20, our Contemporary Worship service will move to 9:30 a.m. instead of 9:45 a.m. This new time will remain in place going forward. Additionally, Children's Sunday School will also begin at 9:30 a.m. We look forward to worshipping with you at 9:30 a.m. as we celebrate the risen Christ together!

Easter Offering: Rebuilding Lives

This year's Easter Offering theme is *Rebuilding Lives*, as we seek to make an impact locally, regionally, and globally through your generosity.

Locally, we are supporting *Commander Peace Academy*, a relatively new organization located on English Road. We have been very impressed with their work. The academy provides programs for at-risk young men and women, offering structure, mental support, educational opportunities, and essential life skills.

Regionally, we are continuing our support of neighbors in *Western North Carolina* as they rebuild their lives—both materially (through housing) and emotionally (through mental health support). As shared in the bulletin and other church publications, you have an opportunity to serve these individuals during Easter weekend. (*To sign up, you may call the church office and leave your name and number.*)

Globally, we are once again supporting the *Good Samaritan Clinic* in the Dominican Republic. Two years ago, Wesley Memorial helped rebuild their clean water system, which now serves Batey 7 and the surrounding area. This year, we will provide much-needed medications for those receiving care at the clinic, which is staffed by a single full-time physician. Two of our own members recently returned from serving there and described it as a life-changing experience.

We are so blessed at Wesley Memorial to have a congregation that is committed to sharing Christ's love and hope in so many ways. Thank you for your continued support.

– **The Community Impact and Mission Team**

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the pivotal moments of Jesus Christ's last week, from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem to His resurrection, shaping both history and the Christian faith. Through the Sacred Triduum—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—we immerse ourselves in His journey, pausing to remember His sacrifice, meditate on His teachings, and renew our commitment as His disciples today. Through worship and contemplation, we allow the events of Holy Week to shape our lives and bear witness to Christ's transformative power. Below is a preview of the Holy Week calendar.

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

- 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)
- 3:00 p.m. EPIC Easter Event 2025 (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

- 5:30 p.m. Vespers in the Chapel
- Holy Communion and Anointing of Oil*

Thursday, April 17, 2025

- 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)
- Holy Communion to commemorate the Last Supper*

Friday, April 18, 2025

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

Saturday, April 19, 2025

- 7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Service (Sanctuary)
- Candlelight service and baptismal reaffirmation*

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

- 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)
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Adorn our crosses for Easter Sunday

Help our crosses bloom on Easter Sunday! Bring flowers (purchased or from your garden) to adorn the crosses outside the Sanctuary and Bridge Cafe entrance starting Saturday, April 19, 2025.

On Easter Sunday, enjoy a free digital image and 4x6 photo print from a professional photographer. Photos will be taken by the flower crosses outside the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services (refreshments provided). We look forward to celebrating with you!

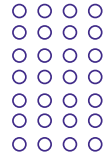


Wesley Memorial presents

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Sponsored by the Victoria Qubein Educational Fund

Friday, May 2, 2025



Leadership in Uncertain Times



with World-Renowned Leadership Expert, Speaker, and Best-Selling Author

John Maxwell



6:00 PM

Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

Event will take place in the Fellowship Hall

1225 Chestnut Drive

High Point, NC 27262



▶ ABOUT JOHN MAXWELL

Dr. John C. Maxwell is a globally recognized leadership expert, speaker, and author of over 100 books, selling more than 30 million copies. Through his organizations, he has trained millions of leaders around the world. Named the #1 Leadership Expert by Inc. magazine, Dr. Maxwell's influence spans faith, business, and personal growth.

Join us for this incredible opportunity to hear a special talk by Dr. Maxwell titled "Leadership in Uncertain Times."

▶ REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Visit wesleymemorial.org/maxwell or call 336.884.2204



Volunteers needed to serve North Carolina Mountain Hurricane Survivors

The aftermath of Hurricane Helene afforded our congregation the opportunity to assist our neighbors with their immediate basic needs in Weaverville by providing food, clothing and generators as well as homeless care kits for people living in Asheville and Burnsville. As needs shifted in western NC, we stepped up again-helping families stay warm by funding propane in Newland and Elk Park, contributing to the rebuilding of cabins at Camp Linn Haven and assisting a first responder and his family in Elk Park as they recover from flood damage.

Just as our recent hands-on ministry with "Rise Against Hunger" gave us the opportunity to fill meal bags for the Philippines and this past Saturday's "Merge" event serving our local missions. Now, we have the opportunity to be HIS HANDS and FEET and serve our friends in western NC in person. As mentioned briefly in recent newsletters, we will be participating alongside folks from the Roanoke Rapids area and specifically the Seaboard Lions Club (who last Thanksgiving sent 200 volunteers and served 5,000 meals to the Newland/Elk Park area of Avery County). Would you consider joining us for part of your Easter weekend? You can still be home for Easter Sunday with your family.

Below is a tentative schedule for the weekend:

Good Friday (April 18th)

Between 12:00 pm & 3:00 pm: Lead volunteers meet to see what can be set up at Cranberry Middle School and the Ag Center in Newland (weather permitting)

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Private mental health sessions will be conducted at Cranberry Middle School.

***Tentative: Possible meal for volunteers after 6:00 pm at the Elk Park Inn.

Saturday (April 19th)

7:00 am - 10:00 am: Final set-up for Easter egg hunt/game at Cranberry Middle School (Will be advertised for all of Avery County)

9:00 am - 3:00 pm: Volunteers needed to assist in manning check-in desk for those seeking mental health sessions at Cranberry Middle School

10:00 am - 1:00 pm: Photos with Easter Bunny, popcorn, cotton candy, free pizza for kids at Cranberry Middle School

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm: Easter egg hunt (Volunteers needed to oversee and clean-up. Afterward, will go to Ag Center in Newland).

10:00 am - 4:00 pm: While Easter egg hunt is taking place at Cranberry Middle School, other volunteers will be at Ag Center in Newland prepping for community dinner and assisting in setting up for entertainment/games

4:00 pm - Until.....Entertainment begins at the Ag Center with bands and individual vocalists; dinner served and volunteers begin delivering to rest homes and shut-ins

Easter Sunday (April 20th)

Sunrise Service (@ this time) will be at Veterans' Park in Newland

If this sounds like something you may feel led to participate in, here is some basic and general information you will need to know and the planned schedule for what is taking place between Elk Park and Newland, NC for this Easter weekend.

- 1) First, you will NOT be required to sign a waiver. (However, it is our desire to maintain a list of volunteers who are committed to going to be able to communicate and update as we get closer to the Easter weekend). For the present, you may text or call Ken Gullede @ 336.442.1741 or the church office at 336.884.2204.
- 2) There is no age limit as long as there is an accompanying responsible adult.
- 3) There will be volunteer opportunities Friday afternoon through Saturday night if you wish to participate. (Note: Most opportunities will be Saturday between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm).
- 4) At present, the most likely gathering and sign-in site will be at the Cranberry Middle School located at 6230 N. US Hwy. 19E., Elk Park, NC.
- 5) At present, lead volunteers will meet after lunch to see what can be done Friday afternoon regarding set-up @ the middle school and the Ag Center in Newland (weather permitting).

This is a wonderful chance to serve and connect with your mountain neighbors. Whether you join us for a few hours or the entire weekend, your presence will make a difference. This opportunity is opened to people of all ages. We do ask for you to sign up in advance by calling or texting Ken Gullede at 336.442.1741 or you can call the church office at 336.884.2204 and leave your name and number.

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Key Scriptures _____

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