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.

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.

WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 9th, 2025

Chapel

8:30 am

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.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, keep your household the Church continually in your true religion, that we who trust in the hope of your heavenly grace may always be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

† Hymn No. 87

God Is Love: Let Heaven Adore Him

BEECHER

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 Brenda George on the passing of her mother, Daphne King, on 2/4.

SYMPATHY TO Sheri Hicks on the passing of her mother, Bettye Brisentine, on 2/1.

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.



Solo

My Prayer for Today

Van Alstyne/Arnold

Dear Lord, I pray, just for today, give me the kindness that comes from above. Help me to bring one tender thing, breathing the perfume of love. This is my prayer: help me to share somebody's sorrow, somebody's care. Where e'er I stray, dear Lord, I pray, let me help someone, just for today. Dear Lord, I pray, just for today, let me bring sunshine where shadows appear. Where e'er I be, help me to see someone to comfort and cheer. This is my prayer: help me to share somebody's sorrow, somebody's care. Where e'er I stray, dear Lord, I pray, let me help someone, just for today.

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.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

E LESSON Luke 15: 11-24 (Pg. 874)

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

SERMON "The Relentless Love of the Father." Rev. Jeff Patterson

Welcome New Members!

Judy Teetor Shelby Walker (Mother) Nathan Walker (Son) Jane Cameron † Apostles' Creed

We face the cross and profess in unison

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living 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. 572

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

- † 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

Reflection Questions: Luke 15:11-32

- 1. Today's passage is often referred to as "The Parable of the Prodigal Son", but arguably the primary character of the parable is the father. What strikes you about the father in the parable? What does the character of the father in the parable reveal about the character of our Heavenly Father?
- 2. Both sons are lost in their own unique way. How does the relentless love of the Father for both of them speak to you about the character of God?
- 3. What specific ways can you "go and tell" about the relentless love of God this week?

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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 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 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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, February 10		
10:30 a.m.	Monday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Media Center
5:30 p.m.	Ball & Bible	Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting	Student Ministry Wing
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting	Scout Room
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, February 11		
1:30 p.m.	Card Ministry	Circle View Room
6:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Circle View Room
WEDNESDAY, February 12		
7:20 a.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study	Dining Hall
9:30 a.m.	Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Dining Hall
1:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Conference Room 3
5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Dinner (served until 6:30 p.m.)	Dining Hall
5:30 p.m.	Vespers	Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Wesley Memorial Kids Games & Gospel (Ages 0-11)	Children's Ministry Wing
6:00 p.m.	Student Ministry Midweek Motivation	Student Ministry Wing
6:15 p.m.	W.O.W. (Women of Wesley) Bible Study	Student Wing - C111
6:15 p.m.	Disciple II	Circle View Room
6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Conference Room 3
6:45 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study with Pastor Jeff	Media Center
6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
THURSDAY, February 13		
10:30 a.m.	"Life After Life" by Charletta Phillips	Media Center
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D202
7:30 p.m.	AlAnon	Adult Wing D201
SATURDAY, February 15		
8:30 a.m.	Wesley 100 Men's Group	Dining Hall
SUNDAY, February 16		
7:30 a.m.	Televised Worship Service	WGHP, FOX8
8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	AA Meeting	Adult D202
9:45 a.m.	Children's Ministry Sunday Funday	Children's Ministry Wing
9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Adult Wing
9:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	Small Groups/ All Welcome	Dining Hall
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Children's Church	Children's Ministry Wing
2:00 p.m.	Student Ministry Confirmation Class	Student Ministry Wing



February Card Ministry

Snail Mail rocks, especially when it comes to cards. So spread some joy as part of the Caring Card Crew! Join us every second Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Circle View Room as we discuss current prayer concerns, and make plans to send cards to our Wesley Memorial family. You'll choose names from the prayer list and directory, and during the month send a card to those you've selected. Nothing is required at this meeting except a heart for making someone smile! There's no registration needed, either. Simply come as you can and know that you're bringing a smile to many in our congregation. Our next meeting with be Tuesday, February 11th.

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 February 12th is chicken & dumplins with creamed spinach and carrots. All dinners come with salad bar, roll, and dessert. The cost is free, but donations are accepted.

Tools to Help You "Go and Tell"!

As we continue in our sermon series of "Go and Tell", please take advantage of free resources in either the Bridge Cafe, Nathex, or lounges in the Chapel. These include free copies of the Gospel of John, Wesley Memorial car magnets and other resources. Share the love of God and let your light shine!

Senior Adult Winter Outing to TAG

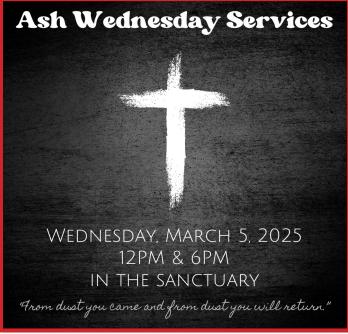
Join fellow senior adults for a special Winter Outing designed exclusively for senior adults aged 60 and above! On Thursday, February 27, the group will enjoy a fun art class at TAG (The Art Gallery) at Congdon Yards, located at 400 West English Road, High Point. The class will take place from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon, with a cost of \$12 per person, payable upon arrival. Transportation will be provided—meet in the front church parking lot at 9:30 AM to board the church bus or carpool. Participants will paint individual pictures of an outdoor scene featuring our beautiful church. The instructor, Michaela, will have the church pre-drawn on each canvas and will guide participants through color selection and brush techniques. No prior experience is necessary, and all supplies will be provided. Each participant will leave with their own completed painting. The class is limited to the first 20 senior adults who RSVP, so call the church office at 336-884-2204 to secure a spot. If the class fills up, additional names will be added to a waiting list, with a second session scheduled once at least 10 participants are confirmed.



Inclement Weather Updates

For all weather related schedule changes, you may call 336-884-2204 and press 6 for weather information. We will also share changes to WFMY Channel 2, WXII Channel 12, WGHP FOX8, our Facebook/Instagram pages, and via text.









Join the Praise Team

Are you passionate about worship music? We'd love to have you on the team! Come to our Praise Team Interest Meeting on Wednesday, March 12, in the Dining Hall from 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Whether you sing, play an instrument, or want to learn more about how you can serve, this meeting is for you! For more details, contact Caleb Janney, Director of Contemporary Worship Music, at cjanney@wesleymemorial.org. Let's make a joyful noise together!

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. 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 13 -16 and the Women's Walk is from March 20 - 23. The retreat looks in depth at a variety of topics related to basic Christian theology. It is a very spiritual and renewing experience but also quite fun. 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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Welcome to Wesley

New Membership Class

You're invited to Welcome to Wesley: a two-Sunday new church member course!

- Learn more about Wesley Memorial's history, beliefs, & leadership
- Core beliefs of the Methodist Church
- Discover your own gifts for your ministry
- Service opportunities
- Meet clergy team & church staff
- And much, much more!

Your starting point to join the Wesley Memorial Church Family!

Dates: Sunday, March 23 & 30 Time: 11:00 am Location: Fellowship Hall

RSVP with Pastor Clark Chilton via email at cchilton@wesleymemorial.org or via phone at 336-812-4813 by October 10th



A Jesus-Shaped Life: Lent 2025 Study

This Lent, join us on a transformative journey as we explore A Jesus-Shaped Life. Through Sunday sermons and small group discussions, we'll discover how to live, love, and lead more like Jesus. Whether you're part of an existing group or looking for a new one, there's a place for you in this congregation-wide study. Visit wesleymemorial.org/lent2025 to register.

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

Sermon Growth Notes