

# WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

## CHILDREN'S SERMON



WINDOW SERIES



**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY 11:00**

*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*

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22nd, 2024

Sanctuary

11:00 am

#### PRELUDE

*Away in a Manger*

arr. John F. Wilson

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.

#### INTROIT

*Angels' Carol*

John Rutter

*Have you heard the sounds of the angel voices ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear? Have you seen the star shining out so brightly as a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here? Have you heard the news that they bring from Heaven to the humble shepherds who have waited long? Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels sing their joyful song.*

*He is come in peace in the winter's stillness, like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night. He is come in joy like the sun at morning, filling all the world with radiance and with light. He is come in love as the child of Mary. In a simple stable, we have seen his birth. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing 'Peace on earth'.*

*He will bring new light to a world in darkness, like a bright star shining in the skies above. He will bring new hope to the waiting nations, when he comes to reign in purity and love. Let the earth rejoice at the Saviour's coming; let the Heavens answer with the joyful mourn. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing, 'Christ is born.'*

† 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.

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

† HYMN No. 190

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

#### 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.

#### RECENT SURGERY:

Neal Howes  
Diane Lorber

ABOUT  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

For quick  
information about  
Children's Church,  
please scan me!



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.



† THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Stephanie and Craig Peters  
Children: Miriam and Nathan

† CHORAL RESPONSE

*Come, Lord Jesus*

Anna Laura Page

*Come, Lord Jesus, come and save us. Bring your light into our world of  
darkness. Come, Lord Jesus, come and save us. Amen.*

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*(Children proceed to the pulpit side door for Children's Church)*

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SOLO

*Mary Did You Know?*

arr. by Jack Schrader

† ADVENT DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here  
below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and  
Holy Ghost. Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

† HYMN NO. 192

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a (Pg. 779)

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

SERMON

*"Our Peace"*

Rev. Jeff Patterson

† 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. 191  
*Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

† BENEDICTION

† The CHORAL BENEDICTION  
*Dona Nobis Pacem*  
*Lord, grant us peace. .*

DONA NOBIS PACEM

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† POSTLUDE

† Those who are able please stand.

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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

Chancel Choir

Ms. Patti Wood, flute

Ms. Laura Hutchins, soprano soloist

Mr. Phillip Leach, baritone soloist

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

Mr. Lindsay Odom, Organist

Mr. James Robbins, Acolyte

Mr. David Robbins, Acolyte

Mr. Colton Maines, Crucifer

Miss Brielle Kuennen, Bible

USHERS

Mr. Windley Dunbar  
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Mr. Miles Gurley  
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Mr. Lane Adams  
Mrs. Wendy Adams

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# Christmas Memorials 2024

The Front Circle Tree is given in loving memory of Carter, Doris, and Barbra Lassiter by their sons Bart, Ron, Scott and Tim Lassiter and their wives, and their grandchildren.

The Chrismon Tree is given in loving memory of Royster M. Tucker, Jr., Martha Nell Tucker, Nell Hayden Tucker, Diane Tucker McKenzie Smith and Velva; Cookie Tucker Quinn Ring, by Bootsy, Donna, Royster, Tuck, John Austin, Sloan and Davis Tucker.

The Chrismon Tree is given in memory of Thayer and Dot Coggin by their family.

The Narthex Tree is given in loving memory of Eva Dell and Milly Marsh by Jim Marsh and Jim Marsh, Jr.

The Chapel Tree is given in loving memory of Courtney Jean Freedle by Jean Freedle, Chris and Sarah Faith Amos, Matthew and Aubriana Amos and Jennifer, Trevor and Brooks White.

The Dining Room Tree is given in honor of our children and grandchildren by Nido and Mariana Qubein.

The Pre-School Tree is given in loving memory of Carolyn Bryant by her family.

Sanctuary- Christ Advent Candle is given in loving memory of William Blanton, Jr., and Wanna and Charles McAnally, from Wanna Blanton.

Chapel- Christ Advent Candle is given in loving memory of Betsy Johnson, and Ruth and J. C. McAllister by Jane and Ken McAllister.

Special Christmas Ornament – The crown on top of the left Chrismon Tree is given in loving memory of Joseph Michael Albany, Jr., by Beth Blake and family.

The Sanctuary Balcony Garland is given in memory of Dwight Bumgarner by Jean Bumgarner.

The Chapel Garland is given in loving gratitude to Barbara and Tim Bumgarner, Molly and Bill Bumgarner, and Kari Craig by Jean Bumgarner.

The Sanctuary Balcony Wreath is given in memory of Robert Edwin Bass by his family.

The Chapel Wreath is given in loving memory of Herman Hunter Sr. by his family.

## Lovefeast Candles

In loving memory of Kem McAllister by Molly and Kirk Myer and Reynolds and Jack Scott.

In memory of our parents by Ellen & Keith Miller.

In honor of our children & grandchildren by Ellen & Keith Miller.

In loving memory of Phillip and Hazel Pugh and Lucille Davis Bizzell.

## Lovefeast Buns

In loving memory of Tommy Emerson by Emerson and Melody.

In loving memory of Pat Warth by her husband, Mickey Warth.

In loving memory of Katherine “Kitsy” Thomas Tennant by a special friend.

In honor of the Surles Family.



## Column Wreath

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Allen Huntley by Leslie Huntley.

In loving memory of Lester, Louise and Perry Zimmerman by Lou Anne and Dan.

In loving memory of Joseph Michael Albany, Jr. by Lissa and Andrew Albany and Frank H. Wood III.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Wood, Jr. by Frank H. Wood III and Lissa and Andrew Albany.

In loving memory of Zach Priddy, Sue Wood, and Jami Priddy and in honor of Viviane, Cecelia and Colette Priddy, Clark and Parker Warnock and Greg and Michelle Stencil by Ginger Priddy.

In loving memory of Kem McAllister by Callie, Charlotte and Lollie.

In loving memory of Charles L, and Adalyn Kearns by Kay and David Maynard and their family.

In loving memory of my parents, Edith and David Gallimore by their daughter, Bonnie Broadwater.

In loving memory of Allen B, Harless, Jr. and Kitty Campen Field by Katherine and Henry McMullan, Brianne, Matt, Henry, Lucy and Franklin McMullan and Mary Meade, Parker and Boyd Holloway.

In loving memory of E.J. and Mabel McCoy by Phyllis McCoy.

In loving memory of Melvin and Rena Smith by Phyllis McCoy.

In loving memory of Len Fletcher by his wife, Beverly.

## Door Wreath

In loving memory of JB White by Jay and Kathy.

In loving memory of Lou White by Jay and Kathy.

In loving memory of Dot Byerly by Kathy and Jay.

In loving memory of Gladys & Roy Beasley, given by Bonnie Beasley.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thurlow A. Kearns, Jr. by Allen and Garrett Kearns, Charlie, Diane and Ella Kearns and Ryan, Leslie, Holden and Liza Ball.

In loving memory of William G. Gaffey, Jr. by Allen and Garrett Kearns, Charlie, Diane and Ella Kearns and Ryan, Leslie, Holden and Liza Ball.

In loving memory of Bob Bass and in honor of Janie Bass by Martha and Edwin Bass.

In loving memory of Ruth and J. C. McAllister by Martha and Edwin Bass.

In loving memory of Royster M Tucker, Jr and Martha Nell Tucker by Royster & Donna Tucker, Tuck, John Austin, Adele, & Olivia, Sloan, and Davis & Rachel Tucker.

In honor of Bootsy Tucker by Royster & Donna Tucker, Tuck, John, Adele, & Olivia, Sloan, and Davis & Rachel Tucker.

In loving memory of Barbra Lassiter by Bart, Aimee and Abbie, Wes, Christopher, Virginia, and William.

In loving memory of Edith and David Gallimore by their daughter, Bonnie Broadwater.



## Poinsettias

In loving memory of Bob Duncan by Lucille and family.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Key and Dr. and Mrs. L. Ernest Otter by Joel and Faith Key.

In loving memory of Meryle Wilson by her family.

In loving memory of Myrtle Pope by Kathy Lavender and Buddy Wilson.

In loving memory of our son, Jason A. Myers by Susan and Glenn Myers.

In honor of our family Jillian, Robert and Courtney, Andrew, Lilly, Luke, Lydia, June and Ford Myers by Susan and Glenn Myers.

In loving memory of Helen R. Lindsay by Allen and Garrett Kearns, Charlie, Diane and Ella Kearns and Ryan, Leslie, Holden and Liza Ball.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Kearns by Allen and Garrett Kearns, Charlie, Diane and Ella Kearns and Ryan, Leslie, Holden and Liza Ball.

In loving memory of Bill Anderson by Allen and Garrett Kearns.

In honor of the "Fish" Unity Group by Allen Kearns.

In loving memory of Kem McAllister by Martha and Edwin Bass.

In loving memory of Jason Myers (son of Rev. Glenn and Susan Myers) by Alan and Laura Koonts.

In honor of our daughter and family: Wes, Megan, Mary, Wesley, Samuel, and Lily Payne Love, Alan and Laura Koonts.

In honor of Reece and Jack Almond by Phyllis McCoy.

In honor of Harrison and Molly McCoy by Phyllis McCoy.

In honor of Susan Sumpter by the Senior Adult Council.

In loving memory of husband Dr. John L. Beck from his family.

In honor of Beth Rose by Joe Gamble.

In honor of Isabel Cruz by Joe Gamble.

In honor of Chris Massey by Joe Gamble.

In honor of Darren Dyer by Joe Gable.

In loving memory of Roy and Gladys Beasley by Bonnie.



## Chrismon Ornaments

A special Chrismon ornament has been placed on the Chrismon Trees in memory of the members who have made the transition into God's loving arms from November 1st 2023 to November 1st 2024.

In loving memory of Robert "Bob" Edwin Bass.	03/19/1933 ~ 05/17/2024
In loving memory of Richard D. Bulla.	04/13/1942 ~ 09/15/2024
In loving memory of Dwight A. Bumgarner.	08/17/1938 ~ 01/09/2024
In loving memory of Larke Loflin Burlison.	06/30/1949 ~ 11/29/2023
In loving memory of Edward "Ed" P. Charles.	09/13/1951 ~ 12/09/2023
In loving memory of Susan "Sue" Beck Corbett.	10/24/1942 ~ 02/02/2024
In loving memory of Dana Lynn Scotten Davis.	09/14/1948 ~ 06/19/2024
In loving memory of Olive Frye.	10/16/1924 ~ 06/12/2024
In loving memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Ring Freas.	11/21/1942 ~ 06/09/2024
In loving memory of Sherrill Hoover George.	05/31/1934 ~ 02/11/2024
In loving memory of James "Jim" Gretzinger.	11/07/1925 ~ 08/14/2024
In loving memory of Hoyt M. Hackney Jr.	01/16/1938 ~ 11/04/2023
In loving memory of Martha Jane Hayworth.	05/26/1929 ~ 01/09/2024
In loving memory of Robert "Bob" Louis Hoover.	09/14/1931 ~ 09/01/2024
In loving memory of Clarence "Corky" Arnel Hustrulid Jr.	06/04/1945 ~ 05/29/2024
In loving memory of Frankie Ruth Clinard Jackson.	06/13/1944 ~ 12/22/2023
In loving memory of David Masland McCoy.	09/11/1943 ~ 06/04/2024
In loving memory of Kathy June Carlisle Niebauer.	06/19/1949 ~ 12/13/2023
In loving memory of Jobie G. Redmond Sr.	05/20/1938 ~ 09/24/2024
In loving memory of Edgar "Bucky" H. Snider Jr.	03/07/1941 ~ 10/23/2024
In loving memory of Louella Dabbs Kidd Stinson.	06/12/1939 ~ 06/05/2024
In loving memory of Steadman Sugg.	12/03/1977 ~ 06/28/2024
In loving memory of Deborah "Debi" Watson.	07/31/1955 ~ 04/11/2024



# 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

<b>MONDAY, December 23</b> 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	Adult Wing D208
<b>TUESDAY, December 24</b> 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Contemporary Christmas Eve Service Nursery (Ages 0-2) The 51st Annual Lovefeast Traditional Christmas Eve Communion Service	Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Sanctuary Sanctuary
<b>WEDNESDAY, December 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
<b>THURSDAY, December 26</b> 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>Church Office Closed</b> AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult Wing D208 Adult Wing D201
<b>SUNDAY, December 29</b> 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Televised Worship Service AA Meeting Combined Worship Service Children's Church HPU Basketball Game - Praise to Panthers	WGHP, FOX8 Adult D202 Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing

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

celebrate  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*with Wesley Memorial Methodist Church*  
*Christmas Eve* **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**

4:00 PM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE  
5:00 PM THE 51ST ANNUAL LOVEFEAST  
11:00 PM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Each service on Christmas Eve will include candlelight.  
Communion will take place at the 4 p.m. and 11 p.m. services.  
Childcare will begin at 5 p.m. for ages 2 and under - families are encouraged to worship together.

**VISIT WESLEYMEMORIAL.ORG/ADVENT FOR MORE INFORMATION**

### Honor Your Loved Ones

As part of this year's traditional Lovefeast Service, we are offering buns and candles to be used during the service in memory or honor of your loved ones. You can contribute in lots of \$25, \$50, or \$100. Memorials will be listed in the Lovefeast bulletin. To place your order, please contact Isabel Cruz at [icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:icruzvalencia@wesleymemorial.org) or call 336-812-4808. The deadline for ordering is Monday, December 23rd at noon.

### Christmas Eve Offering

This Christmas Eve, we invite you to join Wesley Memorial in continuing our tradition of generosity and community outreach. This year, our offering will support recovery and rebuilding efforts for our neighbors in the Western North Carolina mountains. The Missions Team has approved three specific areas for this year's offering. Funds will assist Samaritan's Purse as they move into the reconstruction and building phase of recovery. They will also support the repair and restoration of Camp Lin Haven, a cherished place deeply connected to our congregation, where many have attended or sent their children and grandchildren over the years. Additionally, contributions will aid Weaverville United Methodist Church, which continues to serve the surrounding areas through flood relief and long-term recovery efforts. Your generosity will provide hope, resources, and encouragement to these communities as they navigate the rebuilding process. Thank you for your compassion and for being the hands and feet of Christ during this season of giving. Together, we can make a lasting difference..

### One Combined Service

Next Sunday, December 29th, we will have one combined service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This will be our final service of the year. Bring your kids with you—children will attend the beginning of the service and exit for Children's Church after the Children's Sermon. We look forward to worshipping together!

### Make Your Year-End Gift to Wesley Memorial

As the year draws to a close, we're here to help you meet your 2024 giving goals. In addition to regular offerings, you can contribute through gifts of stock, IRA distributions, or other financial gifts. All year-end giving must be received by Tuesday, December 31st to count toward your 2024 giving statement. Below are ways to give:

- Give at one of the remaining Sunday or Christmas Eve worship services
- Mail check to WMMC 1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC 27262 postmarked by 12/31/24
- Contribute online by clicking here before 12/27
- Use your bank's bill pay system before 12/25
- To gift stock or make an IRA distribution, ask for transfer completion by 12/26
- Bring your gift to the church office by 12/31/24 at 12 noon

For assistance with online giving, stock gifts, or IRA distributions, contact Beth Rose at 336-812-4801.

Thank you for making a difference in countless lives, both here and around the world.

### Christmas Staff Bonus

The Board of Directors invites you to help us celebrate and bless our incredible staff this Christmas. Their dedication, hard work, and love for our congregation make Wesley Memorial a place of true connection and ministry throughout the year.

If you would like to show your appreciation with a financial gift, you can participate in one of the following ways:

- Write a check to WMMC with "Staff Bonus" in the memo line and place it in the Sunday offering plate, mail it to the church, or drop it off at the Front Desk.
- Contribute online at wesleymemorial.org/give by selecting "Staff-Christmas Bonus" from the drop-down menu under "Fund."

Let's come together to show our gratitude for all they do. Please make your contribution by Tuesday, December 31, 2024. Thank you for helping us honor and bless our wonderful staff this holiday season!

### Church Outing to HPU Basketball Game

Join us for a fun-filled church outing to cheer on the High Point University Panthers as they take on Norfolk State on Sunday, December 29, at 2:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy time with your church family and experience the excitement of HPU basketball! Our group will receive special perks, including recognition on the jumbotron, a personal visit from Prowler, HPU's mascot, and a post-game autograph session with the players. Don't miss out on this memorable event! Please RSVP by Monday, December 23, by calling the church office at 336-884-2204.

# FROM PRAISE TO PANTHERS BASKETBALL

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY  
INVITES YOUR CONGREGATION  
TO ENJOY A FREE GAME  
FOLLOWING SERVICE!



MBB | SUN. 12/29 | 2:00 PM  
Norfolk State



POST-GAME  
PLAYER AUTOGRAPH SESSION


Bring Your  
Church Family

ANY REGISTERED GROUP OF 25 OR MORE  
WILL GET A SHOUTOUT, VIDEO BOARD MESSAGE,  
AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH PROWLER!




## DID JESUS REALLY SAY THAT?

A STUDY OF THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS  
with Dr. Jeff Patterson




This study will look at many of the difficult sayings of Jesus, particularly those that apply to the divisive issues of our day.

**EVERY MONDAY**  
**10:30 TO 11:30 AM**  
BEGINNING JANUARY 6TH AND  
RUNNING THROUGH MAY 12TH



To register for this course, please contact the church office at 336-884-2204 or [receptionist@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:receptionist@wesleymemorial.org)



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### Poinsettia Delivery Gratitude

The Congregational Care team extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped deliver poinsettias to the REACH members of our congregation. Your efforts brought joy and Christ's love into their homes! This is such a fun and meaningful way to serve together. We invite you to join us again during the Lenten season as we spread hope and beauty by delivering Easter flowers.

### Wesley Memorial Ball Caps Available for Preorder

The Wesley 100 is now offering new Wesley Memorial ball caps for sale! The cost is \$20.00 per cap. The first group of hats is expected to arrive by the first week of January. Caps will be ordered based on preorders only—no extras will be available. To reserve your ball cap, please call the church office or email your order to [edwinbass@triad.rr.com](mailto:edwinbass@triad.rr.com). Don't miss out—place your order today!



### 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 scheduled changes to WFMY Channel 2, WXII Channel 12, WGHP FOX8, and our Facebook/Instagram pages.



### The Book of Revelation (Part 2)

Dr. Jeff Patterson will lead a verse-by-verse study of Revelation 10:1–22:21, exploring the messages in the last book of the Bible which is a book of last things. Even if you were not able to attend Part 1 in the fall, you are welcome to join Part 2, beginning January 8. Sessions are offered on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM in the Dining Hall and 6:45 PM in the Media Center, with the flexibility to alternate between morning and evening sessions to suit your schedule. To register, please contact the church office at 336-884-2204 or email [receptionist@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:receptionist@wesleymemorial.org).

### Spirit and Truth Weekend - January 10-12, 2025

Sometimes, a single moment in God's presence or a new practice can transform a person's life in Christ. Led by the Spirit and Truth ministry from Dayton, OH (United Seminary), the weekend covers topics like:

- Building a Foundation of Prayer (Making prayer the starting place for life)
- Cooperating with the Holy Spirit (Hearing God's voice)
- Everyday Evangelism (Sharing faith where you live, work, and play)
- Becoming a Disciple-Maker (Mobilizing every member for the Great Commission)

Cost is \$25 and open to youth and adults. Sessions will be held at Wesley Memorial on Friday night and Saturday morning/afternoon (breakfast and lunch included). Register at [wesleymemorial.org/spiritandtruth](http://wesleymemorial.org/spiritandtruth) or contact Rev. Clark Chilton at [cchilton@wesleyemorial.org](mailto:cchilton@wesleyemorial.org).

### Angel Tree Gratitude

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Angel Tree program. This year you provided more than 200 gifts of toys and clothes, assuring that over 90 children received Christmas gifts on behalf of an incarcerated parent. These tokens of love will help maintain these vital parent-child relationships during this time during which they are strained by separation. Your extravagant generosity is a beautiful reflection of the "heart" of the people of Wesley Memorial! Again, thank you!

### 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. Stay tuned for more details in the new year!

### Welcome Stephanie to Our Staff

Stephanie Peters has joined our staff as the Children's Ministry Assistant and Children's Choir Director. She has six years of Music Education experience and has served previously as a Children's Choir Director for four years. She is a registered dietician as well as a homeschooling mother of two wonderful kids Nathan (13) and Miriam (9). She is married to Craig, and they have been a part of the Wesley Memorial Church family for more than a year. Please welcome Stephanie to our church staff and Children's Ministry Team!



### 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](http://www.wesleymemorial.org/wearewesley)



### The Benevolence Fund

This fund is used to meet needs in our community. If you'd like to contribute, please make checks payable to the church and mark them "Benevolence Fund."

### Fairview Backpack Thank You

During this season, the Missions Team extends a heartfelt thank you to our congregation for your incredible support in filling the Fairview Closet.

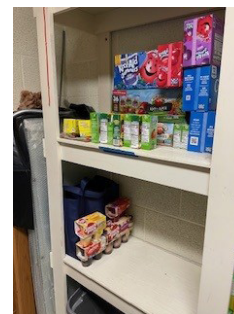
Initially, we worried about whether we could meet the needs of 70 children during the Christmas break, but Wesley Memorial once again showed up in a big way. Your donations filled the closet that had been nearly empty.

On December 11th, our Student Ministry gathered together and filled 70 backpacks with the donated food items. These backpacks were delivered to Fairview Elementary on

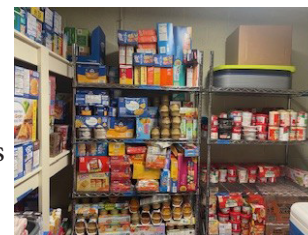
December 16th. They went home with students when school released for break. This ministry would not be possible without the dedication and generosity of our church family. Through your contributions we were able to share God's love in a tangible way.

We hope the pictures of the Fairview Closet before and after serve as a powerful reminder of the difference we can make when we come together as a community of faith. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ during this season of gratitude and hope.

BEFORE



AFTER



STUDENTS ON 12/11



### Team 66

Kids of all ages are eager to join Team 66 at Wesley Memorial Kids! It's simple—any child who memorizes all 66 books of the Bible in order earns a spot on Team 66. To join, kids can recite the books to Mrs. Ann Marie in person or send her a video via text.

Team 66 members receive a supersoft Team 66 T-shirt, their name on the Team 66 Wall, and their favorite candy bar (just for fun). Even more valuable, they gain a lifetime skill of knowing how to find the books of the Bible, helping them learn and explore God's Word. Find more information at <https://wesleymemorial.org/team66>. Start practicing today and become part of Team 66!