

WESLEY MEMORIAL

A METHODIST CONGREGATION

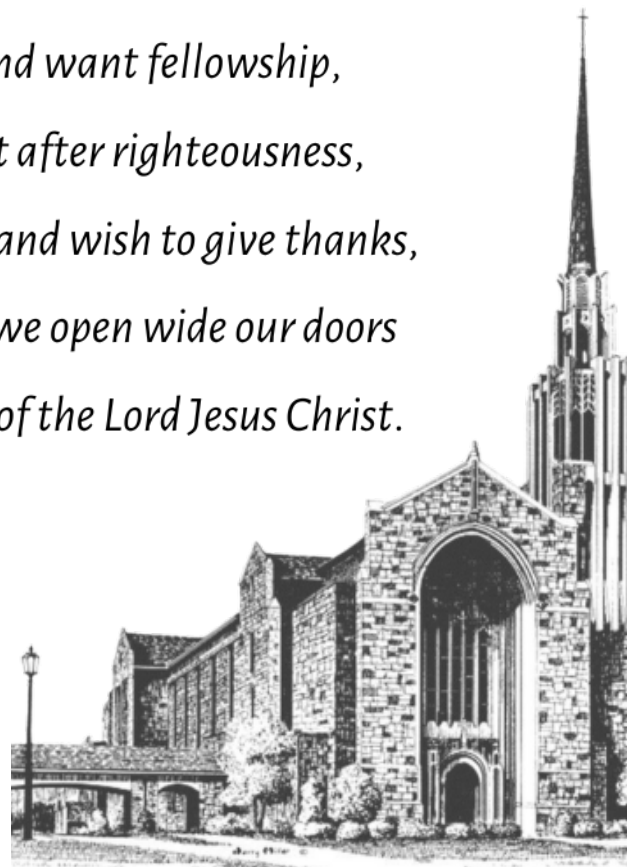
WELCOME

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 13TH, 2025

PALM SUNDAY

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Holy art Thou

G.F. Handel

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

Hosanna, Blessed Is He That Comes Christian Gregor, arr. Hopson
Hosanna, blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

† PALM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Luke 19: 28-40

† HYMN NO.228 AND PALM PROCESSION

All Glory, Laud, and Honor arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children sweet hosannas ring: Thou art the King of Isr'el, Thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The company of angels are praising Thee on high, and mortal men and all things created make reply: the people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise; Thou didst accept their praises accept the praise we bring, who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Sing to the King

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ride On!

arr. Brenda Austin

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.

THE PROCESSIONAL
HYMN HAS AN EXTENDED
INTRODUCTION; PLEASE
FOLLOW THE CHOIR'S
LEAD IN SINGING

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.



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 LILLIAN KIMREY, WHO PASSED AWAY 4/5.

RECENT HOSPITALIZATION:

Ginger Keziah

† 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.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SERMON

Dr. Gerald McDermott

† 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.

(The Altar is open for prayer.)

† HYMN No. 229

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

WINCHESTER NEW

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry; O Savior meek, pursue Thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see th'approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die, bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

† BENEDICTION

† The CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen

Lindsay Odom

† CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

† 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

Handbell Choir

Chancel Choir

Mr. Daniel Wyke, trumpet

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

Mr. Chris Ward, organist

Mr. James Robbins, acolyte

Mr. David Robbins, acolyte

Mr. Colton Maines, crucifer

Mr. Hudson Kuennen, bible

USHERS

Mr. Warren Lackey


Mr. Jobie Redmond

Mr. J.J. Smith


Mr. Bruce von der Lippe

Mr. Kevin von der Lippe

Mr. Wayne Woodell



The flowers in the Sanctuary are given
by the choir for the glory of God and in
honor of Lindsay Odom



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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, April 14 10:30 a.m. 12:00 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) Lent Small Group (for all ages) Cub Scout Meeting Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Media Center Adult Wing D201 Adult Wing D201 Student Ministry Wing Scout Room Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, April 15 6:30 p.m.	Lent Small Group (for all ages)	Adult Wing D201
WEDNESDAY, April 16 7:20 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	John Willett's Men's Bible Study Lent Small Group (for ages 40+) Prayer Shawl Ministry Easter Vespers W.O.W. (Women of Wesley) Bible Study Lent Small Group (for ages 60+) Lent Small Group (for couples with school-aged children) Men's Bible Study Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Dining Hall Adult Wing D201 Conference Room 3 Chapel Student Wing - C111 Susanna Wesley Class Adult Wing D201 Conference Room 3 Choir Room
THURSDAY, April 17 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Maundy Thursday Service AA Meeting AlAnon	Sanctuary Adult Wing D202 Adult Wing D201
FRIDAY, April 18 7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
SATURDAY, April 19 7:30 p.m.	Holy Saturday Holy Saturday Service	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, April 20 7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Easter Sunday Easter Sunrise Service Televised Worship Service Traditional Worship AA Meeting Contemporary Worship Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Adult Sunday School Refreshments on the Lawn Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship Children's Church Refreshments on the Lawn	Coumbarium WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D202 Fellowship Hall Children's Ministry Wing Adult Wing Back Circle Dining Hall Sanctuary Children's Ministry Wing Front Lawn

To view the full church calendar visit our website, wesleymemorial.org/calendar
Visit wesleymemorial.org/announcements for our announcement board



SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025
3:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

THE EPIC SHOW

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FUN?

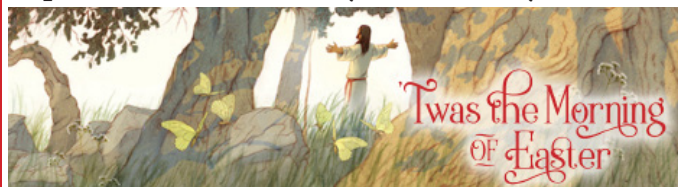
High-Energy Games.
Hilarious Mascot Skits &
A Powerful Gospel Message

Register Now





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.

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



NEW

CONTEMPORARY

WORSHIP

TIME

9:30 AM

STARTING

APR 20TH

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!

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.

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!



Board of Ministry Meeting - April 22

All are invited to the Tuesday, April 22nd Board of Ministry & Congregational Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the proposed budget. All members are encouraged to attend.

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

Wesley Memorial Veterans Bus Trip

All veterans are invited to join a one-day bus trip to the Airborne & Special Operations Museum near Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, NC. The trip is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, departing no later than 8:30 a.m. from the Wesley Memorial circle and returning by approximately 6:00 p.m. The day will include lunch in the Fayetteville area and a tour of the museum. Seating is limited to the first 14 participants—please contact Richard Nifong directly by phone, text, or email at 336.259.0874 to reserve your spot. We hope you'll join us for this meaningful day of fellowship and remembrance!

Phones for Rwanda

We are collecting old cellphones for Pastor Herve's ministry in Rwanda. The cellphones need to be in good, working condition and manufactured within the past 5 years. Please make sure they are unlocked and factory reset (you can have this done for free at the Apple Store or your carrier's store). Drop them in the box at the front reception desk by Mon., April 28. Thank you very much!

Senior Adult Council Outing: Hillbilly Hideaway

Hillbilly Hideaway, established in 1978, was recently featured in *Our State* magazine (March 2025). Senior Adults are invited to enjoy a special evening featuring a delicious family-style



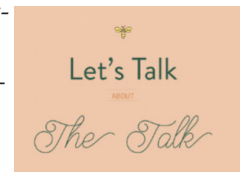
Southern spread—fried chicken, country ham, BBQ ribs, hoecake biscuits, vegetables, and homemade bread. After the meal, the group will head to the Music Hall for live bluegrass, gospel, and country music.

The outing is set for Saturday, May 17. Cost is \$27 per person, with an optional \$5 for homemade dessert. There is a reservation for 30 people. Stop by the church office to register and pay by Wednesday, May 14. Checks should be made payable to Wesley Memorial. Payment confirms your reservation.

Meet in the top circle of the church at 4:00 PM; the bus will depart at 4:15. Arrival at Hillbilly Hideaway will be before 6:00 p.m., with return to High Point around 9:00 p.m.

Birds & Bees Talk – Sunday, April 27

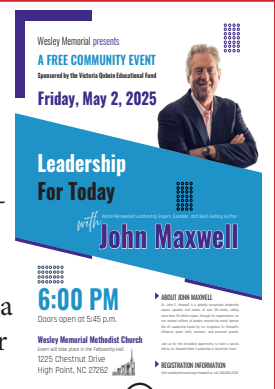
Families are invited to a special afternoon of encouragement and education designed to support open, faith-based conversations about growing up. This event is ideal for children ages 10–12 and their parents, but all parents seeking practical guidance are welcome.



The afternoon will include age-appropriate sessions for both parents and kids, covering topics like building trust, using anatomical vocabulary, understanding the birth story, and navigating conversations around puberty, reproduction, and online safety. Parents and children will begin the afternoon together at the main entrance before heading to separate areas—parents to the Media Center and kids to the Youth Area. The day will end with a shared time of team building, communion, and blessing. For more information, visit wesleymemorial.org/thetalk.

John C. Maxwell Event - May 2

Join us for a free community event with world-renowned leadership expert John C. Maxwell on Friday, May 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Wesley Memorial. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. for this special evening of insight and inspiration, sponsored by the Victoria Qubein Educational Fund. Register at wesleymemorial.org/maxwell.



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 Gullledge @ 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 Gullledge at 336.442.1741 or you can call the church office at 336.884.2204 and leave your name and number.