

Welcome to **WESLEY MEMORIAL**

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023
BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

*Baptism
of the
Lord*



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL
8:30 AM

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"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2).

WESLEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship **BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**

January 8, 2023

Chapel

8:30 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

James Biery

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

Jeff Patterson

† GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Congregation reads bold print

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**Father in heaven,
at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan
you proclaimed him your beloved Son
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Grant that all who are baptized into his name
may keep the covenant they have made,
and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior,
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

† HYMN NO. 189

Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pray in Unison

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Notebooks during the announcements. If you are a guest, please leave your contact information and a pastor will contact you this week with more information about our church.



ARE YOU HURTING?
Stephen Ministers bring Christ's love and care to people during a time of pain and need. Each specially trained Stephen Minister confidentially guides his or her care receiver toward a place of peace and healing. To learn more, contact Mike Flack at gmlack@northstate.net or 336-688-5526 or Barbara Coughlin at BLBC215@aol.com or 336-414-6350.

We share the addresses of some of our people who need to hear from you.

There are cards in the Welcome Folders. Won't you take a moment to write to them? Please address the card.

You may mail it yourself or place it at the altar rail or in the offering plate for us to mail.

Death of his father:
Bill Levina
802 Arbordale Ave
High Point, NC 27262

Death of his brother:
Mark Clark
716 Florham Dr
High Point, NC 27262

SOLO

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

When I was a seeker, I sought both night and day. I asked the Lord to help me, and He showed me the way.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flock by night,

Behold! throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

And lo! when they had seen it, they all bowed down and prayed.

They traveled on together to where the Babe was laid.

He made me a watchman upon the city wall; and if I am a Christian, I am the least of all. Tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

You've gotta go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

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.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Little Jesus, Sweetly Sleep

James Biery

† DOXOLOGY NO. 94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

† HYMN NO. 393 (Sing twice)

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 7:1-5 (NT pg. 6)

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

† APOSTLES' CREED

We face the cross and profess in unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN NO. 402 AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

My Dancing Day

James Biery

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Lisa Tanico, Pastor of Congregational Care and Senior Adults

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SERVICE NOTES:

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

Attendance: please fill out and pass the attendance pads located in each row.

Nursery childcare is available (infants - 2 years old) Sunday mornings for the 9:45 a.m. service and the 11 a.m. service. The nursery is in the Children's Ministry Hall.

Wesley Memorial School is open Monday- Thursday at 9 a.m.

Offering plates will be passed or you can scan the QR code with your camera phone or text the word DETAILS to 94000 to give online.



MONDAY, January 9 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Interdenominational Bible Study Ball & Bible Boy Scout Meeting AA Meeting	Adult Wing D213 (Media Center) Gym Boy Scout Room Adult Wing D208
TUESDAY, January 10 7:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	High School Guys Bible Study Admin Team Meeting YAM (Youth Adult Ministry)	The Biscuit Factory Circle View Room Student Gathering Area
WEDNESDAY, January 11 7:00 a.m. 7:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	High School Girls Bible Study Men's Bible Study with John Willett Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Prayer Shawl Ministry Wednesday Dinner Vespers Children's Ministry Wednesday Student Ministry Midweek Motivation Disciple I Young Men's Bible Study w/Pastor Clark Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Bible Study with Lisa Tanico	The Biscuit Factory Dining Hall Dining Hall Media Center Dining Hall Chapel Children's Gathering Circle View Room (Admin Bldg) Student Gathering Conf. Rm. 3- Admin Building Media Center Adult Wing D201
THURSDAY, January 12 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Open Door Ministry (Serve Food) AA Meeting AlAnon	Adult Wing D208 Adult Wing D201
FRIDAY, January 13 12:00 p.m.	WMS Parent Lunch & Learn	Adult Wing D213 (Media Center)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Televised Traditional Worship Traditional Worship AA Meeting Children's Ministry Sunday Funday Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship Student Ministry Sunday Morning Live Small Groups/ All Welcome Traditional Worship	WGHP, FOX8 Chapel Adult D208 Children's Gathering Adult Wing Fellowship Hall Student Gathering Fellowship Hall Sanctuary

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

JANUARY 2023 SERMON SERIES



Questions worth asking

January Sermon Series: Questions Worth Asking

Have a burning question about God, faith and more? Join us for our January sermon series called Questions Worth Asking, and we need your (anonymous) questions. We will incorporate answers to questions in each week of the series.

Visit wesleymemorial.org/questions today to let us hear from you!

Wednesdays at Wesley

Our Wednesday evening dinner and programming will resume on Wednesday, January 11.

The menu for January 11th is chicken cacciatore with carrots, onions, mushrooms, and celery and will be served with rice pilaf. All dinners come with salad bar, roll and dessert. Donations are accepted.

Pastor Clark's Mens Bible study resumes this Wednesday Jan. 11 at 6:30 in Conference room 3. We will be studying the classic Wesleyan band meeting experience. Email cchilton@wesleymemorial.org with questions.

Pastor Lisa is starting a new Bible study, "**Reading the Psalms,**" on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:45 p.m. in room D201. This study will also be offered on the first, third, and last Thursdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. at Pennybyrn. The psalms connect us to the early church, and also serve as a guidebook for life today. Join us as we read, discuss, and pray through this beloved body of scripture.

The Aldersgate-Miller Sunday school class is beginning a new class on **Peter's epistles** starting Sunday, January 15, at 9:45 a.m. The class meets in room D203. These ancient words are so important for us today in our walk with Christ. Please join us for this important study.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

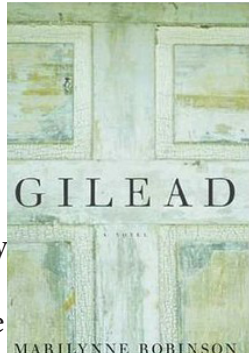
Starting Tuesday, January 24th you are invited to attend a 7-session Bible study titled "Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting God More" by Melissa Spoelstra. The study will last 7 weeks ending on Tuesday, March 7th and will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Media Center. Workbooks are \$22. Limited seating capacity. If you are interested in attending this Bible study facilitated by Debbie Carmichael and Polly LaPrade, please contact Cynthia Reddick at 336-884-2204.

Board Games & Line Dancing for Senior Adults

On Friday, January 27 in the dining and fellowship halls from 2pm to 4pm, Senior Adults are invited to come out and enjoy warm fellowship with your church friends as you play your favorite board games. Games provided. Line dancing starts at 3pm! You can watch from your seat at the game table or jump up to participate! These will be SIMPLE dance routines for beginners taught by professional line dance instructor, Sandy Fuller. This event is free and includes plenty of snacks and game prizes. No rsvp required. Sponsored by the Senior Adult Council. For more information, contact Susan Sumpter 336-848-4128 or susan.m.sumpter@gmail.com

Book Study:**Gilead by Marilynne Robinson**

A book study on Gilead will begin on Wednesday, February 1st at 2pm. and will meet each Wednesday for four weeks (February 1, 8, 15, 22). This study will be lead by Jeff Patterson and Bill Wheeler in the Adult Wing Room D201.



Gilead is a 247 page novel published in 2004. It won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the National Book Critics Circle Award. The book is a the fictional autobiography of the Reverend John Ames, an elderly pastor in the small, secluded town of Gilead, Iowa (also fictional), who knows that he is dying of a heart condition.

To sign up for this book discussion and pick up a copy of the book (\$10), contact the church office 336-884-2204.

Inclement Weather Updates

For all weather related schedule changes, you may call 336-884-2204 and press 6 for weather information.



Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church will also share scheduled changes to:

- WFMY Channel 2
- WXII Channel 12
- WGHP FOX8
- Facebook/Instagram

The Gift: 2023 Giving

To date the Financial Commitments made for 2023 is \$1,538,500.