

The HeartBeat

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
High Point, North Carolina

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May 2012

Worship in May

Join us each Sunday! We have much to celebrate together!

Sunday, May 6

8:30 & 11 am – Dr. Al Ward, preaching

8:45 & 9:45 am – Rev. Kathy Barba Pierce, preaching

Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day

8:30 & 11 am – Rev. Meredith Martin, preaching

8:45 & 9:45 am – Dr. Al Ward, preaching

Sunday, May 20

8:30 am – Dr. Al Ward, preaching

8:45 am – Youth Sunday Celebration with Youth Praise Band

9:45 am – Rev. Kathy Barba Pierce, preaching

11 am – "Alpha and Omega" Celebration of our Graduating Seniors

Sunday, May 27 – Memorial Day Weekend

One Shared Service of Worship in the Sanctuary

11 am – Dr. Al Ward, preaching

This is a Grand Carnival celebration for children of all ages & their families! Every-

one's invited

to come out

and enjoy the

variety of festivi-

ties including carnival attractions like the giant slide, climbing wall and moonwalk; games for youngsters like duck pond and buried treasure; also -- pony rides, hot dog supper, silent auction, bake sale, buy-one-get-one free book fair, concessions, and more! This is the signature spring fundraiser for Wesley Memorial School...providing new resources in curriculum, technology, classroom learning tools & scholarships.

*Springfest
is coming!
Sunday, May 6; 4-7 pm*



We still need help with:

Donating a new product or service for Silent Auction

Donating a baked good for us to sell

Working a game shift: 3:45-5, 5-6 or 6-7pm

Contact Susan Sumpter or Susan Kelley, 884-4232

May 20~Alpha & Omega and Youth Sunday

Worship with us on May 20 as we celebrate our graduating senior class. A class made up of active and vital members of our congregation who have impacted and taught us so much. A class made up of mentors to younger students who are committed and faithful believers. A class that will be missed terribly, but move on to share the lessons taught here at Wesley Memorial with a wider population.

In addition to recognizing our seniors on May 20 the students of the church will be leading worship in both the 8:45 and 11:00 am services. At these times of worship, Thomas Gooding will be delivering the message supported by student ushers and musicians. If you come at 8:45, you will have the opportunity to hear and sing with the Youth Praise Band, or join us at 11:00 to see your senior class process.

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Worship at Wesley Memorial

Since I became your pastor last July, there has been an on-going conversation about the number and times of worship services which will be offered at Wesley Memorial. At the heart of these conversations was a desire to provide worship opportunities and times that met the diverse needs of our congregation, provides consistent liturgical and preaching leadership by our clergy, and honors the traditional Sunday School hour.

Although none of our worship services fully utilize the space they occupy, they all have attendance that is significant enough to make the merger of any one of them questionable. In fact, a couple of our services have actually shown a slight increase in average attendance in recent months. While we never actually surveyed any of the existing services to determine their willingness to merge with another service, we never felt any strong support for such a move. We have explored a number of times and formats, but none of them promised to significantly improve on our current schedules.

I am aware that all this conversation and exploration has troubled and confused many. Therefore, in consultation with the staff and on my recommendation, the Church Council has decided that Wesley Memorial will continue to offer the existing worship formats, schedules, and venues; and we will offer this same schedule during the summer months.

8:30 am – Traditional Worship in the Chapel

8:45 am – Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall

9:45 am – Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall

11:00 am – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

At the discretion of the clergy staff, the worship schedule may be occasionally altered for seasonal and/or programmatic reasons. Although the schedule of these "occasional services" is not yet complete, we have planned for only ONE SERVICE at 11 am on Memorial Day Weekend, May 27, 2012.

I trust this announcement will help clarify any confusion or uncertainty. I believe that worship is vital to our mission of "making and sustaining spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ" and I hope that you will continue to find your place among the worshipping congregations at Wesley Memorial. I will look forward to seeing you on Sunday,

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Director of Children and Family Ministry Expanding to full-time

We are delighted to announce that effective July 1, Debbie Foust, our Director of Children and Family Ministries, will expand from part-time to full-time. We have already come to love Debbie as a leader with a deep passion for forming children in faith and as a Christian with a wonderfully peace-filled spirit. She has brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to these vitally important ministries. In anticipation of this possibility, we had included the necessary expenses in the 2012 budget.



We are eager to see the creative, innovative ways that these ministries will grow as Debbie partners with all of us in making young spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world.

Harvey Lowd, Chair
Staff Parish Relations Committee



Vacation Bible School

Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God!

July 16- 20 (Monday – Friday)

9 am-12:15

For 2 year olds (by August 15, 2011) - through 5th grade (completing).

We're bringing an underwater universe adventure to the kids at our Vacation Bible School. Your children will become divers-in-training at Operation Overboard as we plunge into God's Word and discover stories of deep faith.

After a high energy opening at Ocho's Cove, the divers make their way to the Underwater Passage, Interactive Bible lessons reveal five ocean insights for living as a follower of God, and divers will discover Sea Scriptures memory verses that will boost their faith long after VBS has ended.

The children will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at Aquatic Arts, singing new music at the Choral Reef, exploring science activities at Exploration Station, participating in recreational activities at High Tide Hangout, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Diver's Diner.



Registration forms are available through Sunday school classes, online at www.overboard.cokesburyvbs.com/wesleymemorial, through the VBS link on our church website www.wesleymemorial.org (beginning May 6) or you can contact Debbie Foust at dfoust@wesleymemorial.org 336-884-2204 ext. 225

Would you like to spend 5 days (or just one) at Operation Overboard teaching the ocean insights for being a follower of God? At Operation Overboard we will help children dare to go deep with God in their faith through drama, crafts, games, science activities, music, and hours of fun! We need you to be a part of one of the teams below at Operation Overboard!! Childcare will be available for children of volunteers that are under the age of two.

Needed: Divers who want to discover the Word of God with Children

**Decorations - Constructing & displaying
Set-Up of Centers (Sunday July 15)
Take-Down (Friday July 20)
Leaders for each age level group
Drama for opening & closing assemblies**

**Recreation
Mission
Crafts
Science
Snacks**

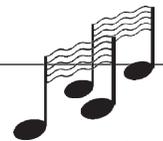
Or many other "behind the scenes" needs.

You may register to volunteer by following the link below or by contacting Debbie Foust.

www.overboard.cokesburyvbs.com/wesleymemorial



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We all have men and women in our lives that have impacted and supported us. It may be our mother or father, a teacher or coach, but there are many who we need to say thank you too. This year you have the opportunity to say thank you and at the same time support the ongoing ministry to youth at our church. In May the Student Ministries will sponsor the Mother's Day bulletin and in June the Father's Day bulletin. For only \$2 you can list that special persons name in these bulletins and honor their role in your life. Please fill out the available envelopes and include your donation.



The Alpha & Omega service will be May 20. Our seniors will process in their cap & gowns and will be honored during the 11 am worship service. Following the Alpha & Omega service Student Ministries will hold the Year End Banquet at 12:15 pm in the Dining Hall including a slide show presentation of our seniors and youth throughout the year. If you have a high school senior who would like to participate in the service or wish to attend the banquet, please contact Melissa Coley before May 13 at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org for more information.

Summer Break Activities: During the summer break we will not be having Youth Group on Sunday nights, but we will continue with weekly activities offered to students. If you are interested in attending any of these trips, please let me know. More information about these trips is being put together right now for distribution to all our students.

- June 10 - 16: Church Camp
- June 20: National White Water Center, Charlotte
- June 27: Winston Salem Children's Home (Mission)
- July 8 - 15: Henderson Settlement (Mission)
- July 18: Carowinds
- July 25: Wet n' Wild
- August 2: Ward Street (Mission)



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The Campbell Choral Scholars Program at Wesley Memorial is made possible by the Jack H. and Ruth C. Campbell Foundation, and enables the church to employ students enrolled in degree programs at area universities to sing in the Chancel Choir. We thank the students who have been part of the program this year: Lindsay Allen, Ted Federle, Jonathan Johnson, Virginia Lee, Adair Mallory, Caroline Oliveira, and André Peele. To those students who are graduating, we wish them well in their careers.

Join us at Heidelberg UCC in Thomasville at 4:00 on May 13 as we celebrate Mother's Day with a program of music presented by the Campbell Choral Scholars.



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Church Camp 2012 June 10-16

Planning for Summer Camp 2012 at Camp Linn Haven is already underway!!! A secret theme and exciting lessons are being prepared and you don't want to miss out on this wonderful Wesley Memorial experience.

This year we are so excited to be opening the camp up to 6th thru 10th grade students. We believe that greater opportunities to attend camp will only strengthen each student's faith and friendships. 11th and 12th grade students are encouraged to apply to serve as Student Counselors and college and adult volunteers are always needed.

Church Camp Cost: Campers - \$375
Student Counselors - \$275

If you are able please consider making a donation in support of Church Camp. Your gifts allow us to be at our best each and every year!

Class Offerings

Grief Support Class

We will be offering a grief support class beginning on Monday, May 7 at 9:30 am. This will be a five (5) week class where we will explore our own grief and other people's grief. The cost is \$20 which will cover materials and two books, and will be located in the youth area (7th grade classroom). The books are available at the Front Desk. (If you have questions about the class, please contact Rev. Kathy Barba Pierce, the facilitator, at ext. 238 or kathybp@wesleymemorial.org.) This is a class for anyone who knows grief, whether through death or loss of some other kind.

Are you stressed out? What does the Bible teach us about how to deal with the stress in our life?

This class begins Wednesday, May 2 at 6:30 pm. Cobb Atkinson, Head of the Westchester Country Day School, will be offering a class called **Stress and Solutions in the Christian Life**. In this study, we will consider how God's Word speaks to us as Christians about the root causes and consequences of stress. We will look closely at scripture to better understand the spiritual assets that we have been given to manage adversity and challenge in our lives. This class will meet in Room D212 and lasts for four (4) weeks.

What can we learn from the Old Testament? How can these stories speak to us today?

Summer Sundays at 9:45 am beginning June 3. This joint Adult Sunday School class will meet in D208 (Aldersgate-Miller Memorial Classroom) June 3-August 19. There will be a variety of teachers and we will be studying Ellsworth Kalas' Old Testament Stories from the Backside. This is the same writer we studied last summer. This study will open up new possibilities of insight into varied Old Testament stories. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and learning with new people. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Kathy Barba Pierce at kathybp@wesleymemorial.org or ext. 238.

If you want to register for any of these classes, please contact Melissa Coley at 884-2204 ext. 229 or mcoley@wesleymemorial.org.

Save the Date September 15; 9:30-3:30pm Day Retreat for Unity Groups

and anyone who might be interested in learning more about what unity groups are and how they function!



Summer Best Time Trips:

Make plans to join us!



May 5 - Wytheville, VA

Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre. Cost is \$66;
Depart: 9 am and Return: 6:30 pm
Cost includes transportation, lunch and program

June 11-13 - Elizabeth City

Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park, Maritime Museum, Great Dismal Swamp, and Weeksville Airstation
Cost is \$270 double/\$308 single
Depart: 8 am on 6/11 and Return: 6:30 pm on 6/13
Cost includes transportation, entrance fees, breakfasts and lodging

July 13-14 - Big Stone Gap, VA

June Tolliver House, John Fox, Jr. Museum, and Outdoor drama "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine
Cost is \$135 double/\$162 single
Cost includes transportation, lodging, entrance fee and breakfast



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Live Alive

Tuesday, May 15

Presentation: Rob Jacobs, Beekeeper

Menu for May 15: Chicken Salad, Potato Salad, Bean Salad, Croissant, and Fresh Fruit

This will be the last Live Alive until September!

Live Alive meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month: 10 am - Register for Best Time Trips, Play Bingo and get your Blood Pressure checked in the Fellowship Hall Foyer. 11:45 am - Lunch in the Dining Hall with the program following.

We ask that reservations be made by 10 am on May 11.



Live Alive Announcements and Thank yous!

We want to thank Tom Gore for the wonderful work and leadership he has given to the Live Alive program for older adults. He has been instrumental in setting up speakers and programs and insuring that we all share in wonderful meals. Thank you, Tom for all that you have done for Live Alive.

We are pleased and excited to announce that Lucille Duncan (lbd48nc@triad.rr.com or 882-1815) and Diana Crews (djcrews@northstate.net or 882-9328) have agreed to oversee the Live Alive program starting in the fall. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the program, please contact them or share them with Kathy Barba Pierce at kathybp@wesleymemorial.org. Welcome to Live Alive, Lucille and Diana!

We would also be remiss if we did not thank Dwight Story for all his coordination and hard work that he does for the Best Time Trips. These trips are insightful and entertaining! Thank you, Dwight for all you do to make our trips exciting and fun! (Please Note: These trips are for all ages. If you are interested in any of them, please contact Dwight Story at 475-6280.)



Your gifts at work in Nakuru, Kenya

Every time you make a gift to Wesley Memorial your dollars are going to support ministries near and far in the name of Jesus Christ. This year \$5,000 of our church's budget is going to support the work of The United Methodist Mission School in the Nyamaroto slum in Nakuru, Kenya. This school is a program of Church member, Diane Hamrick's non-profit, Kenya Partners, Inc., which works daily to give hope to young, poor children in Nakuru. The United Methodist Mission School admits both paying and scholarshiped children to their program. Many children's lives have been changed as a result of this school and the money our church has given to support its work over the years. To learn more about the school and to read stories about children who have been given hope because of its work read a recent article published by the Daily Nation, a major newspaper in Kenya about Kenya Partners' work:

<http://www.nation.co.ke/News/Beating+all+odds+in+pursuit+of+education+/-/1056/1372438/-/3cypk1z/-/index.html>





Welcome, New Members!

Please extend a warm Wesley Memorial welcome to our new members who joined the church in April.

Moving clockwise from bottom left: Diana Crews; Lee Thomas and daughter, Stephanie; Kelly McCullough and daughters, Georgia and Lauren; David and Kellie Privette and son, Davis and Cynthia Tobin

Below left to right: 2012 Confirmands, Roy Clinard and Ian Craig



Wednesday Nights...

Great Wednesday Dinners Continue... Wesley 100 (Men's Group) continue to cook wonderful meals on Wednesday evenings! Dinner begins at 5:30 pm and all are welcome. Join us...purchase a ticket at the front desk or make a reservation by calling the church office.

The menus for May are:

May 2-Homemade Chicken Salad Sandwich, Soup, Salad, Bread and Dessert
Children's menu is chicken nuggets, french fries, apple slices and dessert.

May 9-Salisbury Style Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread and Dessert.

May 16-Shrimp Gumbo, Carrots, Bread and Dessert
Children's menu is hamburger, chips, carrots and dessert.

SAVE THE DATE



Crop Walk is coming back to Wesley Memorial September 30!

wesley memorial school

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SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM!

It's not too late to enroll!

Mon, Tues, Weds ~ 9 am-12 noon

Ages Infants thru Fives

This program offers opportunity for children to return to Nursery, Preschool, Kindergarten for summer play-dates with their friends & teachers. Learning activities planned around themes below.

Cost: \$50 per week

Week 1: June 11, 12, 13 "Swimming Sea Creatures"

Week 2: June 18, 19, 20 "The Royal Castle"

Week 3: June 25, 26, 27 "What's Cooking?"

Week 4: July 23, 24, 25 "When I Grow Up"

Week 5: July 30, 31, Aug 1 "Let's Go to the Fair"



SUMMER CHILDCARE PROGRAM

8:00 am-1:30 pm

Ages Infants thru Fives

begins Tues, May 29-August 10

This program provides wonderful care and learning activities for young children who need consistent, on-going care while parents work.

Cost based on enrollment for 3 days or 5 days/week.

Children in Summer Childcare will participate in Summer Enrichment – no additional fee.



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Fall Registration for Wesley Memorial School, 2012-13

Time to plan for fall by scheduling your tour appointment to visit WM School! Ask about our exciting new curriculum for Pre-K, "Handwriting Without Tears" and "Get Ready for School," for language & literacy, mathematics & numbers. Observe our Kgt Fives students engaging in amazing learning with classroom iPads. Call Susan Sumpter or Susan Kelley, 884-4232. To learn more about our Nursery, Preschool, Kindergarten, Extended Day and Afterschool schedules or to enjoy photos of school events & age-level activities, **visit our church website:**

www.wesleymemorial.org
and look for the Wesley Memorial School tab.

News from...



...The Way Station After School Program

Fun In The Sun, summer program is currently FILLED! Call the Susans to have your child's name placed on the waiting list, 884-4232.

Registration is now open for FALL AFTERSCHOOL at The Way Station

Open 1:30-6 pm and open from 7:30 am on days of school workdays/ holiday closings. Limited spaces! We invite you to plan ahead & call soon to schedule a tour. Information packet describes fees, crafts, homework tutoring, recreation, and devotional gatherings. Church bus pickup available at area private schools. Flexible enrollment for any number of days per week. Families will discover our loving atmosphere is just the Christian "home away from home" you're looking for to meet your child's afterschool care needs.

United Methodist Women

UMW Board Meeting - Monday, May 7, 5 pm in the Dining Hall

YUMS - Wednesday, May 2, 6:00 pm, TBD

The Angel Tree Circle - TBD

The Friendship Circle - will not meet in May

Circle # 6 - Monday, May 21, 7 pm, at the home of Linda Walser, 605 Huntington

Circle # 8 - Monday, May 14, 11:00 am at the home of Kathy Niebauer, 1425 Trafalgar Drive, making Birthing Kits

Circle # 9 - Tuesday, May 15, 10:30 am in the Dining Hall

Circle # 11 - Monday, May 21, 11:30 am in the Small Dining Room

UMW General Membership Meeting and Dinner - Monday, May 7, 6 pm in the Dining Hall. Everyone Welcome! The meal will be prepared by the Wesley 100. Make your reservation by mailing a check for \$9 made out to WMUMW to Joyce Stephens, 1113 Gatehouse Road, High Point, NC 27262 by May 1. The program will highlight Domestic Violence in High Point and the nation.

Every 9 seconds in the USA, a woman is assaulted or beaten. Domestic violence is the leading cause of

injury to women. On average, more than 3 women and one man are murdered by intimate partners in this country everyday. Be sure to attend and find out about old and new strategies for targeted offenders as part of the local domestic violence initiative.

Our speakers are Detective Jerry Thompson of the Offender Focus Domestic Violence Initiative and Niki Heylinger from Family Service.

UMW Circles are preparing Birthing Kits for UMCOR Sager Brown, a National Mission Institution in Louisiana that will distribute these kits where needed. The kits will be collected at the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska in June.

Spiritual Growth Retreat - June 15-16 at Lake Junaluska. Register with Joyce Stephens by May 15th to take advantage of the reduced registration rate of \$11. Visit the website www.wnccumw.org or call 1-800-222-4930 for more information. There will be a carpool leaving from Wesley Memorial to attend.

UMW members are encouraged to participate in the **UMW Reading Program**. Learn more about it in your UMW Handbook on pages 35-36. The UMW has purchased several new books in the Media Center that qualify for the reading program.

Next Edition of the HeartBeat to be June/July Summer Edition

Our next edition of the HeartBeat will be a Summer edition covering June and July and all of our summer events. We'll have a full schedule for summer worship, Summer Sunday School, great summer fellowship events, and a whole lot more.

Want to send something for inclusion in the Summer Heart-beat?

Send it to:
mcoley@wesleymemorial.org
by May 15



Historical Room...



PUZZLES. Would the person or persons who left the picture and the communion set in the Historical Room mailbox in the office please get in touch with Anne Andrews (883-4404 anneandrews59@yahoo.com) or Harriet Mattes (884-1930 hmfrsprt@aol.com)? It's always like Christmas when we find things in the box, but we'd love to know your intentions! Due to our limited space, our assigned task is to preserve, record and/or display items that are part of this congregation's shared history. If you have something that might fit in that category and might like to share it, please call one of us. Together, we can combine the pieces to complete our "family picture."

Wesley 100 serves at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

After many years of inactivity of a United Methodist Men chapter at Wesley Memorial, a group of men, led by Jim Groome and Dan Smoak, organized a new chapter in early 2006 and named it "The Wesley 100," based on a paraphrased quote from John Wesley... "Give me a hundred men who love God and hate evil and I'll change the world." The goal of the group is to help men become better Christians, fathers and husbands. The Bible verse that reflects this from Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another," is their motto. Pete Thompson has served as president since 2010.

The Wesley 100's initial projects included hosting the "Seven Seasons of a Man's Life" seminar which resulted in the start-up of several men's Small Groups, the "Letters from Dad" seminar, and building staging for the Youth Program.

The group supports the missions and outreach of Wesley Memorial with funds and manpower. Fund-raising projects include selling Christmas trees that members cut in the North Carolina mountains, serving pancakes and sausage at the annual Shrove Tuesday Dinner, and an annual "Chicken'n' Fixins" dinner in the summer. Through these and other events, the Wesley 100 has raised more than \$18,000 since 2006. This has funded projects such as:

- *Furnishing two scholarships and a cow for the Nakuru Mission School in Kenya,*
- *Medicines for a bush clinic in Kenya,*
- *Renovating and expanding "Matthew's Shelter" for a refugee family in High Point,*
- *Funding scholarships for the Henderson Settlement Mission in the Kentucky mountains,*
- *Helping support programs at Ward Street Mission, the Open Door Ministries and Newman's Recovery Center,*
- *Supporting the church's youth programs and*
- *Cooking for numerous events for the church such as Trunk or Treat, The Crop Walk and Springfest.*

In early 2012, the Wesley 100 took responsibility for preparing the church's Wednesday Night meals from January to May. Future projects that are being considered include helping fund a new playground for the Wesley Memorial School program and supporting the Children's Home in Winston-Salem.

If you are interested in more information and the Wesley 100, please contact Pete Thompson at ktfabrics@northstate.net or Dan Smoak at daniel.smoak@corning.com.

United Methodist Men

The Wesley 100

is serving breakfast ~

Saturday, May 19, 8 am in the Dining Hall...



All men are welcome to join us!

Mark your Calendars!



We're making Chicken Pies!

August 8-10

Anyone interested in helping?

Contact: Mary Mason at 889-4003

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY IS EXPANDING!

A. NEW FELLOWSHIP GROUPS. As more of our older adults move to retirement communities we have organized Wesley Fellowship groups at Pennybyrn and Piedmont Crossing. The Pennybyrn group is meeting the second Wednesday of each month and the Piedmont Crossing group is meeting once a quarter beginning May 1. Approximately 99.5% of our residents in each retirement community have attended our first meetings and enthusiastically welcomed this new ministry. Including the group which meets monthly at River Landing, we now have three fellowship groups which have 60 members of our church family participating. While "fellowship" is our main purpose at these gatherings, it is a time when these residents are informed about members of our church family who have been hospitalized, who have ongoing health issues and who are dealing with grief following the loss of family members or friends. There is also time for having fun and a brief worship experience. Our newest Clergy staff members have attended and been introduced to the residents.

B. THE PILLOW MINISTRY. Our pillow ministry continues to involve and touch many lives at Wesley. Recently 45 new pillows were completed and are ready to be shared. Our Sunday School sixth graders recently stuffed 32 pillows and a team of a couple of dozen adults finished them last week at a "pillow party" at Susan Ravenel's home. Both men and women have joined in this project. Those in our church family who have been recipients of a pillow have expressed deep gratitude and are enjoying them very much.

C. CONGREGATIONAL CARE VISITORS. After the the most recent survey of "145 Ways You Can Serve," several more of our laity are now involved in our monthly program to visit church family members who have been hospitalized, who have had a death in their family and who live alone and need to be visited. We now have over thirty persons who are involved. The visitors make close to 50 contacts each month and report their visits to our Pastor for Congregational Care. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:15 in the small dining room. If you are interested in becoming a visitor, please contact *Richard Howle, Pastor for Congregational Care.*

Our Church Family...

We Remember and Honor Our Loved Ones

Memorials given through March 2012

IN MEMORY OF:

Marcus Aderholdt: Robert Allred

Richard Alson Barker (Brother of Nancy Shaw): Harold & Suzy Johnson, Bee & Bob Rule

Bernice Breedlove (Sister of Joe Gamble): Ed & Becky Weller

Martha Mackie Caudell: Charles & Dorothy Miller

Noah Edwin (Gus) Dorius: Betty Coggin, Strupe & Betty Lackey

Hilda Burton Fountain: Bill Anderson, Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bass, Doug Duncan, Keith Duncan & Page Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fountain, Jr., Mary Geddie Lyon, Frances McDowell, Dr. John & Frances Olmsted, Vivian Penry, Bootsy Tucker

Virginia Hendrick: Bootsy Tucker

Gina Marie Tonge Jacobs: Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bass, Jane Blackwell, Donald & Deborah Burton, Lucille Duncan, Joe Gamble, Tom & Jean Gooding, Nan & Buck Kester, Jeanette & Tommy Langley, Max & Nancy Meeks, John Peeler, Dr. Nido & Mariana Qubein, Liz & Raymond Rogers

Norma Bell Moore: Hanna Atkinson, Martha & Edwin Bass, Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas Gooding, High Point Bank, David & Bonnie Horney, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Koonts, Shirley & Michael Mooneyham, Richard & Ivey Orr, Mike & Susan Samuel, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wilson, Jr.

Joel E. Williams: Nancy Johnson

IN HONOR OF:

Bill Anderson: John & Jackie Gillespie

Anne Davis: Bill Anderson

Ken Geddie: John & Jackie Gillespie

Tommy Langley: His team at Wells Fargo Advisors, Stephanie Johnson

Kathy Barba Pierce: Meah Kelly & family

Carolyn, Don & Nancy Shaw: Mary Ann Bohi, Judy Marsh, Patty McLarty

Our Sympathy to:

Kem McAllister and family in the death of her father, Harvey Kemp Foster, on April 15, 2012.

Henderson Settlement Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, June 3
9 am until 1 pm
Dining Hall

Come eat breakfast, meet our team, learn about our project, and make a donation to 2012 Henderson Settlement Mission team!

The Church Offices will be closed
Monday, May 28 for the
Memorial Day Holiday

Welcome, Cynthia!

We are delighted to welcome Cynthia Reddick as our new Front Desk Receptionist.



Cynthia has already brought an extraordinary level of skill, determination, and experience to her work. She will be working at the Front Desk 8:30 am - 2 pm Monday through Friday.

The retirement of Anne Davis, as well as Pam Hill's departure for Kenya last fall, allowed us the opportunity to reconsider the responsibilities of our Front Desk Receptionist. We realized that this position could continue to focus on supporting congregational care ministries and caring for members and guests as they visit and call Wesley Memorial while also assisting in a variety of other ways. Cynthia brings that exact kind of experience we need in this re-created position.

We also want to say a word of thanks to Linda McCoy and our volunteers, Lou Dean Howard, Phyllis Pugh, Ivey Orr, Bill Anderson, and Paddy Fievet who helped us through the transitional period!

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