

The HeartBeat

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
High Point, North Carolina

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December 2015

Celebrating ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

November 29 1st Sunday of Advent
Blessing of Advent Wreath (all services)
December 4 Tree Lighting on the Circle; 6:30-7 pm
December 6 2nd Sunday of Advent
Blessing of the Greens (all services)
Chancel Choir "On Christmas Night" at
11 am
Hanging of the Greens; 4:30-6:30 pm
December 13 3rd Sunday of Advent
White Christmas (all services)
Angel Tree gifts are due
Children's Nativity at 11 am

December 20 4th Sunday of Advent
Children's Nativity at 8:30 am
(Contemporary)
December 24 Christmas Eve
Lovefeast at 5 pm
Contemporary Service at 8 pm
Candlelight Communion at 11 pm
December 27 1st Sunday after Christmas
Contemporary Worship at 9:45 am
Traditional Worship at 11:00 am

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 6

4:30 pm Activities & 6 pm Dinner

Fun and Fellowship for all Ages

Activities will begin at 4:30 pm in Preschool and Elementary Sunday school classrooms. Infant care will be available in the Crib Room.

Children will have fun decorating their tree in the Dining Hall, as well as making the next pieces for their Nativity set. Everyone can enjoy dinner together at 6 pm in the Dining Hall. Following dinner we will have a "Carol Sing" and light the decorated Children's Tree! Advance reservations are needed for the Soup and Sandwich dinner. \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Please make reservations by Tuesday, December 1 by contacting Debbie at dfoust@wesleymemorial.org or 812-4804.

Children's Nativity programs:

December 13 at 11 am Traditional Service

December 20 at 8:30 am Contemporary Service

During the 11 am traditional worship service, children ages 4 years through 5th grade will dramatize the story of the birth of Jesus. This is a service that has been enjoyed by many generations here at Wesley Memorial.

Is your child signed up for a part?

Parts still available:

Ages 4 & 5-Boys & Girls-Sheep

Grades 1 & 2-Girls-Angels

Grades 1 & 2- Boys-Shepherds, Donkey, Cow

Grades 3, 4 & 5-Girls-Shepherds, Angels, Magi

Grades 3, 4 & 5-Boys-Shepherds, Magi

Grade 5 Boys-Joseph

Please contact Debbie Foust at dfoust@wesleymemorial.org to sign up for a role for your child. **Practice will be Saturday, December 12 at 10 am in the Sanctuary.**

During the 8:30 contemporary worship service, all children can participate in the impromptu retelling of Jesus' birth. If you would like to sign your child up for a part in the contemporary service please contact Debbie.

Parts will be: Mary, Joseph (4th or 5th grader), Ga-

briel, angels, shepherds, sheep, donkey, cow, Magi. Other than Mary and Joseph, you do not have to be a specific age to play a part. This is a wonderful way to include our long time members, as well as those who may be visiting as we experience this beautiful story once again.

"The Greenhouse", growing to be like Jesus

Kindergarten through fifth graders will begin the "Jesus is Born" rotation during advent.

Children will visit Rolling River Playhouse-drama, The Tool Shed-Bible Games and activities, Discovery Patch-science experiments and Garden of Eat'n-cooking activities. Be sure to have your child join us as we journey through the story of Jesus birth.

Ready, Set..Worship!

In January children will begin a four week rotation on Worship. Kindergarten through fifth graders will participate in four stations where they will learn about worship and what it means to worship, components of worship and why we worship.

"Sprouts"

Beginning in December the three's and four year olds Sunday school lesson will be Jesus is God's gift to all people. The two year olds will also listen and do activities about Mary and Joseph and the birth of baby Jesus.

Looking Ahead:

February 18-20

Created By God

March 18

3rd-5th Grade-Scavenger/Egg Hunt

March 20

Family Easter Event/Egg Hunt

July 18-21

VBS



Trunk or Treat~October 25



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the Underground

Wesley Memorial Student Ministries

New Series in December



We have a new series debuting in December. Our Advent/Christmas series is called Unexpected.

When it comes to Christmas, there is a lot to look forward to. Candy canes, tinsel, twinkling lights, and-oh, right. The gifts. If you're like most people, you've probably spent some time thinking about the gifts you're hoping to receive this Christmas. But while it's fun to unwrap a gift you've been waiting and hoping for, have you ever been given a gift that took you entirely by surprise? Unexpected gifts have been at the heart of the Christmas story for more than two thousand years. And believe it or not, it was God who began the tradition. For the next few weeks, we'll talk about three times God surprised the world with a gift that was entirely unexpected.



Fall Workshop Picture

Here is a group picture from Fall Workshop. On November 13-15, we had nearly 40 students and leaders at Valle Crucis in Banner Elk, NC for a weekend filled with worship, fun, and fellowship. We had an awesome time! Our next workshop is April 29-May 1 at Camp Don Lee in Arapahoe, NC.

December Events Calendar

Hanging of the Greens~Sunday, December 6

Students get to decide how we decorate our space for Christmas! Come by from 4:30-6:00 pm to decorate the Canteen and Gathering Area. Afterwards, join us in the Dining Hall for dinner and carols with the whole church. Please join us for dinner by reserving your family's spot by contacting Debbie Foust at dfoust@wesleymemorial.org by December 1.

MYF Christmas Party~Sunday, December 13

Our annual Christmas party will be at Mary Drummond's house at 4236 Rock Bridge Road from 7-9 pm. Middle school students are asked to bring a sweet snack, and high school students are asked to bring a salty snack. We will also be having our traditional Dirty Santa gift exchange. If you'd like to be involved, please bring a gift that is no more than \$5.

HP Angel Tree Party~Saturday, December 19

This year, the Student Ministries is helping out with Angel Tree Christmas party. This party will benefit the families of incarcerated people in High Point Jail. It will take place from 3-5 PM in the Underground gathering area. For more information on ways you can help at this event, please contact Jay at 812-4812.

Lovefeast Set-Up~Thursday, December 24

At 10:30 am on Christmas Eve, we need as many students as possible to help set-up our Lovefeast. It is a very important event in the church and something that requires help from every member! Please lend your time to help out the church. For more information, please contact Melanie Eskew at 803-1136.

Sunday Schedule Changes

No Sunday School on December 27.
No Sunday night activities: 12/27, 1/3, & 1/10.
We will resume those activities on January 17.

MYF on January 9

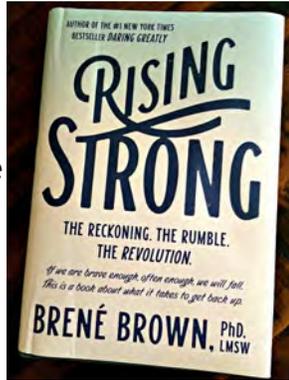
We are going to put our MYF on ice! We will be going ice skating at Greensboro Ice House from 7-9 pm. Please bring \$15 to skate. Make sure your student has the current medical/behavior waiver on file. The waiver can be found on wmumcstudents.org.



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Rising Strong: Register Now!

The New Year brings with it renewed enthusiasm—we've made resolutions and have big plans! Make joining a Bible study one of those plans! Join Rev. Erin Beall as she leads a discussion-based study on a new book, *Rising Strong* by Brené Brown. Brené Brown is a magnificent teacher, speaker, and writer, whom you may have heard on NPR or seen on ted.com. *Rising Strong* is her second book, following her first, number-one bestseller *Daring Greatly*. Brené specializes in studying shame and fear, and how they can be overcome so that we can be our best selves. Books will be \$20 from the church, or you can order your own on your Kindle. Classes will be Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:45 in the Circle View Room, from January 13-February 24. Please register and purchase your books at the Front Desk (884-2204).

**Live Alive**

Live Alive has two great programs slated for you. In December, we will have a musical program sharing the songs of Christmas, and in January we will be joined by a speaker who makes predictions for the New Year! Consider joining our book club, which is reading a fun novel by Graeme Simsion called *The Rosie Project*, or perhaps you're a gamer—all are always welcome to bingo! Please remember to register for lunch by 10 am on the Friday before our Live Alive program.



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Hanging of the Greens

Every year, our Adult Sunday School classes enjoy one of the highlights of the Advent season, helping out with the Hanging of the Greens! The fun of the children, the unity of the church working together to decorate, feeling the anticipation of the Christ child's birth... what a great time of togetherness! Please see below the class designations, mostly the same as last year, to see where your group can help out, and don't forget to register for dinner by December 1 by calling the Front Desk.

Aldersgate-Miller Memorial/Adult Fellowship-Asbury Room and garland in Chapel

Brand X-Narthex Tree

Covenant-Fellowship Hall (along with Contemporary Worship Praise Team)

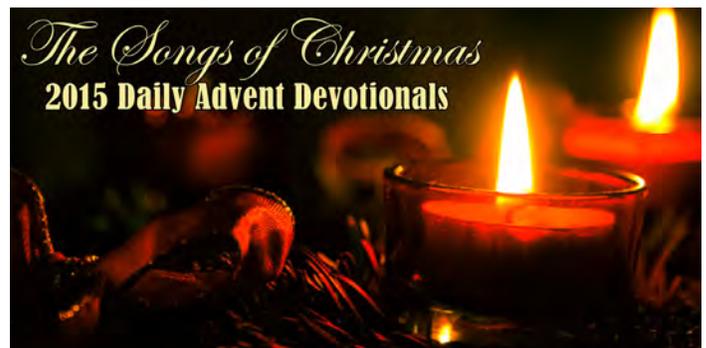
Genesis-Wreaths on the outside doors

New Vision-Help serve dinner

One Word-Bring refreshments

Perspectives-Help with Dining Hall tree (stringing lights, helping kids with ornaments)

Suzanna Wesley-Decorate Dining Hall tables and help serve dinner

**2015 Advent Devotionals**

Our 2015 Advent Devotionals, "The Songs of Christmas" will be available by email and a limited number of printed copies. The printed copies will be available at the Front Desk on Friday, November 27. You can continue to sign up for the email version through the Advent season by going to the church website and following the link to receive future emails.



December is always a month for beautiful music celebrating the coming of the Savior. The **Chancel Choir** purchased their Christmas work, *On Christmas Night* by Bob Chilcott, in honor of Howard Coble and Wanna McAnally for their tremendous service to the music ministries of Wesley Memorial. This work in 8 movements traces the Christmas story from the fall of Adam to the birth of Jesus Christ and combines familiar carols with newly composed music. The choir will sing *On Christmas Night* on December 6 at 11 am with harp, oboe, flute, organ and percussion. After worship the choir will host a reception in the Asbury room to give everyone a chance to greet Howard and Wanna. The Chancel Choir is also preparing several familiar carols to be sung with orchestra for the Lovefeast on Christmas Eve.

Looking ahead to January, the **Chancel Choir** will begin rehearsals of *Requiem* by Eleanor Daley. This is a stunning work and the choir will sing it during worship on Good Friday. They will also be rehearsing music for Easter Sunday...*"Psalm 150"* by Cesar Franck and one of Handel's Coronation Anthems, *"Rejoice in the Lord."* Thank you to the Chancel Choir for their year-round work to praise God and enhance worship at Wesley Memorial. January would be an excellent time to join the choir since they will be starting fresh on most of the music for winter and beyond.

Thank you to our wonderful **Choral Scholars** who, in addition to contributing to the Chancel Choir, provide music almost every Sunday from September through April for the Chapel Service.

On December 13, **Children's Music**, which is music for children from kindergarten through grade 5, will sing a special anthem with percussion and piano accompaniment. Children's music will begin their third rotation on January 10 and will rehearse each Sunday morning in January at 9:30 in the Children's Gathering Space. They will sing for worship on January 31.

Chancel Bells, the adult bell choir, will play traditional carols for worship in the chapel and for 11 am worship on December 13. They will also play at the Lovefeast on Christmas Eve. Chancel Bells will resume rehearsals after the holidays on January 14.

Youth Handbells, a handbell choir for young people in middle school and beyond, is rehearsing several pieces to play at the 11 pm service on Christmas Eve. This choir is an impressive group of young people and musicians. We are also grateful to Laura Bunch who will sing *"In the Bleak Midwinter"* at this service. Youth handbells will take the month of January off and resume rehearsals on February 21. They will ring again on March 20, Palm Sunday.

A big "thank you" to the **Men's Choir** and **Women's Choir** for their contributions to worship in the fall. They will rehearse again in the spring.

The **Wesley Handbell Choir** is taking the month of December off and parents will be notified when rehearsals resume.

Anthem Angels "purchase" music from a list of anthems compiled by the Director of Music. If you wish to be an Anthem Angel or need more information about any of the above choirs please contact Anne Carroll.



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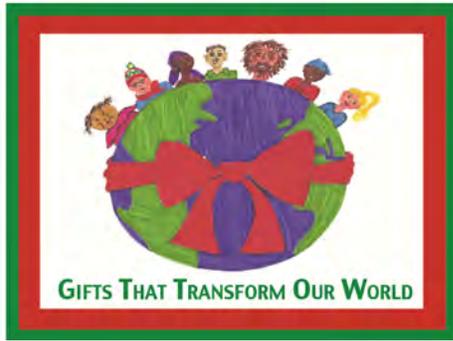
**2015-2016
 Choral
 Scholars**



**Quartet
 on
 November 8**



**Women's
 Choir
 on
 November 8**



Gifts That Transform Our World

The GTTOW alternative gift market opens on Wednesday, December 2. Shop on Sunday mornings and Wednesdays and support some great causes in our community and beyond while honoring friends or loved-ones.

Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16

Administrative Building Lobby, 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Dining Hall, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

Sundays, December 6, 13, and 20

Fellowship Hall Lobby, 8:30-9:00 & 9:30-10:00 am

Adult Education Area, 9:15-9:45 am

Narthex, 10:45-11:00 am & Noon-12:15 pm

Christmas Offering for The Children's Home

The recipient of this year's CHRISTMAS OFFERING will be THE CHILDREN'S HOME in Winston-Salem. The Children's Home provides our most vulnerable children and families with an array of modern, professional services and programs, including residential treatment, foster care and adoption services, substance abuse services, needs-based education, community counseling, and comprehensive life-skills day treatment. Your gift will enable the children served by TCH to not only have a wonderful Christmas but will help ensure that they have a safe and successful life throughout the year. Offering envelopes will be mailed in early December and will be in all the worship venues or you may contribute online at www.wesleymemorial.org. Change a child's life this Christmas with a generous gift to the Christmas Offering at Wesley Memorial.

The Children's Home was started in 1909 by United Methodist congregations in western North Carolina and Wesley Memorial was one of the leaders in that effort. One of the first buildings on the 212 acre campus was built by Wesley Memorial. Today, Iris Sunshine, one of Wesley Memorial members, serves on the Board of Trustees.



The CHILDREN'S Home
Goodness grows here

Angel Trees

Visit one of the Angel Trees in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Adult Education Area and pick up an "angel."



Each angel represents a child identified by our ministry partners at Henderson Settlement and the High Point Jail Ministry. Gifts for your "angel" must be returned to Wesley Memorial no later than Sunday, December 6.

White Christmas

On Sunday, December 13, bring a gift wrapped in white paper to the worship service you attend. At the end of the service, you will be invited to bring the gift to the prayer rail. These gifts will be given to Open Door Ministries to be distributed. Suggested gifts are coats, winter hats, gloves, socks, underwear or children's toys. Please write what is inside your gift on the bottom of the package.

Be a Driving Force this Holiday Season



Wheels4Hope is calling on the local community this Holiday Season to be a DRIVING FORCE and change lives by donating cars and thereby providing affordable, reliable transportation to families in need. Over the past three years, Wheels4Hope has placed more than 100 cars with individuals and families on the road to self-sufficiency, dramatically changing the lives of over 200 adults and children in the Triad. In this Holiday season, Wheels4Hope's DRIVING FORCE campaign is looking for 31 car donations in 31 days to turn into local blessings. For more information please call, 336-355-9130 or visit www.wheels4hope.org. Wesley Memorial is one of the community supporters of this faith-based effort.



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Christmas Tree Lighting-December 4

Bring the whole family as we sing Christmas carols and light our Wesley Memorial Christmas tree on December 4 at 6:30 pm. We'll gather in the front circle and enjoy warm drinks and cookies. Invite your friends and neighbors to this great event. Rain or shine. Contact Jared Stine with questions.

Wesley Memorial 101-December 6 & 13

Have you been visiting Wesley Memorial for a while, and you want to learn more about who we are and what we believe? You're invited to Wesley Memorial 101, a two-part class to introduce you to life at Wesley Memorial and the meaning of Membership. Join Jared Stine on December 6 & 13 at 9:45 am in the Circle View Room to learn more. RSVP at jstine@wesleymemorial.org or 812-4813. Questions welcome!

Deliver Christmas Poinsettias December 13-18

The Caring Ministry Team invites you to help deliver Christmas poinsettias to folks at Wesley Memorial this holiday season. Some of these people are homebound or in nursing facilities. They look forward to your visit every year. No caroling or singing required! Simply pick up a few poinsettias with some names and addresses, and make a visit at your convenience. Contact Cynthia Reddick at creddick@wesleymemorial.org or 884-2204 to sign-up and help! Makes a great service project for students!



The beautiful pictures of the double rainbows over the Chapel, which are on display in the hallway of the Administration Building, were made in October by Derrick Jackson. He is a local photographer who was passing by, saw this beautiful site, caught it on film, and gave us the pictures. Derrick's mother is Frankie Jackson, a member of Wesley Memorial.

New classes starting in January!

DivorceCare for Kids

After a divorce or separation, kids usually feel scared, sad, and confused. They know you have been hurt deeply. As a result, they may hide their feelings because they are worried about your happiness or because they do not know how to express their feelings appropriately. DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) helps them process those feelings and gives them tools to communicate better with you. DC4K provides your children with a safe and neutral place to gain an age-appropriate understanding of separation and divorce. They will learn how to process and share their feelings. For 13 weeks your children become involved in a fun, caring group. The weekly session topics help your children learn that God's love strengthens them and helps them turn their sadness to hope and their anger to joy. Children between 5-12 are welcome. Sessions are supervised by a licensed professional counselor. Stay tuned for more information. Contact Jared Stine for more info.

Rising Strong and Financial Empowerment Small Group

In conjunction with DivorceCare for Kids, Wesley Memorial is offering a book study on Brene Brown's Rising Strong. Brene writes, "The irony is that we attempt to disown our difficult stories to appear more whole or more acceptable, but our wholeness-even our wholeheartedness-actually depends on the integration of all our experiences-including the falls." What a great way to start the new year!

Following this 6-week course, we will offer a second 6-week small group focused on financial empowerment for women. These sessions will be led by local professional business women. They will speak from their faith and experiences on topics related to budgeting, retirement, debt, and money management. Sorry guys-ladies only! Come and find support and encouragement as you plan for the future. These two classes will span the 13-week offering of DivorceCare for Kids, but you do not need children in DC4K to attend these sessions. Details to follow in January. Contact Jared Stine for more information.



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Thank you, church staff!

Children are bringing Christmas treats of fruits, nuts, candies & cookies to combine into "Holiday Bags" one gift bag for each Wesley Memorial employee and regular church volunteers. Boys & girls will assemble around the Children's Tree in the Dining Hall to "surprise" church staff on Dec 10 & 11 with their gifts. We want to express thanks for the blessing of our CHURCH STAFF's love and support of WMS.

COME HAVE LUNCH WITH SANTA!

Friday, December 11; 12:00 noon-1:30 pm
Families bring their own lunch, including beverage and join us in the Dining Hall. Remember your camera, too! Children and their parents/grandparents will eat together. Santa Claus (beautifully portrayed by Johnny Schultheiss) and Mrs. Claus (the charming Sarah Woollen) will be present on a small staging area alongside the Children's Tree. Parents may take their own photos, or WMS "Santa's Elves" (teachers) will take a digital picture that may be purchased for \$2.00. No reservations required – just come for the joy of holiday fellowship!

It's not too soon to plan for fall!

Open House Events

Wesley Memorial School ~ a truly unique early childhood learning community

We welcome the opportunity to tell you how our curriculum fosters the development of the WHOLE child - - social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and spiritual. Individual abilities guide how and what we teach, so each child's learning is developmentally appropriate yet challenging, joyful and active!

Our Core Values

PREPARATION-Children are prepared for academic success in an environment of excellence and creativity.

NURTURE-Children are nurtured through positive, supportive and caring relationships in a diverse community.

PARTNERSHIP-A Christ-centered environment is provided as we partner with families in their child's spiritual formation.

OPEN HOUSE EVENTS!

Friday, January 22

Special presentation in Children's Gathering Room~ information about ALL age-levels:

Infants, Toddlers, 2's, 3's, Pre-K 4's, and Kindergarten

- Daytime Tour 9:15-10:30 am (includes visit to classes in session!)
- Evening Tour 6:30-8 pm

More Open House Dates Specific to Age-Level 9:15-10:30 am each date for special presentation and visit to classrooms.

Wednesday, January 27-*Kindergarten Fives*

Friday, January 29-*Pre-K Fours*

Wednesday, February 3-*Threes*

Friday, February 5-*Infants, Toddlers, Twos*

"Like us" on our NEW Facebook page!

www.Facebook.com/wesleymemorialschool.

We add photos each week of total-school events; share parenting tips and family prayers.

Explore our website to find enrollment information and parent handbooks for each age-level. www.wesleymemorialschool.org

Special Dates:

- **Monday, December 7, 12:15**, Dining Hall
Christmas Luncheon for WMS Staff
- **Friday, December 11, 12-1:30 pm**, Dining Hall
Family Lunch with Mr & Mrs Santa Claus!
- **Friday, December 18, 11 am**, Sanctuary
Kgt 5's Nativity Pageant-Family Christmas Program
- **December 21-January 1**
WMS CLOSED for Holidays
- **Monday, January 4**
WMS Teacher's Workday
- **Tuesday, January 5**
Children return
- **Friday, January 8**
School Epiphany Walk (for 3's, 4's, K5's)

**JOYOUS HOLIDAYS FROM THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES & STAFF
WESLEY MEMORIAL SCHOOL!**



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United Methodist Women

Thank you to everyone who contributed, worked and shopped at the **UMW Carolina Christmas Bazaar**. We appreciate your support and couldn't do it without you!!!!

Gifts for The Angel Tree are due at the church by Sunday, December 6. These gifts will be distributed to children at Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY or to local children that have incarcerated parents that cannot provide for them this Christmas. There are several trees around the church. Wouldn't you like to make Christmas more joyous by being an angel to a needy child this year? Thank you!

UMW Board Meeting-Monday, December 14, 10 am at the home of Judy Hustrulid, 1402 Westminister Drive. The Board will not meet in January .

Upcoming Circle Meetings:

Angel Tree-Monday, Dec. 7, 2 pm on the Dining Room stage, working on The Angel Tree and Sunday, De-

ember 13, 10 am in the Dining Room, organizing Angel Tree gifts. Will not meet in January.

Faith Circle-Saturday, Dec. 12, 6 pm at the home of Ashley Womble, 744 Quailmeadow Lane, Colfax and Sunday, January 17, 3:30 pm at the home of Mary Cullen Bills, 3571 Ramsey Street, Apt. 1H.

Friendship Circle will not meet in December or January.

Circle #6-December TBA and Monday, January 4, 7 pm at the home of Joyce Stephens, 1113 Gatehouse, Pledge Service.

Circle # 8-TBA

Circle #9-Tuesday, December 15, 10:30 am in the Dining Hall and Tuesday, January 19, 10:30 am in the Dining Hall.

Circle #11-Monday, December 21, 11:30 am in the Small Dining Hall and Monday, January 25, 11:30 am in the Small Dining Hall (due to MLK holiday).

STEWARDSHIP 2016: EARN. SAVE. GIVE

Sunday, November 22 was Consecration Sunday. Thanks to our Stewardship Team: Andy Bills, Iv Culp, Charlie Rowe, Tommy Langley, Katherine McMullan and Ivey Orr for coordinating a wonderful celebration. We welcomed the Reverend Dr. James A. Harnish as our guest preacher who spoke at our two worship services. We received more than 224 pledge commitments in support of our 2016 operating budget. In addition, approximately 350 people attended the Fellowship Brunch and we packed and delivered 36 Thanksgiving meals to families of Fairview Elementary. Thanks to everyone for their faithful and generous support.

Have you turned in your 2016 Pledge Card?

As of November 23, we have received \$1.3M in pledged financial support of our 2016 operating budget. If you have already submitted a 2016 pledge card, thank you. If you have not yet submitted pledge card, please do so today. You may submit your pledge card by:

- Mailing a completed pledge card to the church;
- Returning your pledge card to the Front Desk;
- Submitting a pledge card on-line at

www.wesleymemorial.org/gifts; Thank you, in advance, for your generous support!

2015 Year-End Giving

Along with Christmas, the end of the year is fast approaching. At Wesley Memorial, our staff is happy to work with you to help you achieve your 2015 giving goals and intentions. Here are some options and timelines available to you. In addition, you may always contact Deanie Simmons at dsimmons@wesleymemorial.org or 812-4801 to facilitate your giving at this busy time of the year.

- Give at one of the remaining Sunday worship services (11/29,12/6,12/13,12/20,12/27)
- Mail your check to 1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC 27262 postmarked by 12/31
- Contribute on line at <http://www.wesleymemorial.org/online-giving> by 12/29
- Use your bank's bill pay system by 12/29
- If giving stock or funds managed by a broker, ask for the transfer to be completed by 12/29
- Bring your gift to the church office by 12/31 at 12 noon.

Thank you for making a difference in countless lives in this community and around the world.

Wesley Memorial Celebrates...

Baptisms

We rejoice in the baptism of **Evans Carson Elliott** and **Palmer Leigh Elliott** daughters of Austin and Tara Elliott of High Point, and welcome them into the family of Christ on **November 15, 2015**.

Weddings...

*Congratulations to **Molly Orr** and **Chris Jones** who were married **November 14**.*

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*We would like to announce all new babies born into our church family as well as baptisms and weddings in the HeartBeat each month. Please notify **Debbie Foust**, Director of Children's Ministry, with any new arrivals or adoptions and **Dr. Al Ward** with wedding information to be included.*

WHAT CHILD IS THIS...THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

"For unto us a child is born...Isaiah 9:5

December 11-13; 6-9 pm

A Drive-Thru Nativity Free To Everyone

During the Advent season of 2015, Memorial United Methodist Church will bring the little town of Bethlehem to Thomasville. Our goal is to share the Christmas story in an immersive way, with all of the sights and sounds and even smells that may have been encountered in first-century Bethlehem. We will do this through a drive-through Nativity experience, called "What Child is This...The Journey to Bethlehem"

We will transform our parking lot into a village, our congregation, into citizens of Bethlehem and the community of Thomasville into a place where God's love is encountered in a real way.

What Child is This...will be presented on the nights of December 11, 12, 13; 6-9 pm. We hope that you will join us as we answer the ultimate question of the manger: What Child Is This?

Volunteers Needed...to decorate the Chrismon Trees in the Sanctuary. No experience or reservation required. Just come to the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 3 to help. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Blake at 889-7235.



Don't forget to order your Christmas Memorials...

Call Sue Schoch at the church at 812-4824. You can order wreaths (inside and out), trees and poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one to decorate the church for Christmas. Don't wait, place your order today.



We Remember and Honor Our Loved Ones

Gifts given through October 2015

IN MEMORY OF:

Bob and Dottie Arthur: John, Wendy, Davis and Patrick Millard

Robert K. Arthur, Jr.: Mr. & Mrs. G. Carlton Clinard, Shirley Conrad, Lucille Duncan, Charles Finch, Joe Gamble, J.E. Glover, Tom & Jean Gooding, Dr. & Mrs. Bill Joyce, David & Barbara Joyce, Sue & Butch Langfitt, Ken & Jane McAllister, Janice Myers, Milton Riley, Jr., Bee & Bob Rule, Dr. David R. Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wilson, Frank Wood III & Lissa, Joseph & Andrew Albany

Reba Paschall Clay (Mother of Sherry Campbell): Vivian Penry

Edith Fisher Dozier: Pat & Everette Grayson, Paula & Gary Snipes

Virginia (Ginny) Gibson Griffith: Mrs Thayer (Dot) Coggin

Betty Hunt Murray Groome.: Agnes Fitts Marshall & Bob Auman, Joann McCuiston, Gail & Stephen Dula, Lawson Ingram, Raymond & Liz Rogers, Joy Taylor

Susan Hines Gurley: Charlie & Libby Cheek

Kathleen Asbell Killebrew: Vivian Penry

Eunice Dyson Peterson (Mother of Pat Brackett): Robin & Lisa Mabe

John C. (Jack) Slane: Mrs. Thayer (Dot) Coggin

Jacquelyn (Jackie) Carr Thomas: Jim & Genny Frazier, Bonnie Odom

Charlotte Jones Wagner: Libby & Charlie Cheek, Bob & Bee Rule

E. ColbyWalton, Jr.: Pat & Everette Grayson, Dwight & Carolyn Steed

Patricia Ann Murray Williard: Jim & Sandra Marsh

IN HONOR OF:

Rev. Erin Beall: Bill Anderson, Pat & Everette Grayson, Linda & David McCoy

Jay Butler: Bill Anderson

Anne Carroll: Bill Anderson, Pat & Everette Grayson

Debbie Foust: Bill Anderson

Tommy Greene: Lucille Duncan

Rev. Barry Osborne: Pat & Everette Grayson & Doug Wagner

Frank Pifferetti: Pat & Everette Grayson

Rev. Jared Stine: Bill Anderson, Pat & Everette Grayson, Linda & David McCoy, Paula & Gary Snipes

Rev. Al Ward: Bill Anderson, Lucille Duncan, Pat & Everette Grayson, Linda & David McCoy, Paula & Gary Snipes

In Memoriam

Sue Smith Anderson

October 31

Betty Jo Farrington

November 3

IN SYMPATHY OF:

Laura & Kevin Von Der Lippe and family in the death of her mother; Janet Freedman Wood on October 25, 2015.

Cal Anderson, Andy and James and families, in the death of his wife and their mother; Sue Smith Anderson on October 31, 2015.

The family of Betty Jo Farrington in her death on November 3, 2015.

Julie Sanders and family in the death of her brother; Albert Eldridge Vernon Jr. on November 6.

Stephen Ministry



This ministry was named for Stephen who was one of the first lay people commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry. (Acts 6)

Need to talk but don't know where to turn?

Our Stephen Ministry offers one-to-one confidential emotional and spiritual support to persons in need of a listening ear. Stephen Ministers are non-clergy persons trained to provide confidential and thoughtful care without judgment. If you are grieving a loss, struggling with divorce, or any other life transition, contact Stephen Minister Mike Flack at 812-3559 or speak to a pastor.

All Contacts are Confidential!

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered **over 1,600** shawls, blankets, sweaters and other items!



You are invited to join this wonderful group on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. Contact Lee Huff, 887-9165; Karen Sumner, 883-8721 or Linda Dale, 884-5121.

Mid-Week Communion and **Bible Study Lunch**, will take a break during the holidays. The last Mid-Week Communion and Bible Study Lunch will be December 9 and will begin again on January 13.



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Wednesday Dinners are prepared by our fabulous Holy Chefs from Wesley 100. Seating begins at 5:30 pm in the Dining Hall. The price is only \$6 for adults, \$3 for youth 14-18 and free for those under 14.

The menus for December are:
December 2 -Fish, Smashed Potatoes w/Bacon, Slaw, Hush Puppies and Dessert. Children's menu is sloppy jo's, smashed potatoes w/bacon, slaw and dessert.
December 9-Ham, Baked Potato Bar, Green Beans, Bread and Dessert. Children's menu is same as adult menu.

The Church Offices will be closed Friday, December 25 and Monday, December 28 for Christmas and Friday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday.

Our next edition of the HeartBeat will not be released until mid January due to our Editor, Melissa Coley's medical absence.



The deadline for article submission for the mid-January issue of the HeartBeat will be January 7. To submit information for the HeartBeat contact: Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org.

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