

The HeartBeat

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
High Point, North Carolina

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Celebrating

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

- December 2** Tree Lighting on the Circle; 6:30-7 pm
December 4 2nd Sunday of Advent
Chancel Choir "And The Glory Of The Lord"
at 11 am
Hanging of the Greens; 4:30-7:00 pm
Angel Tree gifts are due
- December 11** Third Sunday of Advent
White Christmas (all services)
Children's Nativity at 11 am
- December 18** Fourth 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 25** Christmas
Contemporary Worship at 10:00 am
Traditional Worship at 10:00 am

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Greatest
Gifts
are
not
under
the
tree

Joy

Friends

Love

Jesus

Family

*Cover Photo: Ornaments made by children in Sunday School
and displayed on the 2015 Children's Tree in the Dining Hall.*

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 4

4:30 pm Activities & 6 pm Dinner

There will be many wonderful new activities for individuals and families to participate in together, as well as some cherished traditions at this year's Hanging of the Greens. There will be fun and fellowship for all ages-beginning at 4:30 pm. At 6 pm we will come together for dinner in the Dining Hall. Following dinner we will sing a few carols and have a brief interactive "Hanging of the Greens" service.

Advance reservations are needed for the Soup and Sandwich dinner. Please make reservations TODAY by contacting Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org.

Kids Care Gift Bags for Children

Many items are still needed for Christmas bags for boys and girls who are part of our Angel Tree Outreach. Thanks to all who have already signed up and brought things in. These bags will be given out at the Angel Tree Party, December 17.



Please go to the link below to the Sign Up Genius to enter the items you plan to bring to the collection bin on the Elementary Hall by December 9. Sign-Up Genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aafa92ca7fa7-kids2>

Please bring items to the church and place in labeled bins on the Elementary Hall by December 9.



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Children's Nativity programs:

December 11 at 11 am Traditional Service

December 18 at 8:30 am Contemporary Service

During the 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.

Please sign up for parts today. The list of ages and parts are below:

- Ages 4 & 5-Boys & Girls-Sheep
- Grades 1 & 2- Angels, Shepherds, Donkey, Cow
- Grades 3, 4 & 5- Shepherds, Angels, Magi, Donkey
- Grades 4 & 5-Boys & Girls-Narrators
- Grade 5 Girls-Mary, Gabriel
- Grade 5 Boys-Joseph

Please contact Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org by **December 5** to sign up for a role for your child. Practice will be Saturday, December 10 at 10 am in the Sanctuary.

During the 8:30 contemporary worship service on December 18, all children can participate in the impromptu retelling of Jesus' birth. Parts will be: Mary, Joseph (4th or 5th grader), Gabriel, angels, shepherds, sheep, donkey, cow and 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 Underground

Wesley Memorial Student Ministries



Ward Street Success

We had a blast serving our friends and neighbors at Ward Street UMC last month. A big thank you to all the parents and students that came out from noon time until we finished cleaning. Everyone loved the placemats! We had so much help and energy with this that we are serving 4 times next year!!! Save the dates and be ready to serve again in February.

2017 Ward Street Meals on Thursdays:

- February 16
- May 18
- August 17
- November 30

Confirmation Class Success

Our own Rev. Erin Beall helped us kick off our first two classes last month in The Underground! We learned about our church history and being a new creation in Christ. We have had great attendance and participation so far and can't wait for our last class of the year. We are grateful for all our mentors that have come alongside these students so far this year too. This has been a great addition to the Confirmation journey. We will be learning about Discipleship on December 11 from 4-5:30 pm in The Underground.

High School Winter Retreat

Calling all high school (9th-12th) students and their friends! We are heading to the NC Mountains for an amazing winter retreat! Save the date for Friday, January 27-Sunday, January 29. We will leave

after students are dismissed from school. This is an awesome event to invite a friend! This will be made affordable for everyone and you don't want to miss out on all the fun! Registration information will be sent out on Monday, December 5.

Senior Dinners

We are kicking off our first Senior Dinner for all 12th grade students and their friends this month! We will gather at the Henley's house on Tuesday, December 13 from 7-9 pm! Their house is located at 1219 W. Westwood Ave, High Point, NC 27262. We look forward to spending time with our senior class!

Christmas Party

We are having our annual Christmas party at the Nunn's house on Sunday, December 11 from 5:30-7:30 pm! Their house is located at 1109 Wynnewood Ave, High Point, NC 27262. There will be a tacky sweater contest, white elephant gift exchange, and of course dinner & dessert! This will be a super fun time to fellowship and celebrate Christ!

Angel Tree Party

We are hosting our Angel Tree families on Saturday, December 17 in the church dining room. The event runs from 3-5 pm but we will need help with setup and cleanup. We also need students to help with various stations throughout the afternoon. Stay tuned for more details!

Nelson Family Update

We want to say a BIG thank you to all the students, families, leaders and church staff that came out to help us move last month and get our house ready for our baby boy! We were so humbled and grateful for all the love and support you have shown our family during our time of transition. We are no longer nomads roaming the city of High Point!



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Election Night Communion

On November 8, about 100 people from our church and the community gathered in the sanctuary for a service of prayer, fellowship, and communion. Thanks to the efforts of the Senior Adult Council, we were able to make it a night that will not be quickly forgotten by any who were present! Together, we prayed for our nation, our political candidates, our community, and our church. We broke bread and remembered the covenant of Christ that connects us all as family—regardless of political party. As we move, as a nation, towards Inauguration Day, may we be reminded of this: one of the prayers we prayed that evening, adapted from Idlewild Presbyterian Church and based on Isaiah 2:4-5:

Eternal God, before You nations rise and fall.
Help us repent of our country's wrong,
And to choose Your way of reunion and renewal.
Great God, renew this nation.

Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom You are bringing
to earth,
where death and violence and hunger will be no
more,
and where all nations gather in the light of Your
presence.
Great God, renew this nation.

Teach us peace,
that we may plow up battlefields
and pound weapons into building tools,
and learn to talk across old boundaries
as brothers and sisters in Your love.
Great God, renew this nation.

Talk sense to us,
so that we may wisely end all prejudices,
and may put a stop to injustice and cruelty,
which divides or wounds the human family.
Great God, renew this nation.

Draw us together as one people who do Your will,
so that we may be a light to our nation,
leading the way to Your promised kingdom,
which is even now coming among us.
Great God, renew this nation. Amen.

Upcoming Studies

Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming studies in the New Year! We will delve into Adam Hamilton's new book *Half-Truths*, which takes quotes everybody thinks are from the Bible (but really aren't!) and helps us understand where they came from, as well as what the Bible actually says. And mark your calendars for Lent, when we'll offer a study on the classic *Cross-Shattered Christ* by Stanley Hauerwas, named by Time Magazine as "America's Best Theologian." More information on these and other upcoming small groups soon!



Advent Devotionals are here!

If you signed up to receive a devotional by email last year, keep an eye out for the weekly devotions to land in your inbox soon! If you need a hard copy, or would like to take one to an elderly friend or neighbor, you may pick up a hard copy at the Front Desk anytime this Advent. If you did not sign up for the email list last year and would like to, please contact Melissa at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org and she will get you all set up! Happy Advent!



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Join us Friday, December 2 at 6:30 pm as we gather around the Front Circle to sing carols, enjoy cookies, and countdown to light our Christmas tree. We will celebrate rain or shine. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this wonderful Christmas tradition!

Poinsettia Deliveries: December 11-15

The Caring Ministry Team invites you to help deliver Christmas poinsettias to folks at Wesley Memorial this Christmas season. Some of these people are homebound or in retirement facilities. They look forward to your visit every year. No caroling or singing required! Simply pick up a few poinsettias from the Admin Lobby the week of December 11 and make a visit at your convenience. Each plant will be labeled with a name and address. Contact Cynthia Reddick at creddick@wesleymemorial.org or 336-884-2204 to sign-up and help! Makes a great service project for students!



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DAVE RAMSEY'S
FINANCIAL Peace
 UNIVERSITY

Seven families from Wesley Memorial and the community reported their results after our Fall 2016 class:

- \$21,400 mortgage debt paid off
- \$10,100 put into savings
- 14 credit cards destroyed

Congratulations!

Check upcoming HeartBeat newsletters for information about new classes in 2017

Mission and Community Impact...



The Back Pack Pantry Is Empty: Will You Help Us Restock?

Earlier this month we filled 303 backpacks for Fairview Elementary children from food-insecure families to take home this holiday season. Thanks to those who helped with this vital ministry! Now, our pantry is completely depleted! Help us restock with pudding cups, individually packaged chips, cookies, crackers, juice boxes, milk, and breakfast items including individual cereal boxes and granola bars. Collection bins are in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Administrative Lobby.

(See page 8 for additional information about Missions & Community Impact.)



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The music of Advent and Christmas is some of the most beloved music in the Christian church. I hope you will be present for worship this Advent and Christmas season to share in the joy of the coming of the Savior.

On December 4, the **Chancel Choir** will present A Service of Lessons and Carols at 11 am, with organ strings and percussion. Jim Holcomb, Alisha Boger and Olivia Beaver along with our clergy will share scripture readings from the Old and New Testaments and the choir and congregation will respond with carols old and new. . . "And The Glory Of The Lord" from Messiah, "A Spotless Rose" incorporating an ancient text, "Song of Mary," the Magnificat, "On Christmas Night," the Sussex Carol, "O Little Town Of Bethlehem", "Once In Royal David's City," a portion of "Lift Up Your Heads" and "Rejoice And Be Merry." The string quartet will play the "Sinfonia" from Messiah and "Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring."

Each Sunday in the 8:30 am Chapel service our wonderful **Wesley Singers** will sing solos and in quartets the familiar and best new music of the season.

In this our first **Children's Music** session of the year, we have had as many as 22 K-5 children learning a special anthem for worship. On December 11 these energetic singers will sing and ring an anthem at 11 am and then participate in one of Wesley Memorial's traditions, the Children's Nativity.

On December 18 the **Chancel Bell Choir** will play at 11 am an arrangement of "In The Bleak Midwinter" and at the Lovefeast they will ring "O Sing A Song Of Bethlehem" and "Joy To The World."

The **JuBELLation Handbell Choir** will also ring on Christmas Eve at the 11 pm Candlelight Communion Service. This fun and talented group of youth and adults will ring 3 familiar Christmas Carols. **Wesley Singer** Emily Frye will sing the beloved "Gesu Bambino" at this service as well.

As you can see the music surrounding the Christmas season is abundant at Wesley Memorial. We hope to have your participation in this joyous celebration.

Thank you to all our **Anthem Angels** of 2016. Your support of the music program is most appreciated. If you would like information on how to become an Anthem Angel contact Anne Carroll.

We are also grateful to everyone who has supported the **Wesley Singer Endowment Fund** this year. The Wesley Singers are an increasingly important part of the Chancel Choir, and the music that can be offered for worship at Wesley Memorial. Your support is integral to the continuation of the Wesley Singers program.



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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 + our regular church volunteers. Boys & girls will assemble around the Children's Tree in the Dining Hall to "surprise" church staff on December 14 & 15 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 16; 12:00 noon-1:30 pm;
Dining Hall

Families bring their own lunch, including beverage. Remember your camera, too!

Children and their parents/grandparents will eat together. Santa Claus (portrayed this year by Dr. Chad Miller) 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.

Registration opens February 1 for fall 2017-2018

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.

Friday, January 27-9:15-10:30 am

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

Infants, Toddlers, 2's, 3's, Pre-K 4's, and Kindergarten 5's. Walk-thru tour of classes in session

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

Kindergarten Fives-Wednesday, February 1

Pre-K Fours-Friday, February 3

Threes-Wednesday, February 8

Infants, Toddlers, Twos-Friday, February 10

"Like us" on our Facebook page!

www.Facebook.com/wesleymemorialschool.

New photos each week of total-school events; find parenting tips & family prayers.

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

Special Dates:

Christmas Luncheon for WMS Staff-Monday, Dec. 12, 12:15, Dining Hall

Family Lunch with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus!-Friday, Dec. 16, 12 noon-1:30 pm, Dining Hall

Kgt 5's Nativity Pageant-Family Christmas Program Tuesday, Dec. 20, 11 am, Sanctuary.

WMS CLOSED for Holidays-Dec. 21-Jan. 3

WMS Teacher's Workday-Tuesday, Jan. 3

Children return-Wednesday, Jan. 4

School Epiphany Walk (for 3's, 4's, K5's)-Friday, Jan. 6

Joyous Holidays From The Children, Families and Staff At Wesley Memorial School!



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Here are some giving opportunities to honor the birth of Christ:

Advent Offering

The Mission and Community Impact Team have designated 4 partner ministries to be the recipients of the 2016 Advent Offering at Wesley Memorial. We have selected ministries that represent the local, regional, and national/international scope of Wesley Memorial's outreach.

The partner ministries are . . .

Community Clinic of High Point (Local)

The Community Clinic provides medical services to those in our community who routinely have to choose between medical care and other essential needs. Your gift will help ensure that all people have access to health care.

Macedonia Family Resource Center (Local)

Macedonia Center and Wesley Memorial have been partners for over 10 years in helping everyone in our community have a chance for success. Your gift to Macedonia Center will help buy new computers for the "computer lab" where people learn to use computers for training and job placement. Your funds will also help provide updated computers for the staff.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina (Regional)

Food insecurity remains one of the significant societal problems in our region. Second Harvest helps resource and supply food pantries in an 18 county region that includes High Point. Your gift will keep food flowing to hungry people in High Point and beyond.

United Methodist Committee on Relief/UMCOR (National/International)

With hurricanes, forest fires, earthquakes, famines, and war relief agencies are struggling to keep up with the needs. UMCOR is often among the first agencies on the scene when there is a disaster and one of the last to leave. Your gift to UMCOR will see that we continue to help and hope to people who are suffering.

These ministries represent how Wesley Memorial is serving as the hands and voice of Christ to those in need in our city, our region, and the world.

You may designate that your gift be directed to one or more of these ministries or you may designate that your gift be divided equally between all 4 ministries. Special offering envelopes will be mailed to your home and will be available in all our worship venues and at the Front Desk.

Angel Tree

Visit one of the Angel Trees in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Adult Education Area (outside the Media Center) and select an angel ornament. Each angel represents a child identified by our ministry partner at the High Point Jail Ministry. Purchase the gift identified on the ornament, wrap it, and return it to Wesley Memorial on or before December 11.



The gifts will be given to the children at the Angel Tree Party held at Wesley Memorial on December 17. (The Party is hosted by Wesley Memorial Student Ministries and The Angel Tree Circle).

White Christmas

On Sunday, December 11, 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 gift are coats, hats, gloves, socks, underwear or children's toys. Please write what is inside your gift on the bottom of the package.

Christmas Eve Offering

This year the offerings received at all of our Christmas Eve worship services (5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 11:00 pm) will be given to THE CHILDREN'S HOME in Winston-Salem. Since 1909 The Children's Home has provided our most vulnerable children and families with an array of modern, professional service and programs, including residential treatment, foster care and adoption services, substance abuse services, needs-based education, and comprehensive life-skills day treatment. Your gift will enable 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. (If you cannot attend one of the services on Christmas Eve, but would like to be part of this offering, you may send your check to Wesley Memorial earmarked "TCH.")

Administration...

Stewardship 2017

Sunday, November 20 was Consecration Sunday. Thanks to our Stewardship Team: **Andy Bills, Iv Culp, Andy Eskew, Tommy Langley, Katherine McMullan, Meredith Morgan and Mike Samuel** for coordinating a wonderful celebration. We welcomed the Reverend Barry Osborne as our guest preacher who spoke at our two worship services. We received more than 229 pledge commitments in support of our 2017 operating budget totaling approximately \$1million.

Have You Turned In Your 2017 Pledge Card?

As of November 28, we have received \$1.4 million in pledged financial support of our 2017 operating budget. There are about 100 outstanding pledges. If you have already submitted a 2017 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
- Calling or emailing Scott Howell at 336-812-4800 or showell@wesleymemorial.org

Thank you, in advance, for your generous support!

2016 Year-End Giving

The end of 2016 is fast approaching. At Wesley Memorial, our staff is happy to work with you to help you achieve your 2016 giving goals and intentions. Please contact Deanie Simmons at dsimmons@wesleymemorial.org or 336-812-4801 to facilitate your giving at this busy time of the year. In order for your tax-deductible contributions to appear on your 2016 giving record, here are some options and **important deadlines**:

- Give at one of the remaining Sunday worship services
- Mail your check to 1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC 27262 postmarked by **12/31**
- Contribute on line at www.wesleymemorial.org/online-giving by **12/22**



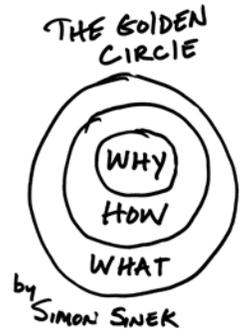
- Use your bank's bill pay system by **12/22**
- If giving stock or funds managed by a broker, ask for the transfer to be completed by **12/26**
- Bring your gift to the church office by Friday **12/30** before **12 noon**.

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

Strategic Plan Update

In November, the Charge Conference approved the basic strategies of a plan to carry Wesley Memorial into 2020. The strategies will empower WMUMC to direct and utilize its resources in pursuit of Jesus' great commandment to **Go...**

and make disciples. We will live into this calling by emphasizing 4 spiritual disciplines of WORSHIP, PRAYER, SMALL GROUPS and HANDS-ON MISSION. A listing of the specific strategies is available on the website.



These strategies were developed after several months of prayer, discussion and reflection between and among our pastors and ministry area directors, our lay leaders, select staff members and the Church Council. We distilled ideas shared at our Visioning Retreat last February, stories gleaned from a visit to Ginghamburg Church, and images contained in Mike Slaughter's book "Change the World" into 30 strategies. Our next step is to work with our current board and committee leadership to develop an implementation plan that will be in place to shape our annual Leadership Summit (February 2017) and our ministries in the new year.



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Wesley Memorial Celebrates...



Special Delivery...

*Benjamin & Kelly Rodriques welcomed **Charlton Pritchett Rodriques** into their family on **October 12, 2016**.*

*Ross & Tiffany Lackey welcomed **Florence Elizabeth Lackey** into their family on **November 12, 2016**.*

*Austin & Tara Elliott welcomed **Augustus Green Elliott, V** into their family on **November 15, 2016**.*

*Steven & Jessica Nelson welcomed **Sullivan Michael Nelson** into their family on **November 24, 2016**.*

Welcome, New Members!

Please extend a warm Wesley Memorial welcome to our new members who joined the church recently!

Sarah & Austin Petty joined on November 13 at 11 am. Children are Rhett (pictured) and Stone (not pictured)



Baptisms

We rejoice in the baptism of **Isabella Raylee Womble**, daughter of **Brent and Ashley Womble** and welcomed her into the family of Christ on **November 13**.

Weddings...

*Congratulations to **Elizabeth Lee Wagner** and **Michael Joseph Megginson** who were married **November 12, 2016**.*

United Methodist Women

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated and worked at the UMW Carolina Christmas Bazaar. Your support for UMW is outstanding and we appreciate it. We can't do it without you. The proceeds will be put to good use.

Information and corrections for the 2017 UMW Handbook are due to Patricia Nash by the end of December.

The Angel Trees have been set up in the church. Each angel on the tree represents a local child that has an incarcerated parent that cannot provide for them this Christmas.

Please select an angel and return the gifts for that child to the church. A party for these children will be

held in the Dining Hall on December 17, 3-5 pm and the gifts will be distributed. Thank you to the ladies of The Angel Tree Circle for organizing this event.

UMW Board Meeting-Friday, December 1, 9:30 am in the Small Dining Room

Upcoming Circle Meetings:

The Angel Tree-Saturday, Dec. 17, 3-5 pm in the Dining Hall

Circle #9-Tuesday, Dec. 20, 10:30 am in the Dining Hall

Circle #11-Monday, Dec. 19, 11:30 am in the Small Dining Room

Faith, Friendship, #6 and #8 will not meet in December.

We Remember and Honor Our Loved Ones

Gifts given through October 2016

IN MEMORY OF:

Oscar Attkisson (Father of Marguerite Braddy): Barbara & Paul Coughlin, Lucille Duncan, Patsy & Charlie Surles

Carlene Freeman Blackmon: Jerry Bain, Gene & Mary Ann Bohi, Herb & Cheryl Bolick, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chaput, Circle #11, Olive Frye, Joe Gamble, Jim & Karen Gooding, Judy & Corky Hustrulid, Ashley Jerrigan, Lillian Kimrey, Eleanor Lagas, Chase & Gail Lassiter, Janet Link, John Peeler, Phyllis Pugh, Frank & Missy Quis, Dwight & Sally Story, Lorraine Stout, Bootsy Tucker, Puney & Peter Wasmer, Sarah Woollen

Jonnie Craven: Barbara & Paul Coughlin, Lucille Duncan

Phil Dixon (Father of Phillip Dixon): Raymond & Liz Rogers

James Henry Dowdy: Wanna McAnally

James Thomas Gooding: Dr. & Mrs. William Farabow, Neal & Katherine Watlington

Joanne Patricia Reid Hoover: Daniel & Linda Dale, Al & Sherrill Elder, Olive Frye, New Vision Sunday School Class, John Peeler, Louise & J.W. Purdie, Mike & Susan Samuel, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Stout, Sarah Woolen

Marion Howell (Mother of Susan McInnis): Steve & Susan McInnis

Danny Keever (Brother of Nancy Ilderton): Barbara & Paul Coughlin

Claryce Osborne Norman: John, Wendy, Davis & Patrick Millard

Virginia Lassiter Royal (Mother of Jim Royal): Raymond & Liz Rogers

Robert Alan Rule: Bill Anderson, Friday Morning Music Study Club, John, Wendy, Davis & Patrick Millard

IN HONOR OF:

Darren Clark: Tom & Debbie Smothers

Gene Bohi: Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class

Vicky Jarrett: Tom & Debbie Smothers

Dwight Steed: Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class

Charles Surles: Tom & Debbie Smothers

Bill Wheeler: Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class

In Memoriam

Mary Louise Stone

November 11

Barbara Lee Burton Levina

November 15

Katherine Storey Klontz

November 20

IN SYMPATHY OF:

Kitty Coble and family in the death of her brother; Walter James Miller on November 6, 2016.

Joann McCuiston & Ivey Orr and families in the death of their sister and aunt; Mary Louise Stone on November 11, 2016.

Sherry Sink and family in the death of her nephew; Joshua Dwight Starnes on November 7, 2016.

Cynthia Milliken and family in the death of her father; Allen Phlanso Smith on November 11, 2016.

O.B. Levina, Lynn Fellos & Bill Levina and families in the death of his wife and their mother; Barbara Lee Burton Levina on November 15, 2016.

The family of Katherine Storey Klontz in her death on November 20.

Richard & Barbara Crowder and Ashley Crowder Stanley and family in the death of their son and her brother; Richard "Rick" Joseph Crowder, Jr. on November 24.

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 336-812-3559 or speak to a pastor.

All Contacts are Confidential!

Mid-Week Communion, led by Rev. Jared Stine, begins at 11 am in the Chapel.



Bible Study Lunch, led by Dr. Al Ward, begins at 12 noon in the Dining Hall. *Meal includes: Soup, Sandwich, Dessert and beverage or bring your own lunch.* Make a reservations for the \$5 catered lunch by 4:30 pm on Monday. Dr. Ward will be teaching from selected passages from the Gospel of John.

Bible Study

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 dinner menus for December are:

December 7-Chicken and Dumplings, Slaw, Apple-sauce, Rolls & Dessert. Children same as adult menu.

December 14-Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls & Dessert. Children same as adult menu.

There will be no Mid-Week Communion Service, Bible Study Lunch or Wednesday Night Dinners on December 21 or December 28.

The Church Offices will be closed Monday, December 26 for Christmas and Monday, January 2 for the New Year's Holiday.

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