



From Our Pastor: **It's Your Choice**



Jesus wants to give us full, meaningful, and joy-filled lives (John 10:10). We as a church family can help each other find this gift. The beginning of our autumn schedule is approaching. I hope that you will find your place in the midst of our many opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth. You

will have many different options from which to choose.

After a busy summer of travel, we are excited to welcome you back to one of our Sunday morning worship experiences. We all worship in different ways. Here at Wesley Memorial Church we offer a variety of worship experiences to help people engage with God. Also, Sunday School classes for all ages are offered at 9:45 am. You would be welcomed in any of these groups.

I hope that you will also think of Wednesdays as a church day. Returning on Wednesday, September 13, is our 11:00 am communion service (Chapel) and Noon Lunch/ Bible Study (Dining Room). You may bring your own lunch or register by Monday at

4:30 pm for the \$5 catered lunch. I will be leading a study of Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, the oldest book in the New Testament, for this noon Bible study.

Wednesday Night activities also resume on September 13. Dinners will occur from 5:30-6:30 pm with an option of two study groups following dinner. Rev. Erin Beall will lead a study of *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Ways the Church Views Racism* by Drew Hart. I will repeat my study of 1 Thessalonians for those that can't be with us at noon. Just call the church office to register for either of these studies. If you are interested in dinner before the studies, you can make reservations through the church office by 4:30 pm on Monday.

The Chancel Choir also practices on Wednesdays at 6:45 pm. This is another opportunity to be part of a small group that forms people in faith. I know that you would bring great joy to the Chancel Choir if you would consider joining them. For more information you can contact Anne Carroll.

These are just some of our opportunities for fellowship and growth as Christian disciples. I encourage you to find your place in our family. It is important to spend time together in worship and study. We find more joy if we journey together.

With Confidence in Christ,

Pastor Jeff



Help end hunger and poverty
in our community and around
the world.

Sunday
September 24

Location:

First Baptist Church
405 N Main St.
High Point, NC 27260

Registration: 3:00 p.m.

Walk: 4:00 p.m.

Distance:

1 mile and 3 mile options

Contact:

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Walk. Give.
Change the
World.

A Hands-On Impact On World Hunger

Rise Against Hunger's meal packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. The program was created to give dedicated individuals and organizations — from businesses to civic clubs — the opportunity to participate in a hands-on international hunger relief program and to become educated, engaged advocates for the world's hungry. The events also give volunteers hands-on experience in leadership development, team-building, relationship-building, creative problem-solving, and goal-setting and achievement.



sponsored by: Wesley Memorial UMC & Rotary Club of Furnitureland

Sunday, September 10 • 2-5 pm

in the Dining Hall

Meal Packing • Bounce Houses • Kona Ice • Fun for All



RESPONDS TO HARVEY

UMCOR is working with disaster coordinators to provide relief to the many victims of hurricane Harvey. To make a financial contribution OR to learn ways you can help, please go to: www.umcor.org

If you would like to make a financial contribution, please make your check payable to WMUMC and write **UMCOR/Harvey** in the memo line.

Food Collection for Fairview Backpack Ministry



Wesley Memorial provides “backpacks” of food for students at Fairview Elementary on the weekends and holidays throughout the school year. We will be collecting food items for this ministry on **Sunday, September 10**. Receptacles will be outside the worship spaces, near the Front Desk, and in the Adult Sunday School wing. There are six categories of food needed:

Juice—individual juice boxes

Milk—individual milk boxes (*non-perishable*)

Breakfast items—individual cereal boxes/cups, pop tarts, granola bars, muffins packs

Fruit—individual packs/cans

Protein—individual containers of chef boyardee spaghetti, ravioli, beefaroni; small cans of pork and beans; mac and cheese cups

Snacks—individual pudding cups, jello cups, cookies, chips, pretzels, rice krispy treats, goldfish.

Soul of the Community Fundraiser

All proceeds support the
Macedonia Family
Resource Center

**Friday
September 29
4-7 pm**

**1225 Chestnut Drive
High Point, NC**

\$10 tickets available
336.884.2204

Chicken, Collards,
Potato Salad,
Desserts and Tea

Wesley 100 & Feeding Lisa's Kids

Simply Southern Picnic Fundraiser

Sunday, September 17 at 5:00 pm

1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC 27262

Feeding Lisa's Kids provides approximately

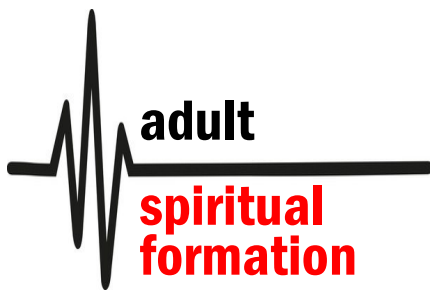
20 meals a month to more than 300 people in High Point.

\$15 Tickets available at

Eventbrite.com OR by calling WMUMC Front Desk at 336.884.2204

MENU

BBQ chicken breast or
Pork BBQ
Baked Beans
Cole Slaw
Roll
Cobbler
Tea and Water



Rev. Erin Beall

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Micky Efird

Bible Study



Join Dr. Mickey Efird Monday evenings, 6:45-8:45 PM, September 11 through October 2 in the Dining Hall,

for a study of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Dig deep into this foundational text of the New Testament with Dr. Efird, retired Duke professor (former students of whom include our own Dr. Jeff Patterson!). All are welcome; all you need is an open mind, a Bible, and a way to take notes from this master teacher.



Please complete the

2017-2018

Leadership Survey

at

www.wesleymemorial.org

input will be used by
Nomination & Leadership
Development Team

Non-Denominational Bible Study

Starts Up Again **September 11**

Join this large group of women (though men are welcome!) Monday mornings from 10:30-11:30 as they study the Bible together. As the fall begins, they'll be going through Genesis, so now is the perfect time to jump in! The group meets on the third floor of the office building in the Circle View Room. Please come anytime, and for more information, feel free to contact Caroline McGuinn at 336.882.9754.

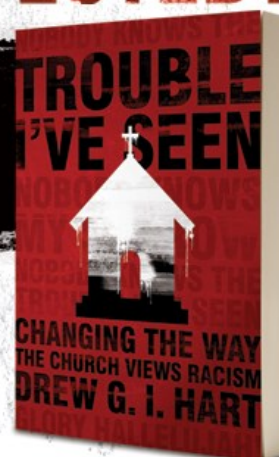
Fall Book Study Tackles **Race Relations**

For four weeks this fall, from September 13 through October 4, you are invited to attend a book study that will tackle the hot-button topic of race relations in America. We will be working with the new book *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew Hart, a theologian, professor, and contributor to *The Christian Century*. Books are now available (\$12/ea) when you register for class at the Front Desk (336.884.2204). All are welcome, and child-care is available by request.

**WHAT IF RACIAL RECONCILIATION
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE
WHAT YOU EXPECTED?**

**RACISM. POLICE BRUTALITY.
MASS INCARCERATION.
POVERTY.**

Trouble I've Seen challenges Christians with an honest and provocative look at injustice, and offers churches concrete practices for confronting racism.



Rev. Jared Stine

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

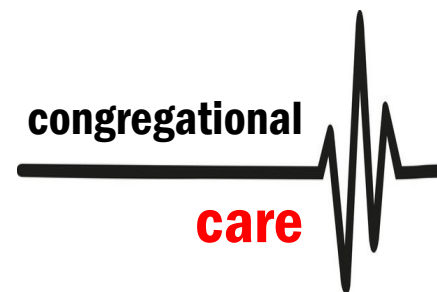
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Welcome New Members



On July 30, we welcomed the Maines family into membership at the 9:45am service. Pictured are **April** and **James** with daughter **McKenzie** and son **Colton**. Say hello next time you see them at church!

If you would like to make Wesley Memorial your church home, please contact Reverend Jared Stine.

Stephen Ministry



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 person 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.

Want to learn more about Wesley Memorial?

Thinking about membership?

Join Jared Stine for a cup of coffee and our two-part class entitled, "**Wesley Memorial 101.**" This class covers the basics of United Methodism, life at Wesley Memorial, membership expectations, and ways to plug-in to ministry and service opportunities. Class will be held on September 17 & 24 at 9:45 am in the Circle View Room which is located on the 3rd floor of the administration building. Contact Jared Stine for more information.



Members of WMUMC and the Evangelical Haitian Church enjoyed cookies & lemonade after Sunday worship. Thank you Evangelism & Hospitality Team.



Debbie Foust

Director of Children's Ministries

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Fall Sunday School

We had a exciting Move Up Sunday on August 27.



In our preschool classes, the "Sprouts" will begin their new Sunday School classes actively involved in learning wonderful Bible stories and getting to know each other.

In "The Greenhouse", growing to be like Jesus" our Kindergarten-5th grade classes will continue with the stories of Moses. **Remember, Sunday school starts at 9:45.**



Bible Sunday-September 24



During the 11 am worship service we will present Bibles to the rising third grade class. These Bibles are a gift from the Covington and Millis families and have been given to 3rd graders since 1922 in memory of J. Edward Millis, Jr. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone in the lives of our third graders.

Quest Bible Retreat-Saturday, September 30

Third graders are encouraged to participate in Quest Bible retreat where they will learn about their Bible, how it came to be and how to use it as well as the wonderful treasures that are inside. If you would like more information contact Debbie Foust.



Bible Explorers and Cross Trainers



Sunday afternoon programs for Kindergarteners through 5th grades will begin October 15 through November 19. Registration information and brochures will be available on the Elementary hall mid-September or you can contact Debbie Foust or Kim Suda at ksuda@wesleymemorial.org .



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered over 1800 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** at 336.884.9165, **Karen Sumner** at 336.883.8721 or **Linda Dale** at 336.884.5121.

Anne Carroll

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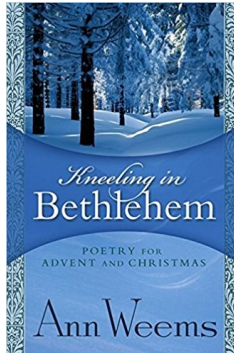


Because many in the Chancel Choir travel and even live elsewhere during the summer months, members of the choir made about 25 calls to church members in June asking for summer reinforcements. Thankfully, Jim and Gloria Adams, Martha Bass, Dick Brewer and Susan Sumpter said yes. Of course, we hope they enjoy it enough to sing longer than just

this summer, but even if they are not able to sing longer, **THEY SAID YES!**

Thank you to these five church members who agreed to serve God and Wesley Memorial this summer by helping the Chancel Choir offer their collective praise and thanksgiving to God for his many blessings. Maybe you travel in the summer and can only help during fall and winter. Maybe you can only help between furniture markets. Whenever you are available, if God is calling you to join us, please **SAY YES**. You will not regret it!

Looking ahead to fall, Advent and Christmas, the **Chancel Choir** will be accompanied by flute and cello on September 17 for two anthems during 11 o'clock worship; 3 trumpets will accompany the anthem on November 5, All Saints Sunday; and the choir will present *Kneeling in Bethlehem* with readings by Ann Weems on Sunday, December 10 with strings, flute and oboe. Now would be the perfect time to join the choir as they begin to prepare these and other special works.



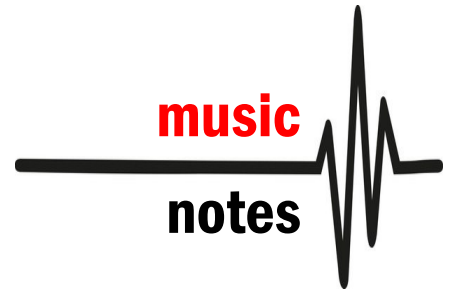
While the Chancel Choir has rehearsed all summer, all other choirs will be resuming rehearsals in September. **Chancel Bells** will hold their first rehearsal on September 14. **Children's Music** (for K-5 children) will have



their first rehearsal on September 17 at 9:30 in the Gathering Space. The children will rehearse 3 times throughout the year, 4 rehearsals in a session. They will play instruments and sing songs in preparation for Sunday worship services. The first time they sing in worship will be October 8 at 11 o'clock. **Wesley Handbell Choir** (for children in grades 3-5) will begin rehearsals on September 13, from 4:15-5:00 pm in the children's bell room.

JuBELLation Choir (handbells for students in grades 6 and older) will have their first rehearsal on September 24. This choir rehearses 4 times during the year, 3-4 rehearsals in a session, and rings at 11:00 am worship at the end of each session. They also ring at the 11 :00 pm Christmas Eve Service.

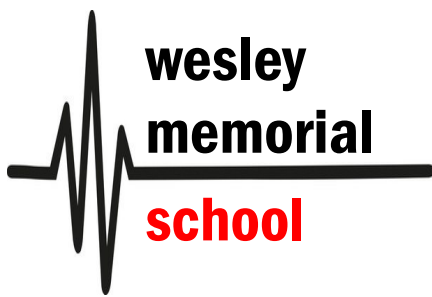
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Our talented group of **Wesley Singers** will begin singing solos and in quartets for worship in the chapel and sanctuary September-April. Many of you have expressed how meaningful their solos and quartets are in worship. There are many ways you can support this valuable program **if you will say YES**. You can designate a gift to the Wesley Singers Endowment or make a contribution to the Wesley Singers Fund, and you can direct memorials when a loved one passes away. Please contact the Director of Music if you feel you can help support this program and ensure that Wesley Memorial blesses and is blessed by these talented young people.

Anthem Angels purchase an anthem from a list compiled by the Director of Music in honor or memory of a loved one, Sunday School teacher, pastor, friend, etc. If you would like to purchase an anthem or major work, please contact Anne Carroll for a list from which to choose.

If you feel called to serve in any of the above choirs please contact Anne Carroll. We need you and want you to join us, but **YOU must say YES**.



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Two Opportunities to Work With Children

Media Center

Story time Readers – with our kindergarten students, 11:30-11:50 am on Wednesdays. If you enjoy storytelling would like to be a guest reader, this is your opportunity! Call JoAnn or Susan and we can schedule you.

New Substitutes Training Workshop

September 20 & 21
10:30 – 11:30 am

If you would like to apply to be a Substitute Assistant for WMS please **attend ONE session** to learn more about what we do. Please contact JoAnn or Susan for more information.

WMS Begins its 54th Year

We have been so busy gearing up for the start of our 2017/2018 school year. We are welcoming many new families in our program and are glad to see many friends returning. We have over 175 children so far and may be adding more as we continue into the fall months. Come by and visit us and see all the wonderful things we are doing!

Our 2017-2018 Wesley Memorial School Staff is called by God to fulfill our mission of *providing a Christian School of excellence committed to caring for children and families in a safe, nurturing environment.*

NURSERY

Beginners (Infant Room): Tracie Gross, Beverly Holliday, Maeson Kelley, Judy Marsh, Kimberlee Gross

Toddlers: Michelle Bogue, Joyce Davis, Janet Kelley, Sarah McLaurin, Sarah Kiser

Twos: Kay Tucker, Mariana Barbee, Pam Little, Adrienne Moses

PRESCHOOL

Threes: Judy Needham, Kathy Coble, Rosalyn Turner, Jana Brotherton, Sheila Cochrane

Pre-K Fours: Sandi Todd, Kristen Sipe, Kathryn Yarbrough, Raphaela Massaro, Heather Yokeley, Angie Garner, Cynthia Varner, Debbie York, Judy Marsh

KINDERGARTEN

Fives: Audrey Miller, Bonnie Odom, Dawn Miller, Robin Daniels

Our first Chick-Fil-A School Spirit Night

Come out to Chick-Fil-A on N. Main Street next to WalMart on Monday, September 25 between 5:00-8:00 pm. Enjoy fellowship with Wesley Memorial School families and staff and enjoy a meal. This is a scholarship fundraiser for the school. Simply tell the cashier that you are with WMS and we will receive 15% of the total sales that evening (dining room or drive-thru). Thank you for your support and we look forward to this great time to be together!

Everyone LOVES Cookies

It is time for our WMS cookie dough fundraiser! **Orders will be taken September 11-29.** Cookie dough is pre-mixed and comes in refrigerator tubs. It keeps fresh for 2 months, ready for your holiday baking. Proceeds will be used for scholarship needs, new classroom learning tools & technology. Please call the WMS Office 336.884.4232 to order by phone. Cookie dough **order pickup will be Wednesday, October 25 from 9:00am – 2:00 pm and again from 4:00 -6:00 pm.** Flavors offered are: Chocolate Chunk, Peanut Butter, Oatmeal Raisin, Old-Fashioned Sugar, M & M, Lemon Drop, White Choc Macadamia Nut, German Choc, and Maple Pecan Swirl. BIG THANKS for supporting your Wesley Memorial School!



Wesley Memorial School's Crop Hunger Walk



We will have our very own Crop walk to help our little ones understand the concept of helping others. On **Friday, September 22, 10:00 am**, we will walk around the front circle for infants & nursery ages. We will take a longer trek around the entire campus for our older preschoolers & kindergartners. Children's Crop Walk monies will be added to donations of the Wesley Memorial Team. You are invited to come and help hold hands, walk with us, and enjoy being with the children. Please call JoAnn or Susan if you would like to join us.

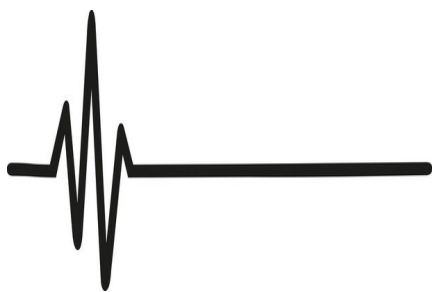
finding joy

A sermon series based on Paul's letter to the Philippians



Sundays September 10 through October 22

We have the power to choose joy even when happiness does not seem possible



Stories From Our Hearts

Wesley Memorial's purpose is to create and sustain spiritually healthy followers who live in ways that transform the world. **Stories From Our Hearts** is a new feature where members of Wesley Memorial share faith stories of transformation in the world.



Valerie and I were thrilled to welcome our daughter, Adelaide Elizabeth, into our family on August 10. Many, many months of preparation, expectation, and prayer were met with the joyous arrival of our first child. We are grateful to you, our church family, for your many notes, cards, gifts, and prayers during this season of our lives. Everyone is healthy, and we are adjusting well to being a family of three. Even the cats seem to like their new "sister."

The name "Adelaide," means "noble" and "kind," and "Elizabeth," a name in Valerie's family for generations, means "God is my oath." In a world where grace and compassion are missing from many

relationships and cultures, our prayer for Adelaide is that she will grow to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ and embody the full meaning of her name. Children are one of the church's most life-giving blessings. Adelaide, and all our young people, are a great reminder of our call to build a community of discipleship as the multi-generational body of Christ.



**We Remember
and Honor
our Loved Ones**

Gifts received July 2017

In Memory of:

Margaret Anne (Peggy) Donald Amos: Mr. & Mrs. Ray Montgomery

Patricia Anderson: Bill Anderson

Julia H. Berry: Rick & Jill Holbert

Donald James Chipman, Jr. (Brother of Sarah Jones): Raymond & Liz Rogers

Robert Thomas Cottam, Jr. (Father of Bob Cottam): Mr. & Mrs. Dave Zenns

Doris Faircloth Henley: Mr. & Mrs. Ray Montgomery

Ralph Helderman (Father of Miriam Ward): Mr. & Mrs. William Blanton, Jr.

Kenneth Ray Sawyer: Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Hammer, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Hustrulid, Jr.

Randolph (Randy) Harrison Smith: Sallie Phillips, Liz & Raymond Rogers

Walter Byron Starnes: Mary Lyon, Harold & Betty Martin, Joann McCuiston, Sandy & Judy Mendenhall, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Montgomery

Horace D. Steadman, Jr.: Mr. & Mrs. Jeffry Staples

Edward Joseph von der Lippe: John Peeler

Clarence & Maureen Wagner: Kirk & Sherry Wilson

Don & Frances Wilson: Kirk & Sherry Wilson

In Honor of:

Bibb Bruton: Michael & Melanie Bruton

JB Bruton: Michael & Melanie Bruton

Leroy Bruton: Michael & Melanie Bruton

Michael Bruton: Melanie Bruton

Rev. Betty Jeanne Day: Hannelore von der Lippe, Kevin, Douglas & Bruce

Lucille Duncan's Bereavement Meal Team: Ann Starnes Reece

Charles Lyndon: Michael & Melanie Bruton

Helen Starnes: Joann McCuiston

Rev. Jared Stine: Hannelore von der Lippe, Kevin, Douglas & Bruce

Al & Laura Wright: Michael & Melanie Bruton

our church

family

In Memoriam

Joseph Michael Albany Jr., August 10, 2017

Sue Anderson Wood, August 15, 2017

Betty Ann Hancock Ferguson, August 26, 2017.

Sympathies

Betsy Lane and Honey Moore and families upon the death of their father, **Henry Franklin (Frank) Hunsucker Jr.** on August 1, 2017

Lissa Albany and Andrew & family upon the death of her son and his brother, **Joseph Michael Albany Jr.** on August 10, 2017

Janice Hughes and family upon the death of her brother, **Dorsey (Marvin) Lewis** on August 14, 2017

Suzanne Lowe and Lauren & Caroline Griffith upon the death of their mother and grandmother; **Sue Anderson Wood** on August 15, 2017

october

heart♥beat

deadline

**Friday, September 15
9:00 am**

showell@wesleymemorial.org



♥ The UMW Board will meet
Tuesday, September 5, 10:30
am in the Small Dining Room
♥ Northern Piedmont District
Annual Celebration and Walk for

Mission, Saturday, September 16, Muirs Chapel
UMC, Greensboro.

♥ Conference Annual Celebration, Friday, Sept 29 -
Sunday, Oct.1, Lake Junaluska. "Change is Good" by
featured speaker Shannon Priddy, National Presi-
dent of UMW. More details at www.wnccumw.org.

♥ Spaghetti Dinner to benefit The Rainbow Scholar-
ship Fund for The Wesley School, Wed., Oct 11, in
conjunction with the Wednesday Night Supper. The
Wesley 100 Men will be cooking. More details soon.

The Bazaar is Coming Saturday, Nov 18th

Circle Meetings in September:

- ♥ FAITH Circle - Sunday, Sept 16, 3:30 pm. Details
TBA
- ♥ Circle #6 - TBA
- ♥ Circle #8 - Monday, Sept 25th, 11:00 am in the
Small Dining Room, "Get to Know Jeff Patterson"
- ♥ Circle #9 - Tuesday, Sept. 19, 10:30 am in the Din-
ing Hall
- ♥ Circle # 11 - Monday, Sept 18, 11:30 am in the
Dining Hall
- ♥ Angel Tree - Wednesday, Sept 13, 5:30 pm in the
Small Dining Room
- ♥ Friendship will not meet



*Children in the WMS Summer Enrichment program
and Fun In The Sun Summer camp contributed
toiletries, baby items and children's games to Family
Services of the Piedmont. The project was coordinat-
ed by Wesley Memorial UMW earlier in the summer.*

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