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## WESLEY MEMORIAL

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### From Our Pastor: **Together**



Words are inadequate to express the gratitude that Tammy and I have for the enthusiastic way that you have received us into the Wesley Memorial family. It has been a joy to worship with you and I have felt like I was preaching to people that already have

taken up residence in my heart. I am grateful for the rich worship traditions that reside in our congregation and the ways that we can offer transformational worship experiences to the community.

**Together** we will grow as followers of Jesus Christ. We will find innovative, authentic ways to help people grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Together** we will focus on knowing Christ and his transforming presence and power in our lives. As we grow as Christ-followers, we will make an even greater impact in our community. As we grow as Christ-followers, we will transform the world around us. People, families, and, thus,

High Point will live more into God’s dream for our world. We will “promote the welfare of the city” (Jeremiah 29:7) by living authentic, Christ-like lives.

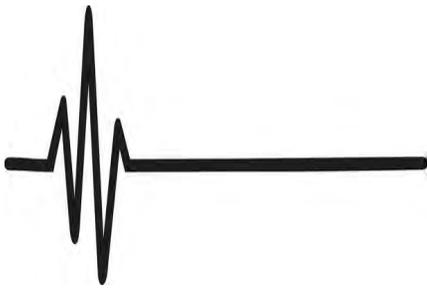
The world is hungry for authentic spirituality. People are not looking for a relationship to the Christian religion or the church, but they are looking for spiritual experience and a relationship to the living God. When people find authentic spirituality being lived out by our congregation. **Together** we will be given the opportunity to share with them the riches of the Christian faith and the joy of life in the Body of Christ.

**Together** we will show the people around us a new way of being human; a way of being human that expresses the fullness of life that is ours in Jesus Christ. **Together** we will bring a little of heaven to this broken earth. The task ahead of us is great, but the power within us is far greater.

Tammy and I are excited about this opportunity to pour our lives into Wesley Memorial Church and the High Point area. We look forward to sharing life and the journey of Christian growth with you, **together**.

With Confidence in Christ,

**Pastor Jeff**



# Stories From Our **Hearts**

## Taking Our Death Penalty Study

### To **Heart**...

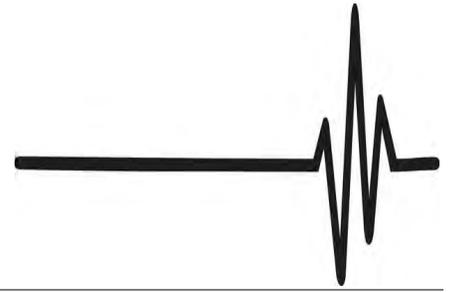
I wasn't sure what to expect when I decided to participate in the recent Death Penalty Study. I knew I had a brokenness in me related to a terrible, violent crime committed against my family nearly a half a century ago that I have struggled all my life to heal. I knew how I felt about the death penalty. I understood how appearing before a parole board every five years fails to provide closure for a victim's family. I suspected I wanted to hear that my desire for punishment was vindicated.

But I also knew that I was hungry to hear what the word of God says about the death penalty. The Old Testament cries out for "an eye for an eye" as a means of setting the nation of Israel apart from her neighbors by seeking mercy and justice for crimes. The Psalmist pleads for his enemies to be brought to justice by the righteousness of

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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.



**Welcome Jeff & Tammy**

**July 16, 2017**



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God. Time and time again, the justice of God was demonstrated to His people and upon their enemies.

Yet the message of Christ is one of love and forgiveness and compassion. Could it be that my desire for justice was counter to the teachings of Jesus? Was it possible that by holding onto my yearning to see a court-ordered sentence upheld, I was actually turning away from my relationship with God?

When I walked into the Media Center that first Sunday evening, I ached to reconcile the duality in my own heart between a desire for quick and mighty justice, and a profound longing for forgiveness and healing. I joined about a dozen others in a series of discussions, both lighthearted and solemn, focused on a variety of aspects of the death penalty. That first evening we began our conversations by sharing what would we chose for our last meal, if we were

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**Good Goats: Coming to a Close**

As summer winds down, so too our church-wide study of *Good Goats: Healing Our Image of God*. We have one final casual group discussion, encompassing the final pages, at Chris and Kristy Dudley’s home (1365 Trafalgar Dr). Thanks so much to the Dudleys, Jim and Marti Holcomb, and Wray and Lynnette Hodgins for opening their homes to our discussion groups throughout the summer!

Our final dinner, open to all, will be Wednesday night, August 16 at 6:00 pm in the Dining Hall. Please join us for dinner, discussion, and a panel Q&A with the Reverends Jeff Patterson, Jared Stine, and Erin Beall. Given the topics covered in this book, it’s sure to be an interesting evening!

Please RSVP online at [www.wesleyememorial.org](http://www.wesleyememorial.org) by Friday, August 11.

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>To Read</u>
August 8 at 7pm	Dudley House- 1365 Trafalgar Dr	Whole Book
August 16 at 6pm	WMUMC Dining Hall	Whole Book

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on death row. We then moved into more serious discussions concerning capital punishment in the Bible. Stories of martyrdom, murder and punishment fill the pages. Yet alongside these tales are examples of forgiveness, reconciliation and mercy.

The following weeks found us discussing death row statistics, the official stance of the United Methodist Church, and wrongful convictions. We spoke about jury duty, dying with dignity and victims’ rights. For homework, we watched pop culture media with themes focused on incarceration and death row – “Pit Bulls and Parolees” and “Dead Man Walking.” We read excerpts from books with overarching themes of mercy in the justice system – Just Mercy and Executing Grace. We watched video interviews from people currently on death row in North Carolina.

And, on the last night, we talked about forgiveness and the powerful impact it can have on both the victim and the perpetrator. We leaned into our understanding of a loving Father in heaven who extends forgiveness to all who seek it, no matter the gravity of their sin. And we discovered that despite our differences, there are still parts of the death penalty on which we can agree.

Last week, our family was notified that we will need to travel to Montgomery, Alabama in the fall to again oppose the parole of Eddie Seibold. While I am still unable to forgive him, I was, finally, able to ask God to begin to soften my heart towards him, as a child of God.



Thank you, **Leigh Anne Bassinger**, for sharing this “Story From Your Heart”

**We Remember  
and Honor  
our Loved Ones**

Gifts received June 2017

**In Memory of:**

**Margaret Anne (Peggy) Donald Amos:** Mary Lou Brinson, William & Marcia Dills, Claire & Jeff Horney, Mike & Mary Krick, Mary Jane Lindsay

**Robert Thomas Cottam, Jr. (Father of Bob Cottam):** Nido & Mariana Qubein

**Betty Hinson Heath:** Charles & Sandy Odom

**Doris Faircloth Henley:** Mary Jane Lindsay

**Wanna Huggins McAnally:** Mary Jane Lindsay, William & Marcia Dills

**Kenneth Ray Sawyer:** Judith & Stanley Hammer, Judy & Corky Hustrulid

**Walter Byron Starnes:** Jerry Bain, Robin & Stephen Flinn, George & Patty McLarty, James & Mary Marsteller, Tom & Debbie Smothers, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Stout, Charles & Vanessa Surles, Bootsy Tucker

**Horace D. Steadman, Jr.:** Allen & Linda George, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Staples

**In Honor of:**

**Beachy & Dan Allen:** Mary Cullen & Trip Dixon

**Ann & Charles Cain:** Mary Cullen & Trip Dixon

**Howard Coble:** Tom Kearns

**Sally & John Farrar:** Mary Cullen & Trip Dixon

**Elizabeth & Sandy Finch:** Mary Cullen & Trip Dixon

**Lynn & Jim Finnegan:** Mary Cullen & Trip Dixon

**Molly & Van Fletcher:** Mary Cullen & Trip Dixon

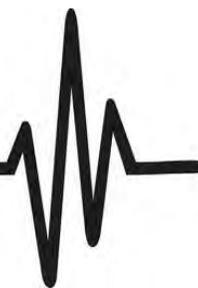
**Martha & Charles Harris:** Mary Cullen & Trip Dixon

**Cynthia & Shep Haw:** Mary Cullen & Trip Dixon

**Rev. Jared Stine:** Mary Jane Lindsay

**our church**

**family**



**Sympathies**

Margaret Huntley Smith Bass and family in the death of her father, **Randolph (Randy) Harrison Smith** on June 30, 2017

Sarah Jones and family in the death of her brother, **Donald James Chipman Jr.** on July 9, 2017

**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.

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**deadline**

**Friday, August 25**

**9:00 am**

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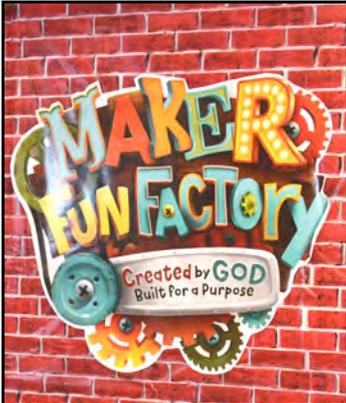


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# Vacation Bible School 2017



**MOVE UP**  
SUNDAY

**August 27**

Look  
For Details

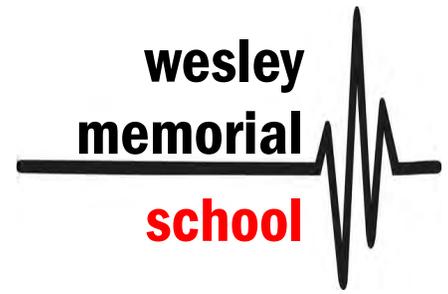




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## Summer

### Enrichment

Our young ones enjoyed special days in the ECO classroom, Nature Zone and the Petting Zoo. They “Stomped Through the Forest,” made zany recycled creations, and learned how we are special and created by God. In addition, there were volcanoes, “Fish The Magish”, a special Family Luau Celebration and a cool scoop of Kona Ice. WOW... what an amazing summer!

## Starting Our 54th Year In August

### Daily Schedule

NURSERY: *Beginners, Toddlers & Twos* 9:00 am—12:00 noon  
 PRESCHOOL: *Threes & Fours* 9:00 am—12:00 noon  
*“Lunch Bunch” Weds until 1:00*  
 KINDERGARTEN 9:00 am—1:00 pm

### Extend-the-Day Program (Parents may choose one for a 4-hr day)

Before School, 8:00-9 am OR After School, 12:00-1:00 pm

### Important Starting Dates

Monday, August 14	Preschool & Kindergarten Staff Return
Wednesday, August 16	Nursery Staff Return & “Welcome Back Breakfast” for total staff
Tuesday, August 22	PARENT NIGHT, families of ALL age-levels 6:30 pm Social & Refreshments, 7:00 pm Meeting
week of August 21	Student ORIENTATIONS ( <i>teachers schedule</i> )
Wednesday, August 23	Kindergarten Orientation Day, 9:00 am
Thursday, August 24	OPENING DAY of Preschool & Kindergarten
week of August 28	OPENING DAYS for Beginners, Toddlers, Twos

It is with great joy and excitement that we announce our new leadership team: JoAnn Clifton, Director and Susan Kelley, Associate Director.

JoAnn comes to us from Main Street UMC Preschool in Kernersville, NC where she taught from 1996-2001 and has served as Director since 2001. JoAnn is also a corporate trainer for Balancing Life’s Issues (BLI), New York.

Susan has served as the Assistant Director of Wesley Memorial School since 1999. She served as Acting Director from June 9 thru July 23.

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming our new leadership team to WMS!



**Steven Nelson**

Director of Student Ministries

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## Summer Nights

Student Ministries is offering summer nights filled with fun, fellowship, devotion, and prayer. Come out from 7-9 at the locations listed below. All students in grades 6-12 and their friends are invited to come together to grow in their faith and with each other. Drinks and dessert are provided on all these nights. They will rotate each night at a different house. Questions? Call/text Steven Nelson at: 910-232-6064

### August 2 Nunn Home

(1109 Wynnewood Avenue)

### August 9 Culler Home

(1108 Wynnewood Avenue)

## Sunday, August 20

Student Ministry  
Family Hour and  
Parent Meeting

*(more details soon)*

Please make plans to be in "The Underground" at 9:45 am

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Tuesdays thru August 15

### All Girls Bible Study (10:00 am–12:00 noon)



Girls of all ages (grades 6-12) and their friends are invited to a 2017 summer Bible study! Drinks and snacks will be provided. Bring \$5 for your book. We can't wait to see you and your friends.

**Location:** Nelson Home,  
1016 Wellington Street

### All Boys Bible Study (2:00 pm–4:00 pm)



Boys of all ages (grades 6-12) and their friends are invited to a 2017 summer Bible study! Drinks and candy are provided. Lots of fun stuff including basketball. We can't wait to see you and your friends!

**Location:** Wesley Memorial Fellowship Hall,  
1225 Chestnut Drive

## End of Summer Party

Wednesday, August 16: 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Open to all students in grades 6-12

Meet in "The Underground." Bring all your friends for awesome fellowship, food and fun. We will wrap-up all our fun from the summer and reflect on how we grew closer to Christ and each other. We will have a piñata, GaGa ball, Cornhole, Dodgeball, KanJam, Cup Showdown, Spikeball, Gladiator, Kickball, dinner, cake and an amazing time together.

## Sunday, August 27: Move-Up Sunday

We will have a special Sunday School hour and hope all our students will join us to reconnect with their teachers and welcome new students to our ministry. This is a great day to bring a new friend and plug them in early. More details soon. Please make plans to be in "The Underground" at 9:45 am on Sunday, August 27.

## Rev. Jared Stine

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

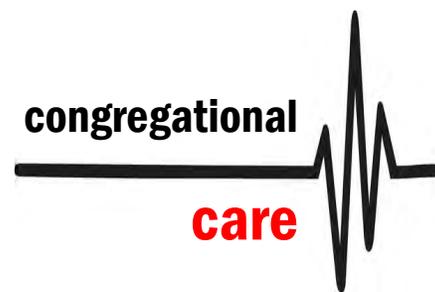
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## Congrats

### T.J. Webb

for receiving the Rev. Dr. Karen Laymen Gift of Hope scholarship. This is a United Methodist scholarship awarded to United Methodist students who are full-time, active members of the UMC and have demonstrated leadership in their local church. Congratulations, TJ!



*For more information about United Methodist scholarships, go to [gbhem.org](http://gbhem.org)*



On June 19, River Landing sponsored a Ministers Appreciation Lunch for all clergy with members residing at the retirement community. The chaplains at River Landing sponsored a program of appreciation for pastors. Jared Stine enjoyed lunch with **Dot Call, Tom Kearns, Eula Lyons, Nudi Maas, Elizabeth and Bill Mewborne, Alice Dudley, and Jo Goldston.**

## Come Serve With

### Student Ministries

#### Ward Street Outreach Dinner

Thursday, August 24, 4:00 pm-7:00 pm

Please come help us love and serve our neighbors at Ward Street UMC. We need as many students and their families as possible to come out. Please meet at Ward Street UMC kitchen off 1619 W. Ward Avenue, High Point NC 27260. Drop-off and pick-up will be at this location. Typically we are done serving/clean-up before 7:00 pm. Can't wait to serve with you!

## Thank you for an amazing first year of ministry at Wesley Memorial UMC!

The Nelson family would like to say thank you for your friendship, love, support and prayers during our first year in ministry here. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us to minister to students, their families, and ministry leaders. It has been a joy to come alongside them and watch them grow. Our time at Wesley Memorial has forever changed us. All of you have ministered to us and taught us what it looks like to welcome, serve, and come alongside others. We know the best is yet to come and are humbled that God called our family to partner with each of you in building His Kingdom through all we do at our church and beyond!!!



### Community Garden



The “garden guys and gals” have planted an assortment of produce in our campus garden that will be donated to Our Father’s Table at Open Door

Ministries. Our gardeners could really use some help! For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Bob Bass at 336-882-1163.

### Money Counters



Each Monday, a team of 2 dedicated volunteers meet at 9:00 am to count, record and prepare deposit slips for the Sunday morning offering. There is a Lead Counter and an Assistant Counter who work together (with

staff guidance and support) for about 2 hours. Each team typically counts once a month. If you would like to offer your time and talent in support of this administrative ministry, please contact Beth Rose Caudle at 336-812-4801.

### Summer Choir



Many of our choir members travel over the summer and some “move” to the beach or mountains. Please consider helping the choir during the summer months at the very

least. We rehearse on Wednesday August 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 6:45-8:15 pm and 10:30 am Sundays. If you have travel plans we can excuse you from a rehearsal or Sunday morning but please consider joining us as soon as possible.

**DRIVERS NEEDED**

**Feeding Lisa’s Kids**

Lisa Kiziah Hawley or 336-442-5866

deliver food boxes ♥ 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month

### Answering Phones



We are always looking for volunteers to help answer the phone and perform other light office work at the Front Desk between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. If you are able to donate just a

few hours of your time each week, we would greatly appreciate the support. Please contact Cynthia Reddick at 336-884-2204 for more Information.

**“Each one should use whatever gift they have received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”**

1 Peter 4:10



## Fairview Backpacks



The Fairview backpack team is gearing up for the summer feeding program. Each week, the children living in the Fairview community receive lunches in the school cafeteria Monday through Thursday. Wesley Memorial provides individual lunches for those children Friday through Sunday. We are in need of

- ♥ single servings of milk
- ♥ fruit cups
- ♥ fruit juice
- ♥ breakfast items
- ♥ protein items

Thank you for your willingness to support this mission. If you have any questions, please contact Ivey Orr at [iveyorr1@gmail.com](mailto:iveyorr1@gmail.com)



The mission project for VBS is collecting school supplies for Fairview Elementary School. Teachers often have to reach into their own pockets to help supply the needs in their classroom. Please help ease their burden. Particular items needed are:

- ♥ composition books & notebook paper
- ♥ pencils, markers, crayons
- ♥ 2-pocket folders
- ♥ tissues
- ♥ glue sticks

Collection bins are in the Elementary Hall and the Adult Sunday School area.

## Wesley Singers

### Endowment

Our Wesley Singers provide the only special music at the 8:30 Chapel service from September-April and greatly enhance the choir music at 11:00 service. You may direct contributions to the Wesley Singer Endowment Fund by writing a check to Wesley Memorial UMC with “Wesley Singers Endowment” on the memo line. Help us ensure that this important program continues to enhance worship and the lives of our talented young singers.



## Support VBS at Ward Street



After a wonderful VBS week at WMUMC, Debbie, Anne and all the VBS volunteers take their “show on the road” and offer VBS at Ward Street UMC.

Financial donations are greatly appreciated as they help cover the cost of supplies, materials and snacks for the children not covered by our operating budget. We do not charge for VBS as many churches do, so any donation would be greatly appreciated. To make a tax-deductible contribution, please make your check payable to WMUMC and write VBS in the memo line.

Thank you!

**“One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.”**

Proverbs 11:24-25



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♥ UMW Board will meet Tuesday, Sept. 5, 10:30 am in the Small Dining Room

♥ Northern Piedmont District Annual Celebration and Walk for Mission, Saturday, Sept. 16, Muirs Chapel UMC, Greensboro

♥ UMW Annual Celebration, Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, Lake Junaluska, "Change is Good".

♥ Mobile Meals needs drivers and subs for the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. The shifts usually run 9:30 to 11 am. Contact Lucille Duncan or Joyce Stephens if you are able to help.

### Circle Meetings in August

♥ FAITH Circle - will meet Sunday, August 20. Family get together. Details TBA



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 Small Dining Room. Contact **Lee Huff** at 336-884-9165, **Karen Sumner** at 336-883-8721 or **Linda Dale** at 336-884-5121.

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