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Senior Pastor

Organizing to Beat the Devil!

The Methodist historian, Charles W. Ferguson wrote a book in 1971 with the intriguing title "Organizing to Beat the Devil: Methodists and the Making of America." It was a book about the Methodist enthusiasm to transform our nation with the power of Jesus Christ and the spread of scriptural holiness. We have an audacious reason for existing. As we say in our Book of Worship, "The Church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time, for the conduct of worship and the due administration of God's Word



and Sacraments, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and *the conversion of the world*" (emphasis added). We have a bold mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Historically, in our best moments, Methodists have been flexible and proactive because we have been mission-focused and mission-driven. While staying focused on our theological imperatives, we have been constantly adapting our structures. During my ministry, I've seen churches organized in several different ways: Boards of Stewards, Administrative Boards, Council on Ministries, Church Councils, etc. Changing our structure is one of the things we've done well. Wesley Memorial Church has been part of three different Methodist denominations with many different local structures since 1856. We've always done what was necessary to get the job done.

After a four-year long discernment process of study and reflection, we are

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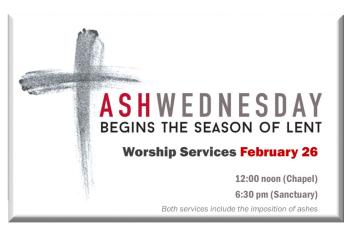
proposing a modified structure to help us be more nimble, flexible, effective, and fruitful. We want to simplify our process to allow us to be more proactive, transparent, and focused on ministry not meetings. Our 15-member Administrative board will be trained to function like the older Board of Stewards model. It will meet monthly and transact the administrative business of the congregation. Our ministry teams, who carry out the ministries of our congregation, will basically stay the same. Four to six times a year, the Ministry Team Chairs or Representatives will meet with the Administrative Board. While everyone is always invited to attend any of our meetings, three to four times a year, we will have Town Halls where the Administrative Board will report to the congregation. The present Church Council in Charge Conference session will consider this proposal in the near future.

I am excited about the Spirit's movement in our congregation. We will bear spiritual fruit as we maintain a laser-like focus on each one of us faithfully knowing and serving Christ in the world. May we lead each other into the exciting future that God is preparing for our congregation.

With Confidence in Christ.

Pastor Jeff

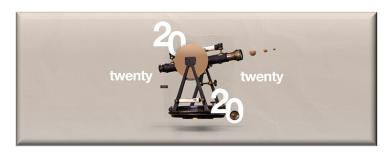




Pastor Jeff, Tammy, and about 36 of our members will be traveling to Israel from February 14—25. Please keep them in your payers.



The **February Memory Café** we will be doing activities for Valentines Day! Valentines Bingo, Decorating Valentine Cookies, and making jewelry for a loved one!



February Sermon Series

February 2: God's Vision for Holiness

February 9: God's vision for worship

February 16: God's vision for prayer

February 23: God's vision for hands on mission

Structure Proposal 2020

Administrative Board (formerly Trustees, Facilities, Finance, Stewardship, Staff Parish)

- 2 Co-Lay Leaders
- 9 Members At Large (3 Trustees, 3 Finance, 3 Staff Parish)



15 Voting Members

Plus:

- 1 Senior Pastor (voice with no vote)
- 1 Director of Administration (voice with no vote)

Purpose/Function - perform and coordinate duties/responsibilities previously held by Board of Trustees/Facilities Team, Finance/Stewardship Teams, Staff Parish Relations Team. Recruit and empower task-specific volunteers and sub-teams as appropriate.

Proposed 2020 Meeting Schedule:

2/8 **2020 Leadership Summit** (all church leadership—Administrative Board and ALL Ministry Team members)

2nd Tuesday of each month (March—December in 2020) Administrative Board Meeting Plus:

Round Table (Administrative Board + Ministry Team Chairs/Reps + clergy/staff) 4-6 times per year (for example: March, April, June, August, December) **Purpose/Function**—information sharing & ministry coordination.

Will form **Charge Conference** as appropriate.

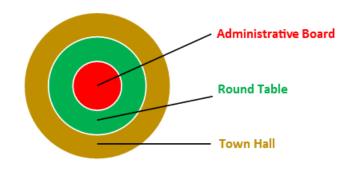
Town Hall (Administrative Board + all Ministry Teams + clergy/staff + Congregation) 3-4 times per year (for example: January, May, September, November) **Purpose/Function**—information sharing, ministry celebration, congregational input

Ministry Teams (no proposed structural changes)

Adult Education & Spiritual Formation, Children's Ministries, Congregational Care Evangelism & Hospitality, Mission & Community Impact, Senior Adult Council, Student Ministries Adult Leadership Team, Victoria Qubein Fund, Wesley Memorial School Board

Plus: United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women

(This is DRAFT working document subject to minor changes)



2020 Administrative Board Nominations

Co-Lay Leaders

Mary Sansing ('21) and Jim Holcomb ('20)

At Large Members (Finance, Trustee, SPRC)

Samantha Klemme (Fin '22), Harvey Lowd (Fin '21), Lore Fariss (Fin '20)

David Pruette (Tr '22), Henry McMullan (Tr '21), Don Shaw (Tr '20)

Tom Smothers (SP '22), Iris Sunshine (SP '21), Alisha Boger (SP '21)

Annual Conference Delegate

Dan Smoak ('23), Jerry Cornwell ('23), Kyle Brown ('20), George McLarty ('20)

Voice with No Vote

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Sr. Pastor Scott Howell, Administration

2020 Ministry Team Nominations

Adult Education & Spiritual Formation

Laney Morris (Chair) '20 Tony Alexander '20 Wray Hodgin '20 Ann Reece '21 Sylvia Cook '21 Margaret Buchanan '21 Jim Williamson '22 Linda Smoak '22

Children's Ministries Team

Cynthia Tobin '20 Carolyn Steed '20 Sarah Petty '20 Tracy Briggs '21 Alison Yates '21

Beth Holbrook (Chair) '21

April Maines '22 Barbara Frye '22 Alison Collins '22

Congregational Care Team Brenda Bradner (Chair) '20

Emilie Rogers '20 Sharon Beck '20 Bill Russell '21

Bobbie Rasmussen '21

Liz Jones '21
Pete Thompson '22
Cathy Weaver '22
Vanessa Surles '22

Evangelism & Hospitality Team

Carolyn Shaw '20

Lisa Johnston (co-chair) '20

Laura Amos '20 Susan Hedrick '21

Daniel Dale (co-chair) '21

Mac Lane '21 Rick Amos '22 Martha Bass '22 Carol Young '22

Missions & Community Impact

Ivey Orr '20

Charles Surles (Co-Chair)'20

Rick Lutz '20 Pat Colonna '21

David Adams (Co-Chair) '21

Dwight Steed '21 Tina Thomasson '22 Dale Williams '22 Buddy Wilson '22

Senior Adult Council

Susan Sumpter (Chair) '20

Joel Key '20 Lucille Duncan '20 Mary Ann Bohi '21 Debbie York '21 Susan Browder '21 Tom Mason '22 Jerry Tucker '22 Betsy Hodge '22 Student Ministries Adult Leadership

Tom Smothers (Chair) '20 Michele Lane '20 Ken Marsh '20 Lisa Cheek '20 Trip Dixon '20 Robert Yates '20

Victoria Qubein Fund

Gwen Russell Andy Bills (Chair) Mary Drummond Everette Grayson

Mariana Qubein (ex-officio)

WMS Board

Sherman Covington (Chair) Joni Lackey (Vice Chair) Barbara Coughlin Brad Samuel

Kathy White (Secretary)

Kay Tucker Jessica Nelson Kate Poage

Leadership & Nominations

Linda McCoy '20 Tracy Brown '20 George McLarty '20 Tyler Tobin '21 Stephanie Beaver '21 Mark Morgan '21

Debbie Smother (Co-Chair) '22

Matt Cochran '22 Katherine McMullan '22 Jeff Patterson (Chair)

Wednesday Night Merge Resumes February 12, 6:45-8:00 pm

I Said This You Heard That: How Your Wiring Colors Your Communication

Open to ALL adults! Life Groups for Middle School students after worship. We gather for worship at 6:45 pm in The Underground (look for the Orange flag). Drinks, snacks & childcare provided (register for childcare at wesleymemorial.org/childcare). This study will include worship and short videos with time for discussion, prayer and community encouragement. It is our hope to encourage and equip you and your family this semester Contact Steven Nelson with questions. Books are available at the front desk for \$15.







Before you open your mouth again, learn:

- The words you need to hear from others;
- The words your loved ones need from you;
- The words you're most likely to use as weapons;
- The words that will wound your loved ones.

Save the Dates 2020

Spring Workshop: March 6 - 8

Confirmation Retreat: March 21

Confirmation Sunday: March 22

Middle School Lock-in: April 4

Alpha Omega Sunday: May 17

ManTreat: May 30 - May 31

Church Camp: June 15 - 20

WMUMC VBS: July 20 - 23

Mission Trip: July 26 - August 1

Carowinds: August 6

Spring Workshop

Registration

Opens February 1

All Middle & High School

Students and their Friends!

(grades 6-12)

We're returning to

Valle Crucis, NC

Great food, great times,
great speakers and awesome
opportunity to get away and grow!
Register online at

www.wesleymemorial.org/students



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> Director of Student Ministries

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reservations

CHILD



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Associate Pastor of Congregational Care & Missions

Book Club 10:30 am •Lunch & Program 11:45 am

L | V E all the Serving Adults 55+

Reservations 336.884.2204 (by 2/14)



Want to learn to care for people who are grieving and how to reach out to others with the love of Christ in more intentional ways?

On **Saturday March 7**, Wesley Memorial will host a **Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop** from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The half-day workshop is designed to help you personally care for hurting people more effectively and assist your entire congregation with expanding their caring ministry within the church. The cost is \$15 cost per person. To register, please call **314.428.2600** or visit **www.stephenministry.org/workshop**

Members of Wesley Memorial are invited to participate free of charge. If you attend Wesley Memorial and would like to attend or desire more information, please contact Mike Flack at 336.812.3559 or email him at gmflack@northstate.net.

Please share the information with your friends in other congregations, who would benefit from this training or whose churches are looking to grow in this ministry area. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity for personal development!





Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice used by many different faiths for spiritual centering, contemplation, and prayer. Entering the serpentine path of a **labyrinth**, you **walk** slowly while quieting your mind and focusing on a spiritual question or prayer.

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ,

These past many months have brought some exciting growth at Wesley Memorial. We welcomed 23 new members on December 15th, and we already have several people signed up for our next two week Wesley 101 class April 19 and 26. There are several reasons for this growth, namely:

- Offering ministries and sermon series that are relevant to all age ranges;
- Many of you have been using the 5-5-5 Rule on Sunday mornings: take 5 minutes to speak to 5 people within 5 feet of you that you do not know;
- Increased visibility in our community: many of you have been sharing on social media, inviting friends to church and using our car magnets and stickers. Keep it up!

Considering this growth, a noticeable fruit has been increased Sunday worship attendance. As you can see below, we have had a marked increase so far this year in attendance when compared to 2017-2019 and an overall growth trajectory as a congregation.

- 2017 averages: 8:30 Chapel 42, 8:30/9:45 Contemporary 130, 11:00 Traditional – 217
- 2018 averages: 8:30 Chapel 44, 8:30/9:45 Contemporary 129, 11:00 Traditional – 200
- 2019 averages: 8:30 Chapel 50, 9:45 Contemporary 144, 11:00 Traditional 208
- January 2020 average: 8:30 Chapel 56, 9:45 Contemporary 184, 11:00 Traditional – 200

Whenever a space reaches 80% capacity, you have essentially reached capacity for receiving new guests. With a crowd over 80% capacity, the space begins to feel too full and can actually inhibit growth. If you combine the 9:45 Fellowship Hall space issue with the ongoing time conflict of those who attend 9:45 Sunday School (who also desire to attend contemporary worship), it is necessary to initiate a 2nd contemporary service time.

I am excited to announce that starting Easter Sunday, April 12 we will resume the 8:30am Contemporary service as an additional service to meet these demands. Friends, this is a good "problem" to have as our church continues to grow and we make room for new guests and future church members. The initial cancelation of the 8:30 contemporary service in June 2019 was the right decision at the time. It helped us reassess our ministry strategy and time structure. Now that the Spirit has helped build a critical mass at the 9:45 service, we are poised for another exciting chapter of ministry at Wesley Memorial that not only will welcome in new guests, but also will connect more people into discipleship opportunities at 9:45, thereby furthering overall spiritual growth as a congregation.

If you have questions, please contact me. I'm glad to visit any circles or groups as well.

Christ in us!



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Director of Children's Ministries

Save the Dates

Older Kids Easter Event April 3 ● 6-8:00 pm

Easter Eggstravaganza **April 5 ● 3-5:00 pm**

Nesley Memorial Children's Ministries

Created by God

for 5th graders and their parents Thursday, February 27 through Saturday, February 29



Cost is \$50 per child and will cover book, meals (Friday dinner and Saturday lunch) and leaders. A letter with complete details and registration information was sent to all 5th grade families in early January. This is open to anyone in the community, so feel free to invite friends. For more information please contact Debbie Foust or Kim Suda at ksuda@wesleymemorial.org.





COME JOIN IN THE FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS & learn God's Word in fun and exciting new ways!

Children Kindergarten thru 5th Grade SUNDAYS February 23—March 22

4:45-6:00 pm

Register: ksuda@wesleymemorial.org **NO COST**



Vacation Bible School

For children 3 years old* – 5th grade (*must turn 4 by 8.31.20) Monday, July 20-Thursday 23 9:00am - 12:30 pm

At Rocky Railway VBS, kids discover Jesus' power can pull them through life's ups and downs. Rocky Railway is filled with incredible Biblelearning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life.

ON line registration will begin mid-May.

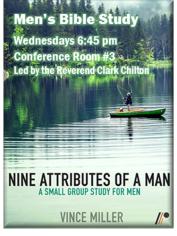
Director of Children's Ministries Search Update

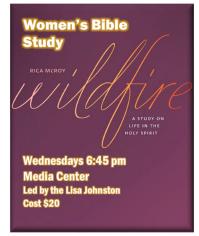
In January, our Search Team participated in an on-line training session with Sara Baily (Search Manager) and Aly Eaton (Search Recruiter) from Ministry Architects. During this meeting team members **Gwen Russell, Alison Collins, Alison Yates, Tom Smothers, Beth Holbrook, Iris Sunshine,** and **Sarah Petty** reviewed the job description, explored possible interviewing scenarios, and confirmed the process schedule. **Cynthia Tobin** also serves on the Search Team but was unable to attend this meeting.

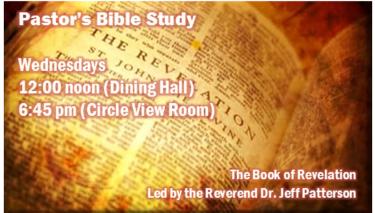
Currently, the job description has been posted on various recruiting and social media sites (*go to our Facebook page and share the posting with any qualified candidate you may know*). Aly and Sara with Ministry Architects are finding and vetting candidates. The Search Team expects to receive and review a short list of candidates in early February. This review will include watching on-line interviews between the candidates and Ministry Architects and reviewing resumes, CVs and other materials. From the short list, the team will select candidates to bring on-site for an interview and to observe interaction with children and families in late February.

Although we anticipate identifying and extending an offer in March, it is likely that the new person will not start until after Easter and possibly later. Debbie and the Children's Ministries Team are working together to ensure Sunday School, Bible Explorers, Created by God, Easter activities, and even Vacation Bible School will all happen. Debbie is still present and working with staff, volunteers and the Children's Ministry Team to ensure an organized transition as she moves to her final Sunday at Wesley Memorial which will be March 29..











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Finding the Baby Jesus

How precious it was for our students to experience the "**Epiphany Walk**". Our preschoolers and Kindergarteners experienced a journey, as the wisemen experienced a journey, to find the Baby Jesus. After several stations, they found Mary holding her baby; tucked in a quiet, candlelit room. The children continue their understanding and learning of Jesus. They learn how He grew and what life was like in Bethlehem and Nazareth, where Jesus lived and grew up with his family.





It is time to Register for 2020-21 School Year! Come to an OPEN HOUSE event

Kindergarten Friday, February 7

Pre-K Fours Wednesday, February 12

All Ages Friday, Feb. 14

Each Open House event will begin at 9:15 am in the Children's Gathering Space. We will break into groups and tour the classrooms.

We Remember and Honor our Loved Ones

In Memory of:

Gifts received December 2019

Pat Anderson: Tammy Wright

William McIllwaine Blanton, Jr.: Nancy & Tom Beard; Becky

& Herman Hunter; George & Patty McLarty

Eugene Bohi: Becky & Herman Hunter; George & Patty

McLarty

Carolyn Bundy: George & Patty McLarty **Jimmy Carroll:** George & Patty McLarty

Howard Coble: Wanna Blanton; Mike & Teresa Flack; Pat & Everette Grayson; George & Patty McLarty; Laney & George Morris; Gaston Penry; Raymond & Liz Rogers Betsy Collins: Bob & Janie Bass; Nan & Buck Kester; Gina Echols Laney; Harold & Betty Martin; George & Patty McLarty; Joe & Judy Needham; Catherine & Randy

Niebauer; Charlie & Patsy Surles

Robert Culp, III: Becky & Herman Hunter; George & Patty

McLarty

David A. Dowdy, Jr.: George & Patty McLarty **Betty Anne Harrison:** Elizabeth Harrison

Jean Holcomb (mother of Jim Holcomb): George & Patty

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William Horney: George & Patty McLarty; Betty Jo Kellam;

Becky & Herman Hunter

Wayne Patterson (father of Jeff Patterson): George & Patty

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E. Leonard Sanders: Beverly Sanders
Ed Smothers: George & Patty McLarty

Gerald Steed (brother of Dwight Steed): George & Patty

McLarty

Mary Louise Stone: Rusty Payne & Gib White

Tom Stout: George & Patty McLarty

Juanita Thomas (mother of Judi Osborne): George & Patty

McLarty

Martha Nell Tucker: Elizabeth Harrison

Bob & Modine Vaughn: Robert & Betty Vaughn

June Zike: Bob & Janie Bass; Lucille Duncan; Corky & Judy Hustrulid; Harold & Betty Martin; Mary & Tom Mason; Joe & Judy Needham; Catherine & Randy Niebauer; Nido & Mariana Qubein; Bob & Ginny Reetz; Raymond & Liz

Rogers; Caren & Greg York

In Honor of:

Gifts received December 2019

Bill Anderson: Mary Locklear; Bootsy Tucker; Tammy

Wright

Keith Byrd: Lucille Duncan

Anne Carroll: Mike & Teresa Flack

The Reverend Chilton Clark & Family: Mike & Teresa Flack

Kitty Coble: Mike & Teresa Flack Kathy Coble: Mike & Teresa Flack

Dr. & Mrs. Rod Fulcher: Mike & Teresa Flack

Joe Gamble: Mike & Teresa Flack Ken Geddie: Mike & Teresa Flack Jackie Gillespie: Mike & Teresa Flack

Beth Harrison: Bootsy Tucker **Nat Harrison:** Elizabeth Harrison

The Reverend Melissa Lowe & Family: Mike & Teresa Flack

Joann McCuiston: Rusty Payne & Gib White George & Patty McLarty: Susan & George McLarty Sandra McNeil: Susanna Wesley SS Class Steven Nelson: Wesley Memorial UMW

Karen Odom: Andrea Cozart

Richard L. Orr, Jr. & Family: Rusty Payne & Gib White
The Reverend Barry Osborne: Susanna Wesley SS Class
The Reverend Dr. & Mrs. Jeff Patterson: Mike & Teresa Flack

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pifferetti: Mike & Teresa Flack

Susan Ravenel: Gail Lassiter

Bishop Tom Stockton: Mike & Teresa Flack **Julian Bernard White:** Rusty Payne & Gib White

Marcia Williams: Mike & Teresa Flack Meryle Wilson: Mike & Teresa Flack Sarah Woolen: Mike & Teresa Flack

In Memoriam

Betsy Huggin Collins, December 22, 2019
Sandra Kendall Rittenhouse, January 10, 2020

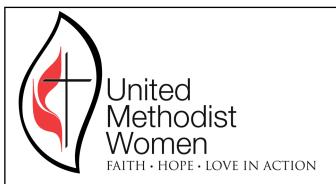
Sympathies

Bill Collins, Jamie Collins, Mary Frances and **James** upon the death of their wife, mother and grandmother; Betsy Huggin Collins on December 22, 2019

Bobby Russell, Emma Caroline, Ella Catherine & Grant Russell upon the death of their Mother and grandmother; Caroline Russell on December 29, 2019

Dan Bixler and family upon the death of his mother; Frances Bixler on January 9, 2020

The family of Sandra Kendall Rittenhouse upon her death on January 10, 2020



UMW Sunday is February 2.

The United Methodist Women of Wesley Memorial is hosting a social event for all women, visitors and their guests on Sunday, February 2, 2-4 pm in The Asbury Room. Becky Yates of Caring Services Inc will talk about the services that agency provides in our community. Join us for refreshments and fellowship before Becky's presentation.

UMW Board Meeting - Monday, February 3, 10:30 am, small dining room

Circle 6 will be sponsoring a **Blood Drive**, Sunday, March 15 in the Dining Hall. More details to come.

Circle Meetings in February:

Circle #6 - Monday, February 10, 7:00pm at Providence Place. Speaker is Robin Thomas.

Circle #8 - Tuesday, February 11, 11:30 am, Dining Hall. Lunch and speaker Robin Frost Clark

Circle #9 - Tuesday, February 18, 10:30 am, Dining Hall

Angel Tree and Friendship Circle will not meet.

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Deadline Thursday, February 20 5:00 pm

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