

# The HeartBeat

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church  
High Point, North Carolina

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## Falling back into church life and ministry

After the months of hot weather, I've heard so many people say, "I'm ready for the fall." Fall means not only cooler weather and colorful landscapes, but also falling back into some of the routines that shape our lives ... school and work, football and soccer, AND CHURCH. I'm prayerful that as this fall begins you and your family will fall into full participation in the life and ministry of Wesley Memorial. This Heartbeat contains some of the extraordinary ministries that will be happening at this extraordinary church. I look forward to seeing you often this fall.

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### New District Is Formed

Wesley Memorial will host a special worship service "constituting" the new Northern Piedmont District on Sunday, September 9, at 4 pm. Bishop Larry Goodpaster will be the preacher for this service and our new District Superintendent, Dr. Nancy Rankin will be introduced. Everyone is invited to attend. (The Northern Piedmont District is made up of 156 churches from parts of the old High Point, Greensboro and Northeast Districts.)

### New Sermon Series begins September 16

For six weeks during September and October, the sermon theme will be "This We Believe" and the sermons will focus on the Apostles' Creed. This affirmation of faith sets forth some of the core convictions of the Christian faith. We will explore the importance of this creed in "making and sustaining spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ."



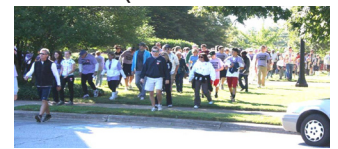
Crop Walk is coming back to Wesley Memorial September 30!  
**3 pm~Registration**  
**4 pm~Walk**

Sign up to be a walker or spirit walker (unable to walk but want to help fundraise) on Team Wesley Memorial at [www.churchworldservice.org/goto/wesleymemorial](http://www.churchworldservice.org/goto/wesleymemorial). Help us raise \$10,000.



We need over 30 volunteers for set up, clean up, hospitality and more. To sign up to volunteer please contact Dianna Carter ([dtrwcarter@earthlink.net](mailto:dtrwcarter@earthlink.net) or 812-8179).

One hundred percent of money raised will go to support Church World Service ([www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)) and Open Door Ministries of High Point ([www.odm-hp.org](http://www.odm-hp.org)).



**FREE dinner for EVERYONE on September 12 compliments of Wesley 100, who will prepare all of the Wednesday Dinners. We'll be serving Meatloaf, Rice & Gravy, Green Beans, Dessert & Tea. Bring a hearty appetite and a heart ready to sing. More on pg. 2**

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## Wednesday Dinners Return! September 12

Wonderful Wednesdays are a perfect time for our church family to come together to dine, have fellowship, connect and grow. Dinner is served from 5:45 until 6:30 pm in the Dining Hall beginning September 12. The cost is only \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for those 14-18 years of age and free for those under 14. Each week we will have a presentation/program during dinner (usually beginning around 6:10 pm). The list of scheduled events follow the weekly menus below.

Come by the church office to purchase a ticket during the week or call the church office at 884-2204 to make a reservation. Mark your calendar today.

Dinner is followed by one of the following: Hunger Class, Bible Study on Luke, A Disciple's Path/Wesley 201 Class, Chrismon Class, Chancel Choir and Middle and Sr. High School Fall Bible Study. Prior to dinner Confirmation Class, Children's Choirs and Children's Handbell Class will be held. There is something for everyone so make church a family priority each and every Wednesday night.

### The menus for September & October are:

**September 12**~Meatloaf, Rice & Gravy, Green Beans, Dessert & Tea (Hymn Sing)

**September 19**~Chicken Marsala, Pasta, Salad, Bread and Dessert (Presentation from Henderson Settlement Mission Trip) Children's menu is Pasta w/meat sauce, Salad, Bread and Dessert.

**September 26**~Salisbury Style Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread and Dessert. (Youth Presentation) Children's menu is same as adult menu.

**October 3**~Braised BBQ Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Slaw, Bread and Dessert Children's menu is same as adult menu with Chicken Legs.

**October 10**~Pork Tenderloin Cutlets, Corn Bread Stuffing, Mixed Vegetables, Bread and Dessert Children's menu is Hot Dog, Chips, and Carrots.

**October 17**~Chicken Salad Plate, Bread and Dessert. Children's menu is Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, and Applesauce.

**October 24**~Shrimp & Grits w/Baby Spinach, Bread and Dessert. Children's menu is Pizza, Salad and Dessert.

**October 31**~No Meal Due to Halloween/Weekday Conference.

### The Wesley 100

*Present a special program and dinner with*  
**Command Master Chief James G. Parlier, U.S.N.**  
**September 10, 2012; 6 pm**  
**Wesley Memorial Dining Hall**

James G. Parlier, a distinguished and decorated U.S. Navy Veteran will offer his unique perspective and personal experience while serving as Command Master Chief aboard the Guided Missile Destroyer USS COLE on October 12, 2000. The date the ship was attacked while it was in the port of Aden, Yemen.

Dinner will be NO CHARGE, but donations made to help defray costs will be appreciated.

*Reservations are needed and will be limited to the first 250. Make your reservations now by calling the church office at 884-2204.*

### Kathy Tapped for Institute

The SPRC is excited to announce that Kathy Barba Pierce, our Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Formation, has been selected to be one of 15 clergy from the Western North Carolina and Florida Conferences to participate in the 2012-13 Institute of Preaching. The Institute is a highly selective program designed to make gifted preachers excel in their field. In addition to participating in seminars over the next 9 months, Kathy will be meeting regularly with a small group from Wesley Memorial to receive constructive sermon feedback. We are proud that one of our preachers is participating in this endeavor and we wish Kathy all the best.

## Day Retreat for Unity Groups September 15; 9:30-3:30pm

Are you unsure what Unity Groups are? Would you like to learn more about Unity Groups and how they function? Are you in a Unity Group yourself? If you answered yes to any of these questions, this day retreat is for you. It will be a time for everyone to learn more about the importance of community and spiritual growth by exploring the five essential elements of a unity group: worship and prayer, study, fellowship, accountability, and mission/outreach. This day retreat is for everyone. The cost is \$15/person. This includes refreshments, lunch and materials.

Register by September 10 with Melissa Coley at [mcoley@wesley memorial.org](mailto:mcoley@wesley memorial.org) or 812-4806.

## **Fall Formation Classes**

The following classes are going to be available starting in September. For more detailed information, please visit our website [www.wesleymemorial.org](http://www.wesleymemorial.org) or the August HeartBeat.

### ***On Sundays...***

#### **Wesley 201: A Disciple's Path**

Beginning on September 9; 6pm, Kathy Barba Pierce will guide us in exploring how to grow deeper and live faithfully as a United Methodist. The cost of the workbook is \$10.

### ***On Mondays...***

#### ***The Sacred Echo: Why is Prayer so Mysterious?***

Beginning September 10; 9:15 am, Kathy Barba Pierce will help lead us in exploring prayer and how to discern the "sacred echoes" of God's voice in our lives. The cost of the workbook is \$8.

#### **Bible Study taught by Jean Stockton**

Beginning on September 10; 10:30 am, Jean Stockton will lead you through a book in the Bible.

#### **Dr. Mickey Efird's class**

Beginning September 10; 6:45 pm, Dr. Efird will be teaching us about Jeremiah.

### ***On Wednesdays...***

*(Childcare is available on Wednesday nights through Cornerstone Kids or childcare for the younger children.)*

#### **Mid-Week Communion**

Beginning on September 12; 11 am, Richard Howle will lead our Communion Service in the Chapel.

#### **Bible Study Lunch**

Beginning on September 12; 12 pm, Bible Study will be held in the Dining Hall. The cost of lunch will remain at \$5.00 per person and reservations are required by 2 pm on the preceding Monday. All are invited.

**Jean Stockton will be the guest teacher for the Wednesday Bible Study and Lunch on September 12 and 19 at noon. Jean is a wonderful Bible teacher and we are grateful that she comes to share her biblical insights in this venue. (When Al Ward returns to teaching on September 26, he will be leading a study of Paul's Letter to the Romans.)**

#### **Wesley 201: A Disciple's Path**

Beginning on September 12; 6:45 pm, Kathy Barba Pierce will guide us in exploring how to grow deeper and live faithfully as a United Methodist. The cost of the workbook is \$10.

#### **Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke**

Beginning September 12; 6:45 pm, Barbara Coughlin and Dwight Steed will guide your exploration of the story of Jesus Christ as it is told in Luke. The cost of the book is \$9.

#### **Making Chrismons Class**

Beginning on September 12; 6:45 pm, Beth Blake will teach you how to make or repair Chrismons that will be hung on our Sanctuary Christmas trees.

#### **Hunger: Who Cares About Hungry People?**

Beginning September 12; 6:45 pm, Meredith Martin will be guiding you in discussion about hunger issues and how we, as Christians, are called to respond.

### ***On Thursdays...***

#### **WOW Bible study**

Beginning September 6; 9:15 am, Susan Meisky and Susan Weis will lead you through Priscilla Shirer's study on Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted. The cost for the workbook is \$18. Childcare is available, but it must be requested prior to study date.

**Workbooks are available at the front desk. Please register for the classes and childcare by calling or emailing Melissa Coley at 812-4806 or [mcoley@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:mcoley@wesleymemorial.org).**



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## Youth News...

**What a Super Sunday!!!** Over 125 students and lots of parents enjoyed a weekend packed full of fun and food. We welcomed the class of 2019 into Student Ministries and kicked off school year with fun bounce activities on Super Sunday. Thanks to Wesley 100 for preparing and serving the wonderful food and to all the volunteers who helped out during the night.

**Student Bible Study** – Wednesday Night 6:30-9:00 pm  
The youth share fellowship, snacks and Bible study, as well as other activities. Our Bible lessons encourage students to think more deeply about God and how to apply Scripture to their lives.

### Program Schedule:

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm: Middle School

7:45 pm to 9:00 pm: High School

**MYF – Methodist Youth Fellowship:** Sunday evening from 5-8 pm. Dinner at 5:30 pm (\$5) followed by a time of worship and study. We encourage everyone to attend this time that will promote greater accountability and opportunity to form powerful relationships.

### MYF Program Schedule:

4 pm: Youth Choir/ Praise Band Rehearsal;

5 pm: Food and Gathering time, Games

6 pm: Large Group - Worship

7 pm: Games and Activities

8 pm: Youth Area Closes

**Tsunami Retreat for all students** - FX2012 weekend is October 5-7 at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC. The students will experience loud music, crazy games, sports, good food, and a great message. Registration and payment need to be completed by September 21. \$119 cost includes: Lodging, meals, t-shirt and event activities.

### Support Student Ministries & Promote your church—Buy a T-Shirt!

Student Ministries is selling clothing items (T-Shirts, Hoodies, Caps) to support the events and activities of the youth. Please support the student ministries by purchasing a wonderful church shirt. The sale ends on September 9!

**Pumpkins are Coming! Please mark your calendars to help unload on October 13 at 9 am.**



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## Music Notes...

The forest would be a very quiet place if only the most talented birds sang. Everyone has a song to sing and we invite you to join us as we share our gifts and talents praising God!



A parent meeting will be held FOR ALL children's choirs on Wednesday, September 5 at 5 pm in the Choir Room. Children's Choir Rehearsals will begin the week of September 10.

*The following are the choirs and ages available for Children:*

**Serendipities Choir**~Ages K4 - Grade 1, Hannah Dougherty, Director - meets on the Elementary Hallway on Wednesdays, 5:15-5:45 pm.

**Carillon Choir**~Grade 2 - Grade 5, Michael Dougherty, Director – meets in the Choir Room on Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm.

**Wesley Ringers Handbells**~Grade 3 - Grade 5, Frank Pifferetti, Director – meets in the Handbell Room on Wednesdays, 4:15-5:15 pm.

**Youth Handbells**~Grade 6 - Grade 12, Michael Dougherty, Director – meets in the Sanctuary Balcony on Wednesdays, 4:15-5:15 pm.

Adult Choirs also have openings for the coming program year. Chancel Choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, August 29 at 6:45 pm. Chancel Bells rehearsals will begin Thursday, August 30 at 7:30 pm. No experience for either choir is necessary, but an ability to read music is helpful.

If you have any questions about the Choir program at the church or how you may be able to get involved, please contact Michael Dougherty at 812-4816.



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**Children's Sunday School**

Grow, Proclaim, Serve

Hop into Sunday school and meet Leaper the tree frog and all the people at Leaper's Point who will be guiding children through each week in Sunday school. Children's Faith will Grow in Leaps and Bounds.

A big thanks to the follow people who will be serving the church by teaching the Children for the 2012-2013 year.

**Crib room-** Volunteers serve on a monthly rotation Laura Amos, Ardith Pugh, Joyce Stephens, Ceci Thomas, Laura Gibson, Kay Skillman, Teresa Skillman, Teresa Slane, Marcia Williams, Patricia Nash, Carolyn Steed

**Toddlers:** Monica Krajisnick

**Twos:** Wilma Wooten

**Threes & Fours:** Audrey Miller, Susan Hedrick

**Kindergarten/First Grade:** Alison Collins, Polly Geisler, Bridget Dorn

**Second Grade:** Judy Needham, Chelsea Cook

**Third Grade:** Catherine Niebauer, Stephanie Beaver, Caroline Culler, Melanie Eskew

**Fourth Grade:** Miriam Ward, Susan Meisky

**Fifth Grade:** Sara Dyson, Jennifer Lechner

**Subs:** Dawn Miller, Martha Redmond, Lori Lundy, Susan Kelley, Carol Harris, Ann Linthicum

**Created By God-Tweens, Faith, and HUMAN SEXUALITY**

*A Workshop for 6th Graders (and their Parents)*

**September 6-8, 2012 Cost will be \$50.00**

This study offers children the support of Christian values based on Biblical references as well as biological information at age appropriate levels. It is one of our milestone markers in the Faith development of our young persons at Wesley Memorial – and the expectation that EVERY 6th grader will plan to attend. We also welcome friends and family members who are in the 6th grade to attend as well. At least one parent is required to attend the orientation session on Thursday evening, and the parent-child session on Saturday. We are so pleased that Rev. David Snipes and Sarah Woollen will be leading this event again. To receive a brochure with compete details or to register contact Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesley memorial.org; 812-4806 or Debbie Foust at dfoust@wesley memorial.org; 812-4804.



**Cornerstone Kids** -- Wednesday nights beginning September 12, 2012; 6:30-7:30 pm in room A 221 on the Elementary Hall. Children four years old - 5th grade are invited to come and explore Bible stories through skits, games, hands on activities and more.

**Bible Worship Retreat for Third Graders**

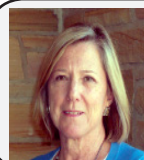
Now that you have this wonderful gift of a Bible what do I do with it? Come to the Bible & Worship Retreat Saturday, September 15, 9 am-3 pm and find out. The day will be filled with information, fun, activities, scavenger hunt and fellowship; all while learning about the Bible and worship. A letter with complete details and registration information will be sent to parents of 3rd graders. For more information please contact Debbie Foust at dfoust@wesley memorial.org or Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesley memorial.org or at the Church Office at 884-2204.



**Safe Sanctuaries Training!**

Calling all volunteers with children & youth...especially new Sunday School Teachers, Parent Volunteers assigned to childcare during worship, Scout Leaders, Youth Leaders & Wesley Memorial School Substitutes! We appreciate you! Remember that your commitment includes completion of a workshop in Wesley Memorial's "Safe Sanctuaries" guidelines.

Training is Sunday, September 23. Choice of time: 9:45-10:45 am during Sunday school hour, or 5-6 pm. Contact Melissa Coley mcoley@wesley memorial.org, 812-4806 or Debbie Foust dfoust@wesley memorial.org, 812-4804 to let us know you plan to come, also please indicate if you need childcare. Church staff members who have completed UMC conference-level training and serve as facilitators of Safe Sanctuaries include: Debbie Foust, Adam Vernon, Susan Sumpter, Susan Kelley, Melissa Coley, Michael Dougherty



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**Don't be seen without your nametag!** In an effort to better know one another and show hospitality to our guests please start wearing your Wesley Memorial nametags every time you come to church. If you do not have a nametag please contact Tish Schultheiss at [tschultheiss@wesley memorial.org](mailto:tschultheiss@wesley memorial.org) to get one.

**Nineteen lives transformed in Frakes, KY.** In mid-July our church returned to Henderson Settlement for our annual trip to Frakes, KY. Each year our church's team participates in building projects on homes for persons living in poverty in this rural and poverty-stricken area of Kentucky. This year our team returned to the home of Clara Fuson, the woman we worked with on our 2011 trip. Our projects included constructing a drainage system, replacing the kitchen and dining room floors, and finishing off a laundry room at Ms. Fuson's home.

This summer's trip was special because in addition to Wesley Memorial members, our team included students from the Latino Family Center and Ward Street Mission. These seven high school and college students enriched our trip in many ways. One way the students enriched the team was by helping lead a bilingual worship service for the entire camp on Friday morning.

Many thanks to the Global Missions Team, the Wesley 100, the United Methodist Women and many others who gave generously so that this trip might become a reality. Come to Wednesday Night Supper on September 19 to hear more about this trip from the participants.



**Are you interested in learning more about serving on a mission team to Haiti?**

Wesley Memorial's Global Missions Team is partnering

with the Outreach Committee at Mount Tabor UMC in Winston-Salem to take a mission team to Cap-Haitien, Haiti February 16-23, 2013 (Saturday to Saturday). The team will participate in several work projects in the Cap-Haitien area as well as learn about Haitian culture and the ways redevelopment is progressing after the earthquake. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity (no commitment necessary!) please come to an information session on September 20 at 7 pm in Conference Room #3. Questions? Contact Sherry Sink at [sherrysink@gmail.com](mailto:sherrysink@gmail.com) or 880-2663.

**The Community Resource Network accepts and issues Wesley Memorial Challenge Grant.** Every day persons are padlocked from their homes or children go without supper because families in High Point are unable to find access to resources to meet their most basic needs. The Community Resource Network of High Point is trying to address these massive needs in our community.

The Community Resource Network invites you to a September 11 Worship Service and Information Session about ways you can connect persons in need in our community with available resources. This worship service and information session will be at 9 am on September 11 at West End Ministries. All the High Point area nonprofits in the Community Resource Network (Open Door Ministries, West End Ministries, Helping Hands, The Salvation Army, Hope Outreach, Macedonia Family Resource Center and Ward Street Mission) will be in attendance for you to ask questions and learn about their ministries.

At this meeting a challenge grant will be issued from Wesley Memorial to other churches and groups in the area to raise \$10,000 for the Community Resource Network this coming holiday season. Wesley Memorial has recognized the need to gather resources for the poor in our community and we hope this challenge grant will mobilize others to give generously to the least of these among us.

### ***Open My Eyes That I May See, The Needs in My Community***

"I learned some things about High Point that I never knew before," said Charlie Surles, 49-year church member of Wesley Memorial and recent participant in the Missions Summit. Charlie was one of 25 pilgrims who set out from Wesley Memorial on Saturday, August 25 to learn about the needs in our community. Each participant had his or her eyes opened wide by the experience.

The Missions Summit began with a service of worship in the Chapel. The worship service featured the Diversity Drama troupe, a group of youth facilitated by the YWCA and the Latino Family Center who lead community groups in discussions about diversity and tolerance. Their skit was about bullying, a problem that happens at all ages.

After the service of worship Dan Hodgson, a community pastor to the homeless, and Raymond Payne, a local advocate for the homeless community, led our group to one of the many homeless camps in High Point. Persons have lived in homeless camps for over 40 years in High Point. Many of these persons will never be able to find permanent shelter due to mental illness, addiction, criminal history, or other challenges. The group learned of the needs of these communities including no place to shower or wash clothes.



The pilgrimage continued with a panel discussion at West End Ministries where pilgrims heard from a Vietnam veteran, a former resident of Leslie's House (the women's homeless shelter), the principal, media specialist and a parent from Oak Hill Elementary School and a couple who is educated and hardworking but has found themselves unable to find employment and thus has landed in poverty. Each voice and perspective opened the eyes of the group to another unmet need.

The Missions Summit ended at Open Door Ministries where the group heard from a resident of the Arthur Cassell House, a transitional housing program for homeless men. The speaker was dynamic and shared how Open Door Ministries has helped him transform his life from one defined by a prison ID to one now defined by a college ID. The group concluded the morning by eating lunch at the Father's Table (the free meal program) alongside residents and others in need of lunch.

The Missions Summit was the first part of the discernment process that the missions teams and others will go through to discern a new local missions initiative for our church to focus on for the next year to eighteen months. This process is a direct response to the church's strategic plan. Please keep your eyes open for more updates on this process coming soon.



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***Come eat and support the...***  
**High Point Rotary Chicken and BBQ Meal**  
in honor of Gina Jacobs and her love for kids  
**October 5, 2012**  
**11 am until 8 pm**  
First Presbyterian Church

All funds raised will go to Macedonia Family Resource Center





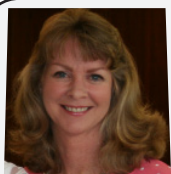
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### Three ways to support our Wesley Memorial School

**MINI-CROP WALK!** WM School boys and girls want to help! We're joining the cause to help hungry families feed their children and have clean water. Our boys and girls will be doing extra chores at home to earn coins for their Crop Walk collection box. On Friday, September 21 at 10 am, we are sponsoring our own Mini-Crop Walk – short path for infants & nursery ages around the front circle; long walk for our preschoolers & kindergartners. Mini-Crop Walk monies will be added to donations of the Wesley Memorial UMC Team. Thank you, children, for your compassionate care!

**First Choice COOKIE DOUGH SALE!** Orders taken September 10-26. Cookie dough is pre-mixed and keeps fresh in refrigerator tubs for 2 months. Please help our school by ordering plenty! All proceeds will be used to benefit children's ministries through purchase of new learning tools, curriculum resources and playground needs. Call 884-4232 to order by phone. Delivery on October 19. Flavors include: Chocolate Chunk, Peanut Butter, Oatmeal Raisin, Old-Fashioned Sugar, M & M, Lemon Drop, White Choc Macadamia Nut, German Choc, and Maple Pecan Swirl.

**Work as a substitute.** A substitute training workshop will be held September 25 & 26. 10:30-noon. Parents/grandparents/church members who would like to be Substitute Assistants for WM School should attend ONE session. In addition to the workshop, Substitutes are required to complete: personal interview with Susan Sumpter, criminal background and reference checks; health evaluation that includes TB test; "Safe Sanctuaries" training at Wesley Memorial. We promise lots of fun and oodles of hugs from the children when you sub!



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### WE LOVE OUR ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

It's all part of our busy school day!

**Children's Chapel** led by Susan Sumpter weekly with pastor visits & guest outreach ministries (4's & 5's)

**Spanish Lessons** led by teacher Lenis Dau (4's & 5's)

**Music Time** led by Dr. Michael Dougherty and Hannah Dougherty twice per week (5's)

**Lunch Bunch!** Once per week lunch in the classroom, 12-1 pm (3's & 4's)

**Media Center Storytimes** led by church members & parent volunteers. (weekly for 5's; as scheduled by teachers of Preschoolers)

**Creature Teacher** led by Karen Finch once each month an animal science lesson introducing one of God's unique little critters (3's, 4's, 5's)

**Hot Lunches in the Dining Hall** last 2 Fridays of each month (5's)

**Fieldtrips** enhance learning through community visits as culminating experience after units of study (5's)

**Our School Book Club!** For every age! Read 10 books (OK if parent reads) per month – redeem for a prize and applause from the Susans!

**Extend-the-Day Childcare** meets needs of working parents

Before School Care, 8-9 am

After School Care, 12-1 pm

The Way Station Afterschool Program, Kgt-5th graders, 2-6 pm

### News from...



...The Way Station After School Program

We are excited to have 36 students in our after-school program this year and we need your help!

### Help needed for The Way Station!

1. Donations of lined notebook paper, pencils, new crayons and erasers (for homework supplies)
2. Homework Helpers – adult volunteers to sit alongside a child and assist with homework (calling out spelling words, help with writing sentences, math worksheets.) Time needed is 3:45-4:30 on any day, Monday through Thursday.

**Contact Susan Sumpter if you can help!**





## United Methodist Women

September Circle Meetings:

**YUMS** - Wednesday, September 5, 6 pm

**The Angel Tree Circle** - will not meet

**The Friendship Circle** - will not meet

**Circle #6** - Monday, Sept. 17, 7 pm at the home of Carolyn Steed, 1201 Wynnewood Avenue

**Circle #8** - Monday, Sept. 17, 11 am at the home of Nancy McKenzie, 280 Spring Hollow Road, "Communities in School"

**Circle #9** - Tuesday, September 18, 10:30 am in the Dining Hall

**Circle #11** - Monday, September 17, 11:30 am in the Small Dining Hall

Western NC Conference of UMW Annual Meeting will be held September 7-9 at Lake Junaluska

Monday, September 10 - UMW General Membership Meeting and luncheon, 12 pm in the Dining Hall. Allysa McKenzie, a member of StAT of NC will speak on human trafficking in NC. Officers for 2013 will also be installed. Wesley 100 will be preparing the meal. For your reservation, mail your check for \$7.50 to Joyce Stephens, 1113 Gatehouse Road, HP 27262 by September 4. Make checks payable to WMUMW.

UMW Board will meet on September 10, 10:30 am in the small dining room.

Six Wesley UMW members attended the final High Point District Annual Meeting on August 9 in Asheboro. The High Point District of UMW Reading Program awarded Certificates of Recognition to Sandra Steadman, Patsy Surles, and Glenda Brown for completing Plan 1 and Faith Key for Plan 2. The UMW Western North Carolina Conference recognized Wesley Memorial UMW for participating in Mission Today, Mission Studies and 5 Channels of Giving.

District Officer training will be held October 13 at First United Methodist Church, Mocksville, N. C.

**Carolina Christmas Bazaar - November 17, 2012; 8-3pm**

**Committee chairmen are:**

**Vendors**—Martha Jobe

**Bake Sale**—Jo Thompson and Nancy Warburton

**Silent Auction and General Store**—Judy Hustrilid and Betty Royal (*Auction & General Store Items needed! Contact Judy at 887-3679*)

**Café**—Mary Ann Bohi and Bonnie Horney

**United Methodist Women table**—Polly Bingham and Evelyn Davis

**Publicity**—Joyce Stephens

Go to [www.wesleymemorial.org](http://www.wesleymemorial.org) and click on Carolina Christmas Bazaar for more information.

The Finance Team has begun the budgeting process for our 2013 budget. With our new strategic plan in place our budgeting process will be an important opportunity for the Finance Team and Church Council to ensure that Wesley Memorial's financial resources are in line with the vision God has given us for the future.

There will be a gathering on Thursday, September 13 at 7 pm in Conf. Rm. #3 to introduce this year's process and timeline. If your committee or team anticipates requesting funds for 2013, it is important to a) download the strategic plan from the website and b) ensure you have representation at the gathering on September 13.



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**Giving has never been easier!** Click the link on the left side bar on the website, [www.wesleymemorial.org](http://www.wesleymemorial.org). (First-time users: look for, "Need a log-in?" under the blue box. You will be emailed a password. When you log back in you will be able to re-set the password.)

#### **New On-Call Phone**

With our new phone system in place, we are phasing out the on-call phone. In the case of an emergency, you simply need to call the main number, 884-2204. You will then choose option 1. It is available 24/7 and will connect you with a pastor.

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## We Remember and Honor Our Loved Ones

### In Memoriam

**Bob McConnell**
**August 6**

Gifts given through July 2012

#### IN MEMORY OF:

**Patricia Ann Stansbury Anderson:** Mary Riddick  
**Sarah Cash (Sister of Geneva Craig):** Anne Davis  
**Rebecca Taylor Dawson:** Liz & Ray Rogers  
**David Reagan Duncan:** John & Louise Campbell, Mr. & Mrs. James Carroll, Mrs. Dot Coggin, Lucille Duncan, Kenneth Geddie, Jr., Thomas & Jean Gooding, Betty Anne & Nat Harrison, Doris Henley, Dr. & Mrs. William Joyce, Mr. & Mrs. Chase Lassiter, George & Patty McLarty, Liz & Ray Rogers, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Rule, Mike & Susan Samuel, Patsy & Charlie Surlles, Cynthia & Keith Tobin, Jo Ann & Bill Wright

**Harold Vernon McGee:** Ruby Allred, Lorene Corns, Mary Ellen Koontz, Mary Gibson, Mrs. Dot Coggin, Barbara Everhart, Kenneth Geddie, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gooding, Thomas & Jean Gooding, Betty Anne & Nat Harrison, Martha Hayworth, Elna Hodges, Jim & Sandra Marsh, George & Patty McLarty, Mr. & Mrs. Sandy Mendenhall, Lynne Neal Devan & Heather Purvis, Carroll & Paula Royster, Mike & Susan Samuel, Mr. & Mrs. James Stanton, Cynthia Tobin, Mrs. Royster Tucker, Jr., Pat Williard

**Violet Pifferetti (Grandmother of Frank Pifferetti):** George & Patty McLarty, Louise Zimmerman  
**Linda Poteat Walser:** Pat Williard

#### Our Sympathy to:

**Herb Bolick** and family in the death of his mother Willie Earl Bolick on July 25.

**Edna McConnell** and family in the death of her husband Bob McConnell on August 6.

**Dawn Miller** and family in the death of her stepfather Charles Russell Cline, Sr. on August 18.

**John Thomas** and family in the death of his brother Christopher Peyton Thomas on August 26.

## Live Alive

**Tuesday, September 18**


**Presentation:** Cynatha Carroll & Bob Cockrell, Ballroom Dancing  
**Menu for September 18:** Chicken Pie, Green Beans, Carrots, Cole Slaw, Bread and Dessert

Live Alive meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month: 10 am - Register for Best Time Trips, Play Bingo and get your Blood Pressure checked in the Fellowship Hall Foyer. 11:45 am - Lunch in the Dining Hall with the program following.

**October**-David Briggs of the High Point Theatre...

Discussing the new line up for 2012-2013

**November**-Brenda Haworth...Discussing the early settlement of our area by the Quakers

**December**-Beth Blake...Discussing the Chrismons and their meaning

**We ask that reservations be made by 10 am on September 14 by calling the Front Desk at 884-2204.**

### Best Time Trips:

Make plans to join us!



**October 4, 9 am - 6:30 pm**

**Wytheville, VA**

**Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater**

Enjoy lunch and watch the production of "Cats". Cost is \$66 and includes transportation, lunch and program.

**October 22, 8 am - 5:30 pm**

**Bedford, VA**

Have lunch at Liberty Station, visit the D-Day Memorial then enjoy the Fall colors on our return to High Point. Cost is \$37 and includes transportation and entrance fee.

**Contact Dwight Story at 475-6280 if you would like to attend this trip.**



**The deadline for article submission for the October HeartBeat will be September 15.**

**To submit information for the HeartBeat contact:**  
**Russ Pierce at [rpierce@wesleyememorial.org](mailto:rpierce@wesleyememorial.org) or 812-4800**

# Wesley Memorial 2013 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

As part of the 2013 Stewardship Campaign that kicks off in September, we will celebrate the many opportunities we have “to be the hands of Christ” at Wesley Memorial, throughout High Point and beyond. Watch your mail in the coming weeks for more information and make plans to join us on Consecration Sunday, November 11th.

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