

The HeartBeat

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Prayer Walk (and good exercise too!)

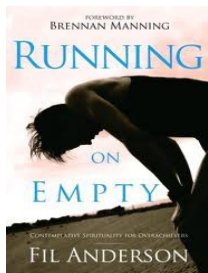
May 18, 8 am-11 am

Come and walk around our church while praying for its ministries, its mission, and its leaders. Come and help transform the lives of those who come here seeking to connect, grow, and serve at Wesley Memorial through your prayers and, yes, a little exercise.

The walk will begin in the Front Circle and then you will walk around our campus being led to pray for the church, its ministries, and our community. At the end, we will record how many times you went around the church and share the final number of miles that was walked while praying. Childcare will be available for those who wish to use it. We have an alternative walk route inside if it is raining. So come, rain or shine.



If you have questions about either of these events please contact Kathy Barba Pierce at 812-4815 or kathybp@wesleymemorial.org



A Summer Read As you plan your summer vacation, plan to read this book – *Running on Empty*, by Fil Anderson. We are asking you to read this book over the summer to prepare for our Spiritual Renewal Weekend scheduled for September 6, 7, & 8. At

this weekend, the writer, Fil Anderson, will be speaking and teaching at Wesley Memorial.

Books will be available outside the worship spaces on May 5 & 12 and at the Front Desk. The cost will be \$13.50 at the church. There are also Kindle and Nook versions available online, as well as paperback copies, if you wish to order one for yourself over the summer. Let's learn to "push the pause button" in our lives and live our lives with God rather than for God.

New Associate Pastor Appointed

Bishop Goodpaster has announced that Jared E. Stine will be appointed to Wesley Memorial as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care effective July 2013. (Jared will be "on loan" from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference where he will be a provisional member in the "elder track.")

Jared is a native of Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He holds a bachelors degree in music from Lee University in Cleveland, TN and a master of divinity degree from Candler School of Theology at



Emory University in Atlanta. He also has completed a pastoral care residency at Erlanger Health Systems in Chattanooga, TN and holds Level I and II certification in pastoral care from the Chattanooga Association for Pastoral Care.

Jared is currently working with the Alexian Brothers Health Systems, a continuous care retirement community, in Signal Mountain, TN as a Chaplain. One of his responsibilities is in planning and leading worship for inpatient Alzheimer's residents.

He is also involved in a large United Methodist Church in the Chattanooga area and there he is volunteering as a Sunday school teacher and small group leader as well as assisting in the development of a new Young Adult Ministry focused on outreach and discipleship.

After his interview with the Staff Parish Relations Team, Jim Royal said, "this man is a rare find." In requesting he be appointed to Wesley Memorial, Al Ward told Bishop Goodpaster, "this man is going to bless a church and we would like it to be

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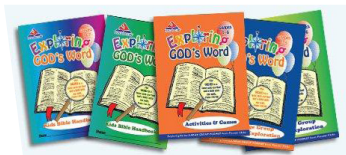
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Created by God~Sixteen 5th and 6th graders completed the Created By God, Human Sexuality program in April. For two days these young people learned what it meant to be wonderfully created by God. This was a big time commitment for them as well as their parents. Congratulate Ellison Beaver, Michael Calabrese, Slater Cheek, Gaby Culler, Quinn Culler, Gwyn Erikson, Tory Kitley, Jonah Miller, James Morgan, Grayson Rosser, Makenzie Shane, Lilly Sheffield, Harriss Smith, Maggie Smith, Ben Stoneking, and Ava Tuggle for their accomplishment.

Bible Explorers~

We've had a great time since February in our three Bible



Explorer Groups – the Scooters (pre K & Kindergarten) Voyagers (1st & 2nd grade) and Pathfinders (3-5th grade). Thirty-two children completed the program this year and have earned badges in Understanding the Bible, All About the Church, Group Games, Getting Along with Others, Being a Friend and Good Food.

Bible Explores is a Christ- Centered weekly program geared to age appropriate Bible study, meaningful scripture memory, and fun life-skill activities.

We will be recognizing these students for their accomplishments on May 5 at the 11 am worship service. Bible Explorers will begin again in September. If you would like to find out more about this program contact Debbie Foust.

Children's Sunday School Teacher Appreciation~

On Sunday, May 19 the children will be sharing their appreciation for their Sunday School Teachers with a breakfast and a time for them to know how special they are.



Summer Sunday School

Will begin Sunday, June 2nd. We will have two age groups for the summer: Kindergarten - 2nd Grade and 3rd - 5th Grade. The two groups will rotate through various activities and stations while exploring favorite Bible stories in a different way.

There will be no Sunday School during the month of July only.



An Epic Adventure Awaits!

Monday, July 15 – Thursday, July 18; 9:00 am-12:30 pm.

Ages 3 year olds – 5th Grade
(child care for those volunteering)

At Kingdom Rock, kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats, experience epic Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to stand strong, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with Fanfare Finale-a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. **Online participant and volunteer registrations are available at :**
<https://www.groupvbapro.com/vbs/ez/wesleymemorial>



Contact: **Debbie Foust**
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Student Ministries is offering an opportunity to honor your mother, grandmother, Sunday School teacher or other special women in your life in a special **Mother's Day Bulletin**. Each honorarium or memorial wish is only \$2 and will benefit youth missions and events. You can do as many as you like! You can pick up an order envelope from the Front Desk or from the Information Centers. Please fill it out, put your money in and return to the Front Desk or put in the offering plate. Envelopes must be turned in by May 6 to be included in the Mother's Day bulletin on Sunday, May 12. For more information contact Melissa Coley at 812-4806. Thank you for supporting our youth!

The Alpha & Omega service will be June 2. Our seniors will process in their cap & gowns and will be honored during the 11 am worship service. Following the Alpha & Omega service some students will have family sponsored tables in the Media Center. These tables include pictures and memorabilia from the early lives of the student. There will also be a slide show playing of Senior student photos. Please visit the Media Center after the service to enjoy their displays. If you have a high school Senior who would like to participate in the service or present a table, please contact Melissa Coley before May 24 at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org for more information.

Student Ministries Year End Banquet

Come join us at the picnic shelter at 4 pm on Sunday, June 2 for a fun celebration of our entire Student Ministries year together. There will be dinner, games and fellowship. Our meal will be provided by BBQ Joes. Cost is \$5 per person. To make a reservation for the cookout, please contact Melissa Coley before May 24 at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org.

Student Ministries of Wesley Memorial will host High Point Central High School's Baccalaureate at 6 pm on June 2 in the Sanctuary.

Church Camp 2013 - June 9-15

Planning for Summer Camp 2013 at Camp Linn Haven is already underway!!! A secret theme and exciting lessons are being prepared. You don't want to miss out on this wonderful Wesley Memorial experience.



This year we are so excited to be opening the camp up to 6th thru 10th grade students. We believe that greater opportunities to attend camp will only strengthen each student's faith and friendships. 11th and 12th grade students are encouraged to apply to serve as Student Counselors. College and adult volunteers are always needed.

- Church Camp Cost: Campers - \$375
- Student Counselors - \$275

Registration is open and can be found online at the youth website.

If you are able, please consider making a donation in support of Church Camp. Your gifts allow us to be at our best each and every year!

Middle School Mission Trip August 3 - 5

For the first time, Wesley Memorial Student Ministries will offer a middle school mission trip in the Charlotte area. This weekend is perfect for all middle school youth to get a great taste of true mission work in a safe environment.



This mission opportunity is \$100 and includes accommodation, travel, meals. This cost does not include: food during travel and spending money. Registration is found online at the youth website.



A special thank you to our Student Drama Team who performed their interpretation of the Lifehouse Everything Drama during 8:45 & 9:45 am services on April 28: Jackson Somers, Maeson Kelley, Mike Amos, JB Amos, Ben Yates, Aislinn Antrim, Emily Robbian, Director and Susan Weis, Adult Leader



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Spiritual Direction – What is it?

By now, you may have heard Al Ward and I mention spiritual direction in our sermons, and you may be thinking, “what in the world is that?” Well, spiritual direction is when you meet with another person or group of persons in order to explore a closer relationship with God. In spiritual direction, you typically meet with a spiritual director. It is important to understand that a spiritual director does not direct as much as listen and help you see where God is at work in your life. I, myself, am a certified spiritual director. I received my certification through the Benedictine Peace Center in Yankton, SD, which is connected to the Sacred Heart Monastery. This was a two-year program where I learned different ways to listen to God and help others to recognize the work of God and the Holy Spirit in their lives. It was very powerful.

Spiritual direction is available for anyone who wishes to grow deeper in their walk with Jesus, the Christ. There are many reasons to come to spiritual direction. A few of them are:

- Identify and trust your own experience of God.
- Integrate your spiritual life into your daily life.
- Discernment in making difficult decisions.
- Share struggles, losses, or disappointments.
- Find encouragement and affirmation.
- Grow in your relationship with God, self, others, and creation.

I have been in spiritual direction for thirteen years, and one of my most profound moments in spiritual direction (and I have had quite a few) was right after I had my daughter, Clare. I felt a little lost. I couldn't find the time to pray as I did before, and I, admittedly, was beating myself up for it. After talking about this for quite some time with my spiritual director, Nancy, looked at me and said, “Kathy, you are in prayer every time you hold that baby girl. You are in prayer every time you are changing her diaper or washing the clothes. Kathy, remember what St. Benedict said – Prayer is life and life is prayer.” It was at that moment, through the help of Nancy and the touch of the Holy Spirit, that I was finally able to let go of the guilt of not praying enough. I realized that living my life for Clare and being present to her was my prayer practice and that was enough at that moment in my life. It was freeing and I praise God for that moment and all the moments that followed!

If you find yourself thinking spiritual direction may be a good experience for you, I am more than willing to meet with you or help you find another spiritual director in the area for you to meet with. Please don't hesitate to email or call me. God bless you on your journey with God.



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Grief Support Class

Do you feel lost in the myriad of emotions that you are experiencing in your loss? Do you often find yourself wishing you knew what to say to others who are grieving? You are invited to participate in this class where we will explore our grief and the grief of others. This grief support class will begin on Wednesday, May 1 and last for five (5) weeks. The class will meet in room D211 (adult wing) at 6:45 pm. We will be using two books for our class. The cost of the books is \$20.

If you would like to register for this class, please do so by contacting Melissa Coley (mcoley@wesleymemorial.org, 812-4806) or Kathy Barba Pierce.

Joint Sunday School Class for Adults

Do you remember Ellsworth Kalas coming to speak at our church in February? You will get to hear him again – through his writing!

Starting June 2, all adults are invited to join us in a special Bible study during our Sunday School hour (9:45am) in D208. We will be studying Ellsworth Kalas' book, *The Ten Commandments from the Backside*. This class will be taught by multiple capable and learned teachers. Come and learn about what the Ten Commandments can teach us about living our lives with God and others as our focus!



Generous Giving Ensures Strong Budget Performance in 2013

Your generous support has enabled us make a great start to 2013. At the end of the first quarter (January – March) we had received pledge gifts totaling \$447,826. This puts us slightly behind our year to date projections, for pledge income. However, our expenses have been kept well below budget in this same period and have been limited to just \$386,836. We are current on all bills. When all forms of operating budget income are considered, we have a positive cash flow of over \$100,000. This means we are in an even stronger position than we were at this point last year. This is a good place to be before summer begins.

As you know, the summer can get awfully lean as our members and friends travel and are away from Wesley Memorial. Gifts to the operating budget often go on vacation and don't get caught up until fall! It is not unusual for us to have a negative cash flow by the time September rolls around.

Through your generous, consistent year-round giving we were able to stay in the 'black' in summer 2012! You can help us do this again in summer 2013. Convenient giving options including online giving and bank drafts are available to you 24/7. Check it out at wesley memorial.org.

	Budgeted	% of Total
Anticipated Pledges for 2013	\$1,704,000	100%
Total Pledge Gifts in March	\$119,810	7%
Total Pledge Gifts through March	\$447,826	26%

2013 Stewardship Campaign Tops \$1,700,000.

The 2013 Stewardship Campaign, led by Whit Holbrook, has reached an important milestone. For the first time in over five years the total amount pledged in support of Wesley Memorial's ministries is MORE than the previous year. What a wonderful sign of our belief – YOUR belief – that Wesley Memorial's best days are ahead of us! Thank you!



Contact: **Rev. Russ Pierce**
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Wesley Memorial hits home run for Macedonia Summer Baseball!

Wesley Memorial's generosity and love for the High Point community were shown once again as our Easter Offering topped its \$5,000 goal. Through your generous support boys and girls in the Macedonia community will have the opportunity to have a safe, wholesome summer activity again this year.

Make plans to join them for opening day on Saturday, May 4 at 9 am at 406 Wise Avenue, High Point.

Ward Street Community Dinners

We are currently searching for a new coordinator for our Ward St. Community Dinners hosted once a month. Many of our Sunday Schools, Unity Groups, and other teams at Wesley Memorial take turns serving dinners one Thursday night a month. The volunteer serves to coordinate these groups and their participation. Want to learn more? Contact Russ Pierce.

Observation/Assessment Trip begins May 3

Adam Vernon, Director of Student Ministries, and Russ Pierce, Executive Pastor, will begin their Observation and Assessment Trip to South Africa and Kenya on Friday, May 3. The focus of the trip is two-fold: 1. Gather information for the Global Missions Team as they explore next steps for our overseas partnerships and 2. Explore opportunities for the 2014 Kenya Student Ministries Team. Here's their itinerary:

May 3	Depart Greensboro
May 4	Arrive in South Africa
May 5	Travel Johannesburg to Mpuluzi (on the border with Swaziland)
May 6	Visit Wesley Memorial Primary School in Mpuluzi
May 7	Travel Mpuluzi to Johannesburg. Fly South Africa to Kenya
May 8	Travel Nairobi to Nakuru.
May 9	Continue visit with Kenya Partners
May 10	Travel Nakuru to Maua
May 11/12	Continue visit with Kenya Partner Ministries
May 13	Visit with ZOE Ministry. Travel Maua to Nairobi
May 14	Return to Greensboro

We invite you to pray for Russ and Adam as they travel and follow their journey on their trip blog at www.wesley memorial.org.

wesley memorial school

NURSERY • PRESCHOOL • KINDERGARTEN • AFTERSCHOOL

Springfest is Coming! Sunday, May 5; 4-7 pm

Everyone's invited! Come out and enjoy the variety of intergenerational festivities: carnival attractions (giant slide/climbing wall/ moonwalk); games for youngers (duck pond, buried treasure, bean bag toss); pony rides, face painting, princess beauty shop; hot dog supper, silent auction, bake sale, classroom crafts, buy-one & get-one free Scholastic book fair, fun-food concessions, and more!

We still need help with:

- **Donating a new product or service for silent auction**
- **Bringing a baked good for us to sell**
- **Working a game or supper shift: 3:45-5, 5-6, or 6-7**

Contact Susan Sumpter or Susan Kelley (884-4232) to sign up to help. This is the signature spring fundraiser event for Wesley Memorial School . . . providing new resources in curriculum, technology, classroom learning tools & scholarships. BIG THANKS for your support!

Let's Celebrate our Year Together!

Beginners, Toddlers, Twos and Threes ~ Celebration

Date: Thursday, May 16, 6:30 pm

Children bring their families to the classroom for a "Circle Time" program of movement and music. Party continues in Dining Hall with cupcakes, ice cream and photo slide show of each class.

Pre-K Fours ~ Celebration

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 7 pm

Each Pre-K class is preparing their own program of songs, dances & drama to present to families. Program followed by a dessert buffet in Dining Hall!

Kindergarten Fives ~ Celebration

Date: Tuesday, May 21, 6 pm

We're planning an indoor family picnic together! Families of each child will bring pot-luck style foods to share at the buffet. After supper, boys & girls will present favorite stories through puppets, songs & drama. Special award recognitions of each child in our WM School Graduation Class of 2013!

THANK YOU, TEACHERS!

*What's nearer and dearer to a parent's heart
Than a beloved child, so sweet and so smart?
A child that's been entrusted to you
To lead and to guide the whole year through.*

With heartfelt thanks for the difference you have made in the lives of children and families, we recognize our Teachers of Wesley Memorial School, 2012-13:

Infants: Renee' Onusko, Beverly Holliday, Tracie Gross

Toddlers: Shawna Belaj Gerrish, Rosalyn Turner, Joyce Davis, Angie Garner, Meghan Crnjak, Susan Kelley

Twos: Kay Tucker, Kay Epps, Wendy Steiss, Monica Krajisnik

Threes: Judy Needham, Kathy Coble, Katie Hutchens, Jana Brotherton, Maria Moore, Merri Mabe, Bonnie Odom

Pre-K Fours: Michele Kinley, Sandi Todd, Sharon Owen, Lenis Dau

Kgt Fives: Hannah Dougherty, Wendy Kitley, Dawn Miller, Kathryn Yarbrough

Student Interns from GTCC, Early Childhood Education majors: Jerome Kelly, Carol Peace, Amelia Satterfield, Cynthia David. Thanks also to Linda Johnson, Instructor

Student Assistants (1st period) from HP Central High School, Early Childhood Program ~ Priscilla Graves, Instructor

Spanish Teacher: Lenis Dau

Music Teachers: Shirley Boyles & Dr. Michael Dougherty

Creature Teacher: Karen Finch

Webmaster: Joe Lorber

End-Of-Year ALREADY?

Wednesday, May 22 – Last day for MWF children

Thursday, May 23 – Last day for T-Th and 5-day children

Friday, May 24 – Last day for Teachers! (Workday)

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM is FULL!

Call the Susans to have your child's name placed on the waiting list, 884-4232. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 am-12 noon, for ages Infants thru Fives. \$50/week per child.

News from...



...The Way Station After School Program

"FUN IN THE SON" SUMMER CAMP
Serving ages 5 years – 5th grade

School age children of working parents can look forward to a summer of fun-packed days! Enrollment for entire summer, or on week-by-week basis around parent's work schedules & vacation times. (Operating 12 weeks - 4-week minimum enrollment.) This summer includes educational fieldtrips to Hunter Farm Dairy, All-A-Flutter Butterfly Garden, G'boro Children's Museum; recreational trips to local swimming pool, gymnastics academy, Monkey Joe's bounce park. Weekly cooking activities and crafts. Special outreach project this summer will involve children in raising funds for pet oxygen masks, a need of our High Point Fire Fighters. Children will present the masks on July 22 during fieldtrip tour of the station. A "Blessing of the Animals" led by our pastors will be a special time to bring family pets to the church campus and celebrate God's creations.

Limited spaces remain... contact us soon! Susan Sumpter, 884-4232 or Michele Kinley, 884-8067.

As we transition from our afterschool program into our full-day "Fun In The Son" Summer Camp, we recognize our dedicated teaching staff of The Way Station:

Michele Kinley, Asst Director
Christopher Hill
Homework Tutor: Sarah Woollen

Merri Mabe
Wendy Steiss

Stephen Ministry



PRAYER TEAMS AVAILABLE

Teams of Stephen Ministers are present in the Chapel each Sunday from 9:45 am until 10:45 am to pray with anyone who drops in. If you feel the need for prayer for a specific purpose or would like someone to sit quietly with you, please come by the Chapel.



Our STEPS (Student Talent Education Through Strings) program is in full swing, offering classes in music for preschoolers, violin and cello lessons, and violin class. Please join us as we celebrate our second recital at 2:00 Saturday, May 18 in the Chapel.



Contact: **Dr. Michael Dougherty**
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Wednesday Dinners...

Wednesday dinners continue. Dinner is served from 5:45 until 6:30 pm in the Dining Hall. The cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for those 14-18 years of age and free for those under 14.

The menus for May:

May 1-Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Bread and Dessert. Children's menu is same as adult menu.

May 8-Braised BBQ Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Slaw, Bread and Dessert. Children's menu is same as adult menu with Chicken Legs.

May 15-Pork Tenderloin Cutlets, Corn Bread Stuffing, Mixed Vegetables, Bread and Dessert. Children's menu is Hot Dog, Chips, and Carrots.

Come by the Front Desk to purchase a ticket during the week or call 884-2204 to make a reservation.

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Wesley Memorial.”

Jared is married. His wife, Valerie, is graduating from the University of Tennessee Medical School this month. She has been accepted into a four-year residency program at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem. (Valerie will be required to complete an intern year in Chattanooga before coming to Wake Forest next year.)

In addition to singing and playing the guitar, Jared enjoys hiking, biking, and outdoor activities.

Please send a word of welcome to Jared and Valerie. Their address is 7211 Aventine Way, Apt 308, Chattanooga TN 37421 and email is jaredestine@gmail.com.

In other news relating to our clergy, Bishop Goodpaster has notified the SPRT that Kathy Barba Pierce, Russ Pierce, Michael Dougherty, and Al Ward will all be reappointed to Wesley Memorial for another year.

New Duties...

Last month, it was announced that the Church Council approved a plan to re-align some of the responsibilities of our pastors in light of the recent and pending transitions (resignations, retirements, and new assignments).

The following changes are already in place...

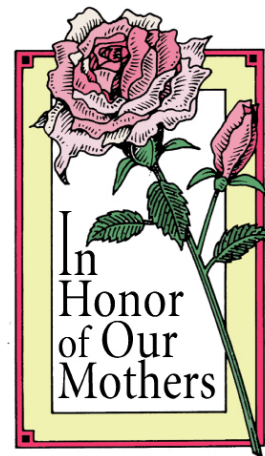
- Since last November, Russ Pierce has been the pastor working with our Global and Local Mission Teams. Russ has a passion and expertise in these areas and will continue to support these ministries on a permanent basis.
- Since last November, Al Ward has been the pastor working with our Evangelism Team. Al believes that it is critical for the senior pastor to be intimately involved in our ministries that connect people to Jesus Christ, so he will continue to support these ministries permanently.

On July 1, Jared Stine will join our staff as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care. He will have full-time responsibilities for the ministries that connect people to Wesley Memorial and connect our members with our church's pastoral care ministries.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

A great way to honor or remember your Mom on Mother's Day is to support the annual Mother's Day Offering for the financial assistance ministry at Arbor Acres United Methodist Retirement Community. For more than 30 years, the Mother's Day Offering has helped provide financial assistance to our older adults who need help to maintain residency or become residents of Arbor Acres. (Last year 31 residents were assisted through this ministry.)

Miriam and I have remembered our Moms by supporting the Mother's Day Offering. We would invite and encourage you to join us in supporting the financial assistance ministry with your gift to the Mother's Day Offering. (Offering envelopes will be available on May 12 in your worship bulletin.)



Contact: **Dr. Al Ward**
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Some of his duties will be to:

- provide pastoral care to older adults who are homebound and in retirement communities and skilled care facilities, this includes but is not limited to regular visitation;
- coordinate with the other pastors and ministry directors pastoral care services to members at times of hospitalization, bereavement, prolonged illness and crisis; and the counseling needs of the congregation;
- coordinate ministries and personnel to assist new members with becoming fully connected with the church's ministries and enabling existing members to discern their spiritual gifts and discover avenues of service;
- provide support to Congregational Care Team, Stephen Ministry, Prayer Chain Team, Pillow Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and Evangelism Team; and
- lead the Wednesday Morning Service of Communion and assist in worship leadership in all the worship services.

Live Alive

Tuesday, May 21

Program: Ellen Whitlock of Senior Resources



Menu for May 21: Chicken Salad, Potato Salad, Croissant, Fresh Fruit, Bean Salad

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;
10:30 am - Book club in the Small Dining Room and Corn Hole in the Youth Area;
11:45 am - Lunch in the Dining Hall with the program following.

Best Time Trips:

Make plans to join us!



Place: Scotland Neck

Date: Wednesday, June 12

Cost: \$63

See the Best Time Trips January-June Brochure for more details.

A special thank you needs to be shared with Lucille Duncan, Allen Beard, Jane Blackwell, Bill Harriss, Cynatha Carroll, Cindy Dominick, Circle 9, Tom Gore & Dwight Story. Without these people, Live Alive would not be possible. Thank you for all your hard work and your dedication to this program!

The Live Alive Book Club welcomes all readers on May 21st at 10:30 am for our discussion of *Sullivan's Island* by Dorothea Benton Frank. If you can't locate this book, visit www.dotfrank.com for a list of all of her books and simply select another title. The Book Club will also present a list of recommended summer reads during the Live Alive program at noon.

We ask that reservations be made by 10 am on May 17 by calling the Front Desk at 884-2204.



The deadline for article submission for the June HeartBeat will be May 9. To submit information for the HeartBeat contact: Russ Pierce at rpierce@wesleymemorial.org or 812-4800.

United Methodist Women

UMW General Membership Meeting and Dinner
Monday, May 6, 6 pm in the Dining Hall. Speakers are Susan Gurley, Barbra Lassiter and Susan Meisky who will share the story of their faith journey while dealing with a major illness. The meal will be catered by Real Creations, chicken pie, green beans, strawberry salad and dessert. Cost is \$11 per person, RSVP by May 1st. Make checks to WMUMW and send to Joyce Stephens, 1113 Gatehouse Road, HP 27262. Guests are welcome to attend.

UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat~June 14-15 at Lake Junaluska. Featured speaker is Rev. Amy Coles "Faithful Living". Call 1-800-222-4930 for reservations. Let Kathy Niebauer (885-9305) know if you are planning to go and we will carpool.

WNCC School of Christian Mission at Pfeiffer Uni-

versity in Misenheimer, NC, July 18-21. More info to follow.

Circle Meetings for May

Angel Tree Circle will not meet

Friendship Circle will not meet

Circle #6 - Monday, May 20, 7 pm at the home of Carolyn Steed, 1201 Wynnewood Avenue

Circle #8 - Monday, May 13, 10:45 am in the Historical Room then on to the Small Dining Room, working on the Pillow Project

Circle #9 - Tuesday, May 21, 10:30 am in the Dining Hall

Circle #11 - Monday, May 20, 11:30 am in the Dining Hall

Wesley Memorial Celebrates...



Welcome, New Members!

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

Kelsey Leigh Bullock, Libby Judy Atwell and Brian Keith Thomas joined April 28. *(pictured from left to right above)*



Our 2013 Confirmands *(below)* joined April 7: Ethan Price Barbour, Erik David Bauer, Anna Elizabeth Eskew, Matthew Bryan Fary, Rebecca Grayson Frye, Mary Lyle Frye, Samuel Bernard Hartzell, Georgia Bryant Howell, Matthew Daniel Jarrett, Margaret Hanna Kearns, Abigail Blaire Lyle, Samantha Grace Mickey, Trey Cameron Poplin, Ella Catherine Russell, Jackson Fields Smith, Sarah Elizabeth Vernon



Baptism

We rejoice in the baptism of **Lucas Gabriel Heybrock** born February 5, 2010, son of Holly Michelle Heybrock of High Point, NC, and welcome him into the family of Christ. Grandparents are Jeffrey and Amy Heybrock of High Point, NC. Great grandparents are Susan Browder of High Point, NC, Ruth Heybrock of High Point, NC and Henry Heybrock of Greensboro, NC.

We Remember and Honor Our Loved Ones

Gifts given through March 2013

IN MEMORY OF:

Patricia Stansbury Anderson: Dr. W.G. Anderson

William Martin Blackmon: Adult Fellowship Class, Gaston Penry

Jack Holmes Campbell, Sr.: Bob Amos & Sallie Corrigan, Dr. & Mrs. Harry Culp, Joe Gamble, Betty Anne & Nat Harrison, Nan & Buck Kester, Ivey & Richard Orr, Mike & Susan Samuel

Howard Chipman: Charlie & Libby Cheek

Alice Elizabeth Faircloth (Aunt of Doris Henley): Mr. & Mrs. Carter Ingram

John Byron (J.B.) Gibson: Edwin & Martha Bass, Robert Amos & Sallie Corrigan, Ron & Sharon Crowder, Lucille Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Evans, Joe Gamble, Betty Anne & Nat Harrison, Doris Henley, William Hinson, III, David & Bonnie Horney, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Irvin, Edwin James, Strupe & Betty Lackey, Mr. & Mrs. Bart Lassiter, Max & Nancy Meeks, Mozelle Myers, Ivey & Richard Orr, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Rogers, Mike & Susan Samuel, Dr. & Mrs. Bill Stewart, Mrs. Royster Tucker, Jr.

John Acry Gillespie: Wallace & Olivia Bruce, Sarah & David Chiles, Evelyn Davis, Mr. & Mrs. William Duncan, Joseph Gamble, Pat & Everette Grayson, Patty & George McLarty, Wesley Memorial Chancel Choir, Ann & Wilton White

Carolyn Killebrew Harlow (Daughter of Kathleen Killebrew): Dorothy Haywood, High Point Regional Volunteer Services Department, The Millie Killebrew Family, Ivey & Richard Orr, Mrs. Bob Safrit, Elizabeth Whitesides

J. B. Henry (Father of David Henry): Gaston Penry

Fred Norman Joyce: Betty Anne & Nat Harrison, Thursday Morning Music Study Club

Mary Lib & Fred Joyce: Mr. & Mrs. William Duncan

Sarah Nelle Lorick (Mother of Suzie Farabow): Leslie Huntley

Gloria Martin (Sister-in-law of Harold Martin): Mary Lyon

Ruth Buie McAllister (Mother of Ken & Steve McAllister & Martha Bass): A friend, Doris Henley

Marion Reed (Grandfather of Matt Porter): Everette & Pat Grayson

Dustin Andrews Spillers: Everette & Pat Grayson, Rocky & Helen Rice

James K. Stephens III: Pat & Everette Grayson, Dr. & Mrs. Bill Stewart

IN HONOR OF:

The Chancel Choir: David & Barbara Joyce

Barbara Coughlin: The Lenny Peters Foundation

Rev. Richard Howle: Mrs. Jackie Gillespie

Rev. Steve Joyce: David & Barbara Joyce

Dr. Al Ward: Mrs. Jackie Gillespie, Mr. & Mrs. David Joyce, Mr. & Mrs. Allen Kearns

The following honorariums were inadvertently left off the list in the April HeartBeat.

Dr. Bill Anderson: Betty Anne & Nat Harrison

Claryce Norman: Carole & Michael Willmot

In Memoriam

Doris Vivian Henderson **April 3**

Helen Smith Turner **April 4**

Nell Choate Machen **April 5**

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Kristy Dudley and family in the death of her aunt, Doris Vivian Henderson on April 3

Evelyn Smith and family in the death of her sister in law, Helen Smith Turner on April 4

Donna Machen and family in the death of her mother, Nell Choate Machen on April 5

Glen Keaton and family in the death of his mother, Joan Elizabeth (Betty) Cole Keaton on April 6

Tom Gore and family in the death of his brother in law, Roland Viverette Gamble on April 17

Evelyn Davis and family in the death of her sister, Rosene Meredith Trexler on April 19

MEMORIAL DAY

On Memorial Day Sunday, May 26, 2013, we will be reading the names of active duty Armed Forces members who died and were, at the time of their death, members of Wesley Memorial or its predecessor churches. If you are related to or know of someone who made such a sacrifice, please send us those names. We hope to have a complete list going back to our founding as a congregation at Washington Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1856. To give names, contact Harriett Mattes at Hmfrsprt@aol.com or 884-1930 by May 20.

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**The Church Offices will close Monday, May 27
for Memorial Day.**

CHARGE CONFERENCE

A called Charge Conference has been set for May 21, 2013, at 5:30 pm, in Conference Room 3, to receive recommendations from (1) Board of Trustees regarding changes to our Endowment policies and the creation of a new endowed fund, and (2) Staff Parish Relations Team regarding the compensation for the Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.



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**SPIRITUAL RENEWAL WEEKEND
September 6, 7, & 8**

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