The HeartBeat

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Join us as we offer new opportunities for spiritual growth in the New Year

Winter is a dormant season, not much is growing in our yards or our gardens. However, winter can be a time of spiritual growth. Since our lives move a little slower in the winter months, it is a great time to focus on growing in our relationship with Christ. If you are interested in growing your faith consider joining one of the short-term studies described below.

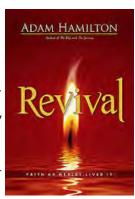


Women of Wesley (WOW) Bible Study

Attention, Women of Wesley Memorial UMC! A new Bible study called *Breathe*, by Priscilla Shirer, is coming Thursday mornings 9:30-11:00 am, beginning January 22, 2015. We are in bondage to busyness. We constantly strive to complete the limitless to-do lists that hinder us from experiencing all that God has for us. We miss the moments because we rush ahead to the next thing. It is time for us to breathe and build margin into our lives for God. Sabbath was intended as a gift and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted the concept of Sabbath will change your life.

Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It

A six week Revival study will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning this week. Have you ever wondered about how Methodism came to be? About our founder? About what makes our denomination different from the rest? In *Revival*, Adam Hamilton leads us into the mind of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. His life, his doubts, his faith, and the theology that led to the creation of what we now know as the United Methodist Church will all be covered in this 6-week study.



Come and discover what our founder believed, and how he hoped it would shape our lives today! There are three time options: Monday mornings at 9:15 am, Wednesdays at noon (Bible Study Lunch) and Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. The study will run January 5 and 7 through February 9 and 11.

Paths of Grace

A new small group called Paths of Grace is forming this winter for 8 weeks starting January 7. This is a great second step for new members after joining the church. We want existing members to join, too, and meet our new folks and walk with them as we all deepen our life of faith here at Wesley Memorial. We will meet at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings and study Jim Harnish's *A Disciple's Path*, exploring discipleship and our membership vows of prayers, presents, gifts, service, and witness. Contact Jared Stine to be a seed and friend to new members.

December activities in Sunday School

Preschool "Sprouts" heard the story of Jesus birth in the 2's-4's classrooms. The classrooms were filled with excited little ones as they engage in activities around this wonderful story.

In "The Greenhouse" the Kindergarten-5th graders had an exciting time experiencing the Christmas story in many ways. We decorated votives in Creation Station and made star shaped cookies in Garden of Eat'n. In Discovery Patch we studied stars like the ones that lead the Magi to Bethlehem and In the Tool Shed we created a timeline of all the surprises in the Christmas story and in Rolling Rivers Playhouse older classes enjoyed "tweeting" about the Christmas Story.

Our Station Leaders for Advent and Christmas were: Susan Hedrick, Jim and Betty Royal, Heather Woodard and Claire Wilson. Our Shepherds were Alison Collins and Polly Geisler, Kathy and Bob Niebauer, Judy Needham, Sara Dyson, Martha Redmond, Katie Hutchins and Carolyn Steed. Thank you for helping make this Advent in The Greenhouse one the Children will remember.

Hanging of the Greens

We celebrated Advent with children's activities, decorating the big tree, story time, dinner and fun singing carols.



Children's Nativity



Experience the Wonder - Christmas Eve Service



Bible Explorers: Winter Session

For Kindergarten–2nd Grade. Beginning Sunday, February 1 and ending March 1 from 4:45–6:00 pm on the Elementary Hall . Join your friends, have fun while learning God's Word in exciting ways. Two age level groups: Scooters–K's; Voyagers–1st & 2nd Grades. Children will complete activities to earn Bible and Activity awards.

Register your child by January 26 to participate. Brochures and registrations forms are available on the Elementary Hall display or by contacting Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org or Debbie Foust at dfoust@wesleymemorial.org. Cost will be \$10 for new participants and \$5 for returning students.



Contact: **Debbie Foust**Director of Children & Family Ministry
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MYF: Ice Skating and Super Bowl Party

We have two exciting MYFs to kick off the new year! On Sunday, January 11 we will be going to Greensboro Ice House from 7-9 pm for Ice Skating! Please arrive at the church at 6:30, so we can arrive at 7 pm. Please bring \$15 to cover tickets and gas for the busses. You also must have a current behavior and medical waiver on file.

On February 1, we are going to have a Super Bowl Party! From 8-10 pm, we will have snacks, games, and the game playing in the Underground. The event is free, so please come bring your friends for a good time!

First Mission Trip meeting January 5

Our first mission trip meetings will take place on Monday, January 5 in the Underground gathering area. We will be learning more about the areas we will be going to, what is expected from us, and to start building community with the group members from each trip. Here are the following times for each trip:

- West Virginia trip: 7-8 pm
- Bahamas trip: 8-9 pm

Please have your application submitted and \$100 deposit paid by then. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Jay Butler by phone or email.

Small Groups and Confirmation start back!

We want to kick the new year off right, so we are starting our Sunday night small groups back on January 4. Here are the following times for the small groups:

- MS Girls: 6-7 pm (Kerygma 2 room)
- HS Girls: 6-7 pm (rotation of HS girls' homes please contact Jay for location)
- MS Guys: 7-8 pm (7th grade room)
- HS Guys: 7-8 pm (Soul Café)

Confirmation is also starting back on January 7. We will be meeting in Kergyma 1 room from 5:30-6:45 pm.

Thanks for your help during Christmas!

The Christmas season is a very busy time for the Student Ministries. I want to thank every student, parent, and volunteer who helped make this season a very fun and enriching one! I couldn't have done it without y'all. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Contact: **Jay Butler**Director of Student Ministries
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Jail Ministry Angel Tree Party

On December 20, the Wesley Memorial youth and Jail Ministry Angel Tree program sponsored the 4th annual Christmas Party for children of inmates. Nearly half of the 64 children sponsored this year attended and were treated to holiday treats, music, crafts, card writing, and participation in the Christmas pageant. The gifts provided so generously by this congregation were far more than just extra presents to open Christmas Day, but rather an opportunity for children and parents to remain involved in each other's lives during this difficult period of separation. A heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to and participated in this program as your efforts made a difference to these families! For anyone interested in participating with our Angel Tree program as a year-round outreach please contact David Adams at 848-4569.



Leadership Summit

The annual Leadership Summit for Wesley Memorial's Leadership teams is being re-scheduled. The new date will be Saturday, February 28, 2015, from 9:00 am until noon. Leaders are encouraged to SAVE THIS DATE and additional information will be forthcoming.

Charge Conference

A special Charge Conference will be part of the Church Council meeting on January 20, 2015 at 5:30 pm. The purpose of the Charge Conference will be to make adjustments to the 2015 clergy compensations.



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United Methodist Women

The **UMW Board** will meet Monday, January 5, 10:30 am in the Small Dining Room

January Circle Meetings:

Circle 6-Monday, January 19, details TBA

Circle 8-Monday, January 12, 11:00 in the Small Dining Room. Working on The Pillow Project.

*Circle 9-*Tuesday, January 20, 11:30 am in the Dining Hall

*Circle 11-*Monday, January 19, 11:30 am in the Dining Hall

Faith Circle-Sunday, January 18, details TBA

These Circles will not meet in January - *Angel Tree* and *Friendship*.

Live Alive~ Tuesday, January 20



Program: Martha Dobson is presenting a program on the Iditarod Sled Races.

Menu for January 20: Chicken Pie, Green Beans, Carrots, Cole Slaw, Bread and Dessert

Live Alive meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month:

Live Alive gatherings for adults 55+ with many opportunities available for you to enjoy and fellowship with one another.

If you wish to make a reservation for lunch, you must call the Front Desk at 884-2204 by 10 am the Friday prior to our Live Alive gathering. Lunch is \$6.



The deadline for article submission for the February issue of the HeartBeat will be January 8. To submit information for the HeartBeat contact: Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org or 812-4806.

Year-End Stewardship Update

This year's stewardship campaign has been very successful. Thanks to everyone who pledged their generous support of Wesley Memorial's 2015 operating budget. Here is a summary of our results as of December 31.

	# of Pledging Units \$ Pledged		2014 424 \$1,646,076	2015 433 \$1,697,320		
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			\$1,646,076	\$1,697,320	\$51,244	3.11%

Pledge/yr	<u>Units</u>	<u>Pledge/yr</u>	<u>Units</u>
<\$500	51	\$5,000-9,999	68
\$500-999	55	\$10,000-14,999	28
\$1,000-1,999	97	\$15,000-19,999	4
\$2,000-4,999	120	\$20,000-24,999	3
		\$25,000+	7

If you have not yet submitted your 2015 pledge commitment, please do so TODAY! Pledge cards are available at the Front Desk. Also, you may submit your pledge on line on the Wesley Memorial website.

www.wesleymemorial.org

- select the "GIVE" tab,
- select "Stewardship 2015"
- select "If you would like to submit your 2015 pledge commitment electronically, please CLICK HERE, fill out the form and submit."

Stewardship is a spiritually healthy follower's faithful response to the outpouring of God's grace in our lives. Thank you for being good stewards of God's abundance as we continue to serve one another, our community, and our world in 2015.







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Mission Team Departs

The "Volunteers in Mission" from Wesley Memorial will depart on January 8 bound for San Sebastian, Puerto Rico. The Team led by Joel Key will be helping a Methodist congregation prepare their modular unit for occupancy. Wesley Memorial is supporting this project by providing building supplies and equipment as well as assisting with some travel expenses of the volunteers. (The Christmas Offering provided almost \$6,800 of the funds for this project). This is another example of Wesley Memorial serving as the hands and voice of Christ in our city and beyond. Keep our Team in your prayers.

MLK Day of Service

Martin Luther King, Jr. was deeply committed to serving others and helping to foster a more just society. High Point University, the Greater High Point Ministers Conference, and community are working together to provide opportunities for fellowship, service, and worship on MLK Day, January 19, 2015. Check out the opportunities to be involved at www. highpoint.edu/servicelearning/mlk-day/. Wesley Memorial is sponsoring a table at the MLK Breakfast and Oratorical Contest on January 19, 8:00 am, at Oak Hollow Mall (old JC Penny). If you would like to attend, please call Al Ward (812-4807) before January 9.

Jump Start Reading Buddies needed

Build confidence and boost reading comprehension with a 3rd or 4th grader preparing for end of grade testing. Consider being a Jump Start Reading Buddy one hour a week February–May. Tutor a student weekly using a guided curriculum workbook. Jump Start Volunteer Orientation will be held Thursday, January 15 at 10 am in Circle View Room. For more information contact Catherine Niebauer with Communities In Schools 883-6434 Ext. 24 or jumpstart@ northstate.net.



- Granola **Bars**
- Individual **Cereal Boxes**
- Ministry Fruit Cups
 - **Juice Boxes**

Collection bins are in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Administrative Building Lobby.

Time to dust off your Wesley Memorial nametag!

New year, new habit! In 2015, we are encouraging everyone to start wearing your Wesley Memorial nametag. We are a big church and it can be hard to know everyone's name. It's even harder to identify visitors in order to welcome them with Christ-like hospitality. Can't find your nametag? Don't worry! The Hospitality & Evangelism team is working hard to create new name tags and a collection process so you'll always have one available at worship. On January 25, we will have new name tags for everyone in the 8:45, 9:45, and 11 am services. Let's all make Wesley Memorial the most friendly and welcoming congregation possible!

DivorceCare Support Group starting this February. Recently separated and not sure what's next? Divorced for years but can't find peace? Know someone going through a difficult divorce? Wesley Memorial's DivorceCare Support Group is the right place to be. Join us on Monday evenings from 6:30-8 pm as we listen to leading experts, pastors, and everyday people talk about grief, anger, dealing with children, and hope. One recent participant said, "I used to feel that I was all alone. Now I know there are folks just like me." Join us starting February 2. Reading guide and Bible study-\$15. For more info, contact Jared Stine or visit divorcecare.org

Jared Stine to attend Silent Spiritual Retreat

On January 25, Jared Stine will attend a 4-day mostly silent retreat at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center in Stoneville, NC. This retreat utilizes The Way of the Heart by Henri Nouwen to guide participants on a spiritual path consisting of three stepping stones: Solitude, Silence, and Prayer. Please be in prayer for Jared as he seeks to nurture his faith and calling. Interested in a future opportunity similar to this one? Contact any Al, Erin, or Jared by phone or email.



Contact: Rev. Jared Stine Associate Pastor for Congregational Care jstine@wesleymemorial.org

The **Chancel Choir** will begin 2015 by rehearsing Mendelssohn's Psalm 42. This beautiful work will be presented for worship with orchestra on the last Sunday of Lent, March 22 at 11am. Psalm 42 begins with the familiar text, "As the hart pants after the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after Thee, O God." It ends with a joyous chorus of "Prais'd be the Lord, the God of Israel, from henceforth and for evermore." Anthem Angels, Don, Carolyn and Luke Shaw, purchased Psalm 42 for the traditional music library in honor of Nancy Shaw's 87th birthday and in loving memory of Robert H. Shaw. If you wish to purchase an anthem as an Anthem Angel, contact Anne Carroll.

January will be a month off for **youth handbells**. They will resume rehearsals on February 15 and will ring for worship on Palm Sunday, March 29.

Children's music for K-1's will be at 9:30 in the children's gathering space on January 11, 18 and 25. These musicians will be taken to Sunday school at 9:45. Second through fifth grades will rehearse at 9:30 in the gathering space in March (except March 22) to sing for 11 am worship, also on Palm Sunday, March 29.

On January 15, **Chancel bells** will resume rehearsals to begin new pieces for Lent and Easter. They will play a beautiful arrangement of "My Jesus, I Love Thee" for Lent with handbells and chimes. For Easter they will ring with trumpet a joyful setting of "Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing ".

This is the perfect time to join the Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells or Youth Handbells since we will begin work on new music for winter and spring.



Contact: **Anne Carroll**Director of Music Ministries
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Stephen Ministry

This ministry was named for Stephen who was one of the first lay people commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry. (Acts 6)

Need to talk but don't know where to turn?

Our Stephen Ministry offers one-to-one confidential emotional and spiritual support to persons in need of a listening ear. Stephen Ministers are non-clergy persons trained to provide confidential and thoughtful care without judgment. If you are grieving a loss, struggling with divorce, or any other life transition, contact Stephen Minister Mike Flack at 812-3559 or speak to a pastor.

All Contacts are Confidential!



Top 10 Ways Wesley Memorial School is UNIQUE!

- 41 Attitudes of love and acceptance invite children to live in a Christ-like way.
- **2 Curriculum fosters the development of the WHOLE child -- social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and spiritual.
- #3 Child's learning is joyful, active, and hands-on!
- Individual abilities guide how and what we teach, so child's learning is developmentally appropriate, yet challenging.
- #5 Parents and teachers partner in the on-going assessment of child's progress.
- Collaborative relationships with families are established and maintained as "key" to child's school success.
- #7 Inclusive community welcomes children with special learning needs and connects with exceptional children's services in Guilford Co.
- Teachers have college backgrounds plus extensive experience in early childhood. Staff are certified in CPR and First Aid. All classes have Lead Teacher AND Assistant(s).
- Facilities are second to none! Classrooms are clean, attractive, and well-equipped. Beautiful outdoor campus includes playgrounds shaded by magnificent oak trees, children's garden, and nature trail.
- "10 Safe Sanctuaries policies guide campus safety.



We're Ready To Register Your Child For 2015-16 School Year!

Nursery Day: Classes for Infants, Toddlers, Twos

9 am-12 noon; 1,2,3,4, or 5 days/week

Preschool: Classes for Children age 3 by Aug 31

9 am-12 noon, with "Lunch Bunch" on Wed. or Thurs. (T-Th groups) until 1pm

2, 3 or 5 days/week

Classes for Children age 4 by Aug 31 9 am-12 noon; "Lunch Bunch" on Wed.

MWF class or 5 days

Kgt Fives: Classes for Children age 5 by Aug 31

9 am-1 pm daily with lunch at school;

5 days only

Extend-The-Day Care Available!

Parents may add on 1 hour. Choice of:

Before-School Care, 8-9 am or After-School Care, 12 noon-1 pm

Members of Wesley Memorial-Register during 2-week priority beginning January 20.

Non-Members Already In Program-Register during 2-week priority beginning February 2.

Accepting families on our waiting list mid-February

Visit us during a scheduled Open House, or call the Susans at 884-4232 for your individual tour. View highlights of class activities this school year at www.wesleymemorialschool.org

OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Friday, January 23, 9:15 am, all age-levels Special presentation in Children's Gathering Room, followed by a walk through tour of each classroom to see children and teachers engaging in learning center time.

Sunday, January 25, 4 pm, all age-levels Special presentation in Media Center; tour of school facilities indoors and outside campus

Event dates specific to age-level at 10:30 am, each will include special presentation in Children's Gathering Room, followed by walk through tour.

Wednesday, January 28-Kindergarten Fives Friday, January 30-Pre-K Fours Wednesday, February 4-Threes Friday, February 6-Infants, Toddlers, Twos



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2014...a year in review



Wesley Memorial Celebrates...



Special Delivery...

Philip and Lindsay (Coughlin) McKnight welcomed Wesley Bitler McKnight into their family on November 26, 2014.

Braden and Meredith Covington welcomed Katherine Taylor Covington into their family on December 9, 2014.

Weddings...

Congratulations to **Joslynn Thomas** and **Scott Buchanan** who were married December 6, 2014.

Congratulations to **Abbey Jones** and **Lawrence Pritchett** who were married December 13, 2014.

We would like to announce all new babies born into our church family as well as baptisms and weddings in the HeartBeat each month. Please notify Debbie Foust, Director of Children's Ministry, with any new arrivals or adoptions and Dr. Al Ward with wedding information to be included.

We Remember and Honor Our Loved Ones

Gifts given through November 2014

IN MEMORY OF:

David Samuel DeCurtis: Mr. & Mrs. William Fleischauer, Nancy & Bill, John & Beth, Robert & Roberta Heinkel

David Duncan: Gene & Mary Ann Bohi Lella Gueth: Jerry & Louella Stinson

Lula Foushee Hinton Hoskins: Peggy Holden, Jerry

& Louella Stinson, Circle #11

Raymond Reitzel Hutchins, Jr.: Sharon & Andrew Beck, Ned & Katherine Covington, Daniel & Linda Dale, Frank & Linda Frederick, Groome & Ann Fulton, Doris Henley, Peggy Holden, George & Patty McLarty

James Liles "Bud" McInnis: George & Patty McLarty, Jerry & Louella Stinson

Beth Thomas Mallison Patton (Sister of Jupy

Stout): Doris Henley

Nancy Lynn Meeks Payne: Gene & Mary Ann Bohi John C. (Jack) Slane: Gene & Mary Ann Bohi, Barbara & Paul Coughlin, Lucille Duncan, Keith & Dorsay Eichhorn, David Hayworth, Doris Henley, Bart & Barbara Lassiter, Nido & Mariana Qubein, Liz & Ray Rogers, Charles & Vanessa Surles

Emilio Suarez (Father of Linda Smoak): Floyd & Dixie Pugh

Clarence & Maureen Wagner (Parents of Sherry

Wilson): Kirk & Sherry Wilson

John Gilbert (Gib) White (Brother of Mary Louise Stone & Joann McCuiston): Barbara & Paul Cough-

Don & Frances Wilson (Parents of Kirk Wilson): Kirk & Sherry Wilson

IN HONOR OF:

Rev. Erin Beall: Mike & Teresa Flack

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Carroll: Mike & Teresa Flack Howard Coble: Covenant Sunday School Class Dr. & Mrs. Howard Coble & Kathy: Mike & Teresa Flack

Mrs. Olive Frye: Vivian Penry

Dr. & Mrs. Rod Fulcher: Mike & Teresa Flack Mr. Joe Gamble: Mike & Teresa Flack Mrs. Jackie Gillespie: Mike & Teresa Flack Mrs. Carol Harris: Mike & Teresa Flack

In Memoriam

Nancy Clayton Meeks November 28, 2014

James Manning "Jim" Marlowe **December 16, 2014**

Betty Anne Johnson Harrison December 28, 2014

Mr. Frank Pifferetti: Mike & Teresa Flack Rev. Jared Stine: Sally Corrigan Amos Rev. & Dr. Jared Stine: Mike & Teresa Flack

Bishop & Mrs. Tom Stockton: Mike & Teresa Flack

Dr. & Mrs. Al Ward: Mike & Teresa Flack

Dr. Al Ward: Sallie Corrigan Amos, The Parks Family

Mrs. Marcia Williams: Mike & Teresa Flack Mrs. Meryle Wilson: Mike and Teresa Flack Mrs. Sarah Woollen: Mike & Teresa Flack

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Max Meeks and Paul Meeks and families in the death of their wife and mother; Nancy Clayton Meeks on November 28, 2014.

Janice Bowman and family in the death her sister; Sue Lundy Stramm on December 1, 2014.

The family of James Manning "Jim" Marlowe on December 16, 2014.

Nat Harrison and family in the death of his wife; Betty Anne Harrison on December 28, 2014.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered over 1,400 shawls, blankets, sweaters and other items!



You are invited to join this wonderful group on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. Contact Lee Huff, 887-9165; Karen Sumner, 883-8721 or Linda Dale, 884-5121.

Mid-Week Communion, Bible Study Lunch and Wednesday Dinners will all resume January 7.

Mid-Week Communion, led by Rev. Jared Stine, begins at 11 am in the Chapel.



Bible Study Lunch, led by Dr. Al Ward, will begin at 12 noon in the Dining Hall. This group will be participating in a study of John Wesley and the movement that has become the United Methodist Church.

(This same material will also be offered by Erin Beall on Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings. See related story on Front Cover.) The study is based upon Adam Hamilton's book, Revival. Meal includes: Soup, Sandwich, Dessert, Tea or Water. Bring your own lunch or make a reservation by Monday at 4:30 pm for the \$5 catered lunch. All are invited!

Wednesday Dinners return on January 7 prepared by our fabulous Holy Chefs from Wesley 100. Seating begins at 5:30 pm in the Dining Hall. The price is only \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for youth 14-18 and free for those under 14.

The menus for January are:

January 7-Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Bread and Dessert. Children's menu is same as adult menu.

January 14-Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Green Beans, and Dessert. Children's menu is same as adult menu.

January 21-Eastern Style Chopped Barbecue, Baked Beans, Barbecue Slaw, Roll, and Dessert. Children's menu is Hot Dog, Chips, Carrots and Dessert.

January 28-Meatloaf, Baked Potato Bar, Peas, Bread, and Dessert. Children's menu is same as adult menu.

The Church Offices will be closed Monday, January 19 for the Martin Luther King Holiday.

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