The HeartBeat

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Here Come the Pumpkins, Again!



Please come out on Saturday, October 10 at 11:30 and help Jay and Student Ministries unload all those pumpkins!

Pumpkin Patch begins October 10

The Student Ministries' annual fundraiser is back for another year! Each year, the Pumpkin Patch provides a great opportunity for our students to raise money for event and retreat scholarships. This years Pumpkin Patch will run from October 10-31; Monday-Friday; 12 noon-7 pm and Saturdays; 9 am-7 pm. We need lots of volunteers to help us make this happen. Please contact Jay Butler at 812-4812 or jbutler@ wesleymemorial.org if you are willing to help and then mark your calendars for a month of fun and service!

PUMPKIN PATCH





TRUNK OR TREAT!

Sunday, October 25, 4:30-6:30 pm
Wear your costume and come enjoy all the activities! Costume carnival, hay ride and story time, games, music, hot dog dinner, prizes for car decorations, and of course, CANDY as you trick or treat around to each car!! Hot Dog Dinner begins at 5 pm. No reservations necessary for the meal. You DO need to register if you are going to be decorating your car, SUV or van for Trunk-or-Treating. Please contact Melissa Coley at 812-4806 or mcoley@wesleymemorial.org.

CANDY NEEDED: Our annual Trunk or Treat event brings a lot of visitors to our church campus. We are in need of a lot of candy for those who will be going "trunk to trunk". Would you please purchase a bag or two of Halloween candy? Collection baskets will be outside each worship space and the Front Office lobby. Questions? Contact Debbie Foust at dfoust@wesleymemorial.org.

NEW THIS YEAR: Please look in your closets and clean out those gently used "kid friendly" costumes to donate to our "Costume Corner". Collection stations will be with the candy baskets. Children will have the opportunity to "shop" for a costume at Trunk or Treat.

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Bible Explorers for Kindergarten-Second graders. This weekly Christ-centered program helps children grow as whole persons and learn to make Christ Lord in every aspect of life. Come have fun with your friends while learning God's Word in fun and exciting ways. We will have two age level groups: Scooters for Kindergarteners and Voyagers for first and second graders.

New for 3rd-5th graders-**CrossTrainers**. A small group program which will help them build lifelong relationships and grow spiritually as followers of Jesus through interactive, hands-on learning experiences.

Both programs will begin Sunday, October 11 from 4:45-6:00 pm

Registration information and brochures are available on the Elementary Hall or you can contact Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesleymemorial.org or Debbie Foust dfoust@wesleymemorial.org.

Kid's Kare Bags

2015 Children's Mission Project

We are beginning our collection for supplies to fill 40+ Christmas bags for boys and girls in the High Point



area that are currently without permanent housing. There are specific items that are requested to be in all the bags and a list of extras. Please remember we need items for young children as well as teenagers.

Suggested Items:

Shampoo Gloves School supplies Washcloths Socks Small toys Lotion **Scarves** Coloring books Body wash Toboggans/hats Crayons Puzzles Comb/brush Kleenex Toothbrush Lip balm **Books** Toothpaste Stuffed animals Band-aids

DO NOT include: items of war, breakable or perishable items.

These will be collected during the month of October. Items can be brought to the collection bins at each of the worship spaces and in the Front Office.

If you have any questions please contact Debbie Foust at dfoust@wesleymemorial.org or 812-4804.

LOOKING AHEAD: upcoming events

October 25 Trunk or Treat/Costume Carnival

4:30-6:30

December 4 Community Tree Lighting; 6:30

December 6 Hanging of the Greens Activities

and Dinner

February 18-20 Created By God

March 18 3rd-5th Grade Scavenger Hunt

6-8 pm

March 20 Children's Easter Event; 3-5 pm

July 18-21 VBS



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Student News... 3



Confirmation Begins This Month!

As fall rolls around, the Student Ministries' annual Confirmation class is soon to start! Confirmation is offered for our current 7th grade class and any other older students who wish to take part in the year-long process. Our first class this year will be on October 4 from 4-5:30 pm.

Soul Food starts October 7

Do you need a little pick-me-up during the week? Starting on Wednesday, October 7, we are starting a weekly devotional time in the Soul Café entitled Soul Food. It is open for middle and high schoolers. It lasts from 6:30-7:30 pm, and provides a way to relax and enjoy some time during the week with friends and leaders. For more information, please contact Mary Cullen Bills at 906-4913 or Kellie Hall at 708-6432. We hope to see you there!

MYF: Kersey Valley

On October 18 from 7-9:30 pm, MYF will be traveling to Kersey Valley for our annual trip to Spookywoods! We will be meeting at the Underground at 7 pm. The cost of the trip is 20 dollars. This is a great opportunity to invite some friends and to see and hear Jay be scared out of his mind!

Sunday Night Games and Worship

We are in the midst of something new and great in the Student Ministries! Every Sunday night from 5:30-7:30 pm (except in the case of MYF Sundays), we will have student-led Games and Worship in the Underground! It's a great way to end the weekend with some fun, worship, and honest discussion about a faith in Jesus. It's a great time to bring friends and engage in the Word of God.

TWO New Series in October: Power Play & Real Talk



This month, we have two 2-week series happening on Sunday mornings. Our series titles are "Real Talk" and "Power Play".

Real Talk: Talking to some people is easy. You can hang out with your friends for hours and never run out of anything to say. You feel like you can talk to them about anything. But you probably also know people who just seem to make you a little nervous when you have to talk to them. But what if talking to God was never meant to be that way? What if talking to God was supposed to feel more like chatting with a good Friend than making an impressive speech? During this series, we're going to take a look at what Jesus said prayer is and isn't. And as we do, you may just find yourself wanting to lay down the formalities, relax and have some real talk.

Power Play: Power is a good thing. And in most cases, more power is a better thing. We want our phones to be powered up, our cars to be powerful, our laptops to be powered on, and our football teams made of power players. But those aren't the only places that power is important to us. We all want to have power in relationships too. During this series we're going to talk about two people from the New Testament who looked at power differently than anyone else: Paul and Jesus. In their stories, we find that, no matter who is in control, there is always a power play we can make on behalf of others.



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Good Times Trips

Jane Blackwell is organizing several overnight trips in a revival of our Good Times Trips!

Myrtle Beach Show trip, April 25-29, 2016 (4 nights and several meals included), 4 shows, including Broadway at the Beach. Visit to Charleston, SC and Brookgreen Gardens

Canadian Island trip, September 16-24, 2016 (8 nights and a number of meals included), guided tour of Island of Coudres, Montreal, and Quebec City. A visit to the St. Anne de Beaupre Shrine and whale watching!

Earn, Save, Give

John Wesley had three rules for money: Earn all you can, Save all you can, and Give all you can. Would you like to learn more about this way of Christian living? Two of our Sunday School classes will be working through Dr. Jim Harnish's Earn, Save, Give curriculum in preparation for Dr. Harnish's guest preaching here at WMUMC on Consecration Sunday (November 22). Join the Covenant or Perspectives Sunday School classes in D202 or D203 Sunday mornings at 9:45 from October 25 through November 15! No registration needed; bring a friend!

Poetry Series

October 21-November 11 Poetry Series Throughout history, religious folk have been writing verse and song to communicate with God. These poems express love, devotion, anger, fear, and hope. Join us as we meditate through some of these mystical works in this four-week series. Minimal reading/preparation needed. To register, please call the Front Desk (884-2204) so you can pick up the booklet in advance of the class.

Sunday School promo: Covenant

Looking for a place to plug into the community here at Wesley Memorial? Want to learn more about the Bible, our role as Christians in society, and what it means to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us? Consider visiting the Covenant Sunday School class, every Sunday at 9:45 am (D202)! A small but growing group, these forever young 50-somethings are open to new friends, fellowship, and discussion. All are welcome!



Program: Donna Hurt sharing the history of the Moravians and Old Salem.

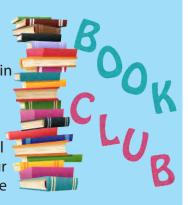
Menu for October 20: Country Style Steak, White Rice, Broccoli, Bread and Dessert

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.

To make a reservation for lunch, please call the Front Desk at 884-2204 by 10 am on October 16. Lunch is \$6.

All readers are invited to visit the **Live Alive Book Club** on Tuesday,
October 20 at 10:30 am in the Small Dining Room.
If you plan to stay for the Live Alive luncheon and program, please call 884-2204 to reserve your seat. No reservations are needed for Book Club.





Contact: **Rev. Erin Beall**Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual
Formation and Contemporary Worship
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You will not want to miss the special music presentations on Sunday mornings in October. Our excellent group of **Choral Scholars** will sing in every chapel service during October. Teresa Bonavita and Jacob Cortes will also sing solos for the 11 am service.

DATE CHANGES FOR WOMEN'S CHOIR: In order to avoid the furniture market, Women's Choir will rehearse on October 26 and November 2, from 12:15-1:00 pm. They will sing for 8:30 and 11 am worship on Sunday, November 8. The women will then enjoy lunch together in a local restaurant after each Monday rehearsal. If you are interested in learning the beautifully arranged "Softly and Tenderly" by Mack Wilberg, please join the ladies for rehearsal on October 26. Thank you to all the men who participated in Men's Choir in September. The men of the choir were joined by Nat Harrison, Bill Anderson, Monte Webb and Jared Stine.

Another special presentation will take place at 11 am on Sunday, October 11. Children who have participated in **Children's Music for grades 2-5** will sing and ring chimes for the introit.

The **Chancel Choir** sang for the Chapel service at River Landing on September 27, and 35 choir members, choral scholars and guests enjoyed dinner together at Casa de Sotos restaurant after the service. Forty choir members and choral scholars attended the choir retreat and lunch held on September 19 to begin rehearsals for "On Christmas Night". The choir purchased this work in honor of Howard Coble and Wanna McAnally for their tremendous contribution to the music ministry of Wesley Memorial. "On Christmas Night" will be presented for 11 am worship on December 6 with harp, flute, oboe, organ and percussion. It contains newly composed music along with familiar carols. There will be a reception in the Asbury Room following the service to honor Wanna and Howard. On November 1, All Saints Day, the choir will present a special anthem by the great British composer Charles Villiers Stanford. "Jubilate Deo in B-flat" draws its text from Psalm 100, "O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands."

Youth Handbells got off to a great start on September 20. We were happy to welcome a new ringer,

Alexis Grove, to our group. This brings our number of ringers up to 9! If you are a middle school/high school student who would like to ring with us, please contact Anne Carroll. Our first presentation for worship will be October 18 at 11 am.

Wesley Handbell Choir (for 3-5 graders) and Chancel Bell Choir both began rehearsals the second week of September. We are looking forward to the Wesley Handbell Choir playing for worship on October 8 and November 11 at 11 am.

If you would like more information or a schedule for any choir above please contact Anne Carroll.



Contact: **Anne Carroll**Director of Music Ministries
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Feeding The Hungry

When the disciples asked Jesus what to do about feeding the hungry who had come to hear him, Jesus told them, "You give them something to eat." (Mark 6:37) Wesley Memorial is trying to respond to his command. Here is an update on some of the feeding ministries at Wesley Memorial.

 The 34th Annual Crop Walk was held on Sunday, September 27 and hosted by First Baptist

Church. Of the 400 people walking, about a dozen walkers came from Wesley Memorial. Wesley Memorial raised around \$1,200 towards the community



goal of \$43,000 which will be divided between High Point's Open Door Ministries and the worldwide feeding programs supported by Church World Service.

In April, Wesley Memorial's Mission & Community Impact team funded a \$5,000 grant to Ansanm Ministries for a community garden in Bernaco, Haiti. After the earthquake in 2010, children and orphans from Port-au-Prince fled to family in nearby communities, one of which

was Bernaco. These families struggle with feeding and caring for so many extra children. A two acre community garden was established last spring to help combat malnutrition



and teach farming skills. Within the last few weeks, the harvest has come in and the community has new produce with which to feed over 500 people in and around the small village. With their water pump and irrigation system, leaders hope to plant again during the winter months.

• The summer "community garden" on our campus produced just shy of 500 pounds of produce which was all donated to Our Father's Table at Open Door Ministries. Our "gardeners" led by Bob Bass have now planted a fall garden of beets, broccoli, turnips, and cabbage, which will also be donated to Our Father's Table. They are making plans to expand the number of beds in the garden next spring.





Blood Drive hosted by FAITH Circle Sunday, October 4; 9:00 am-1:30 pm Dining Hall

Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "Wesley Memorial UMC" or contact Kellie Hall @ 708-6432 to schedule an appointment to donate. Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids prior to donating. Photo ID required! Every pint can help save up to 3 Lives! Thank you!!



Special needs:

 Protein items

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



New Worship Time

On October 4, the start time for the 8:45 will move to 8:30. The Worship Team and Church Council decided to make this change after several months of prayerful consideration.

The new start time will allow for flexibility and fellowship in the contemporary services. Specifically, it will (1) permit each contemporary service to have a full 60-minute service, (2) allow the praise team, band, and worship leaders to have time to transition between each service, (3) encourage time for fellowship after and before each service, and (4) promote the integrity of the Sunday School by allowing the classes to start and end on time.

In making this decision, the Worship Team and Church Council also affirmed the continuation of four Sunday morning worship services (2 contemporary and 2 traditional) and a fifth worship service on Wednesday mornings at 11 am.

You will also be interested to know that the Worship Team has had two national leaders in the field of worship observe all our four services on two different occasions. They were each impressed by the quality of the space, music, liturgy and people that blend together to make worship at Wesley Memorial meaningful.

On October 4, which happens to be World Communion Sunday, we hope to see everyone either at 8:30 in the Chapel (traditional), 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall (contemporary), 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall (contemporary) or 11:00 in the Sanctuary (traditional).



Contact: **Dr. Al Ward** Senior Pastor 812-4808 award@wesleymemorial.org



The Wholeness & Healing Service is a special worship experience designed to help participants with illness, sickness, or grief. The root of the word healing in New Testament Greek, sozo, is the same as that of salvation or wholeness. If you are seeking balance, harmony or wholeness of body, mind, or spirit, come and be a part of this special evening. All are welcome. A reception will follow in the Asbury Room sponsored by the Stephen Ministry.



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Playful PEDAGOGY!

Workshop Saturday, October 10, 9:00 am-12 noon

Held on the Wesley Memorial Outdoor Campus Linda Kinney, North Carolina Zoo Education Division, is partnering with WMS for a special training. "Natural Playwork: Connecting Children with Nature" is a class for teachers and other professionals who work with children and youth to acquire fresh perspectives in their approach to engaging with young people outdoors. Participants will consider the importance of wondering as a way of encouraging and guiding discoveries as we explore the rich outdoor environment here at Wesley Memorial. Primary focus is to connect theory with practice using hands-on activities and informal discussions. Interested "naturalists" (adults) are invited to join along! Dress for outside play and nature walk. Contact Susan Sumpter at 884-4232.

Autumnfest! Wednesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 15 9:30 am-12 noon

Fun-filled, total school event seeks to support children's imaginations as well as enhance concept learning about God's World in Fall. Opportunity for WMS parents, grandparents & church members to interact with us for an exciting school day! Each class will rotate to 7 outdoor activity stations. Autumnfest stations will include:

Foot Stomping Music
Build-a-Scarecrow
Hayride Wagon-Pull Race
Storytime in the Pumpkin Patch
Mini-Pumpkin Hillside Roll
Whirly Squirrely Nature Collage
Apple Snacks

We would love to have you join the children...choose to walk alongside a class & participate in activities, or volunteer to help us at one station. Call the Susans, 884-4232!

Fall Book Fair October 26-30 (Monday-Friday) 8 am-1 pm in Media Center Scholastic Books and Usborne Books

Large selection of inexpensive paperbacks and beautiful hardbound children's books-for ages infant through elementary. Craft kits and stocking stuffers, too. Be on the lookout for visiting Clifford the Big Red Dog!

Did you know? Children are more likely to become avid readers when they have a few books of their own. There is special pleasure in being able to go to one's own bookshelf and browse through favorites. When you buy a book for a child and read it together, you are laying a strong foundation for that child's lifelong love of reading! What a wonderful gift!





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United Methodist Women

Thank you to all that worked and attended the recent "Sundaes on Sunday" fundraiser to benefit The Wesley School Scholarship Fund. Your support is appreciated by many.

The members of Circle 8 prepared and served the Thursday night Community Dinner at **Ward Street Mission** on September 24.

The Bazaar is coming!!! Clean out your closets, that attic and under the bed. We would love to have your gently used furniture, household items, books, toys, decorations and jewelry for the General Store and Silent Auction. NO clothing. Storage space, downstairs in Room C109, is available at the church. Call the church office and tell them you are coming with donations for the bazaar. Someone will meet you at the downstairs door and help unload your car.

The **UMW Board** will not meet in October.

Circle Meetings in October:

Angel Tree-Monday, October 5, 7 pm at the home of Susan Hedrick, 503 Gatewood

Faith Circle-Sunday, October 18, 3:30 pm at the home of Polly Geisler, 3126 Ironwood Flat Drive

Friendship Circle-Monday, October 12, 11:30 am in the Small Dining Room

Circle #6-Monday, October 12, 7 pm at the home of Lucille Duncan, 606 Huntington

Circle #8-Monday, October 12, 11:00 am in the Pumpkin Patch

Circle # 9-Tuesday, October 20, 10:30 am in the Dining Hall

Circle #11-Monday, October 19, 11:30 am in the Small Dining Hall



Call Sue Schoch at the church at 812-4824. You can order wreaths (inside and out), trees and poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one to decorate the church for Christmas. Don't wait, place your order today.

Wesley Memorial Celebrates...

Special Delivery...

Warren (REN) and Katie (Burton) Lackey, Jr. welcomed Morgan Elizabeth Lackey into their family on September 25, 2015.

Brad and Deena (Qubein) Samuel welcomed Grayson Charles Samuel into their family on September 27, 2015.

Weddings...

Congratulations to Alexandra Cooke and Nevin Fulcher who were married September 12, 2015.

Congratulations to **Tiffany Estep** and **Ross Lackey** who were married **September 19, 2015.**

Congratulations to Kate Horney and Wylie Hutchison who were married September 26, 2015.

Baptisms

We rejoice in the baptisms of **Christopher Andrews Davis** and **Jordan Phillips Davis**, twin sons of Preston and Dorsett Davis of High Point, NC, and welcome them into the family of Christ on September 27, 2015.

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.



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

We Remember and Honor Our Loved Ones

Gifts given through August 2015

IN MEMORY OF:

Elizabeth (Libby) Judy Atwell: Christopher & Ellen Newton

Myrtilla Harvey Brody (Mother of Katherine Covington): Keith & Dorsay Eichhorn, David & Bonnie Horney, Bart & Barbara Lassiter, Mary & Tom Mason, Liz & Raymond Rogers, Mike & Susan Samuel, Dr. & Mrs. Ed Weller

Edith Fisher Dozier: Anonymous, William & Connie Hallman, Edwin James, Raymond & Liz Rogers Kathleen Asbell Killebrew: Joe Gamble, Peggy Holden, Aunt Millie, Allen, C.P., and Randy Killebrew and families,

M.L. Koebberling: Joe Gamble, Mr. & Mrs. George McLarty, John, Wendy, Davis & Patrick Millard Mollie Bowie Marsh: Nan & Buck Kester Franklin Robert Reinking (Father of Lee Aldridge): David & Bonnie Horney

Jacquelyn Carr Thomas: Edwin James, John Peeler, Michael Schaper

Colby Walton: Mr. & Mrs. William Burke, Andrea Cozart, Lucille Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. George McLarty, Patricia & Skip Nash, Robert & Kathy Niebauer, David & Eugenia Pruette, Mike & Susan Samuel, Gay Klaus Scarborgh

Patricia Ann Murray Williard: Edwin James, John Peeler

IN HONOR OF:

Al Ward: Molly Marsh Family

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered **over 1,600** 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.

In Memoriam

Patricia Ann Murray Williard August 21

Charlotte Jones Wagner September 10

Nellie (Millie) Farlow McLaughlin September 12

Robert (Bob) Key Arthur, Jr. September 27

IN SYMPATHY OF:

Pat and Everett Grayson, Meg (Matthew) Porter & Leslie (Doug) Rosser and families in the death of her mother and their grandmother; Charlotte Wagner on September 10, 2015.

The family of Millie McLaughlin in her death on September 12, 2015.

Sherry and Michael Campbell and family in the death of her mother; Reba Paschal Clay on September 18, 2015.

The family of Robert (Bob) Key Arthur, Jr. in his death on September 27, 2015.

Pat Brackett and family in the death of her mother; Eunice Dyson Peterson on September 29, 2015.

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!

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



Bible Study Lunch, led by Dr. Al Ward, begins September 16 at 12 noon in the Dining Hall, he will be teaching on the Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Genesis 12-50).

Bible Study

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 are prepared by our fabulous Holy Chefs from Wesley 100. Seating begins at 5:30 pm in the Dining Hall. The price is only \$6 for adults, \$3 for youth 14-18 and free for those under 14.

The menus for October are:

October 7-Ham, Potato Salad, Carrots, Bread and Dessert. Children's menu is same as adult menu.

October 14-Chicken & Dumplings, Green Beans, Apple Sauce, Bread, and Dessert. Children's menu is same as adult menu.

October 21-Eastern Style Chopped Barbecue, Macaroni & Cheese, Barbecue Slaw, Roll, and Dessert. Children's menu is Hot Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Slaw and Dessert

October 28-Ground Chuck Patty, Rice & Gravy, Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad, Bread and Dessert. Children's menu is same as adult menu.

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