



From Our Pastor: **Making Disciples OR Making Church Members?**



Sometimes in the life of our congregations we think that joining the church, being regular in attendance and giving, and serving on committees is the same thing as being a disciple of Jesus Christ. These are good things to do, but this is not a New Testament definition of

being a disciple. Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is far more an adventure than most of us realize. If we aren't walking closely to Christ and very intentional about the mission of the church, we can become so engulfed in programs and facilities that we lose sight of our call to love God, love our neighbors, and make disciples for Christ. This is what it means to be a disciple. A disciple of Jesus Christ is someone who loves God, loves the neighbor, and seeks to make other disciples.

Are you a disciple of Jesus or just a church

member? It's good to be a church member, but being a church member and faithfully serving the organization is not our goal. Are we passionate about making disciples and deploying them in the world or just making church members who will meet the needs of the church? Even if we answer these questions correctly, our calendars, our budget, our congregational chatter, may betray a greater desire to make church members than make disciples of Christ.



A disciple is someone who is extravagantly in love with Jesus. A disciple is someone who loves to spend time with Jesus in prayer and scripture study. A disciple is someone who loves to share his or her faith with others. A disciple is someone who is growing in their faith and witness. A disciple is someone who loves the neighbor. Disciples display to the world a new way of being human.

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Disciples come together to worship because God is worthy of worship and humans were created for the worship of God. Disciples gather as Christians to become better equipped as fruit-bearing disciples. Disciples gather because we need each other.

It is important for disciples to come together. But, disciples come together in order to scatter and be in mission in the world. The bulk of the ministry of disciples needs to be in the world, not in the churches. The sign of a vital congregation is how it transforms the human community. Disciples are involved in God's work of healing the world.

**DON'T
GO
TO CHURCH.
BE THE CHURCH.**

Sometimes we get so focused on getting people to come to church that we forget that the ministry of the disciple is to be in the world and not

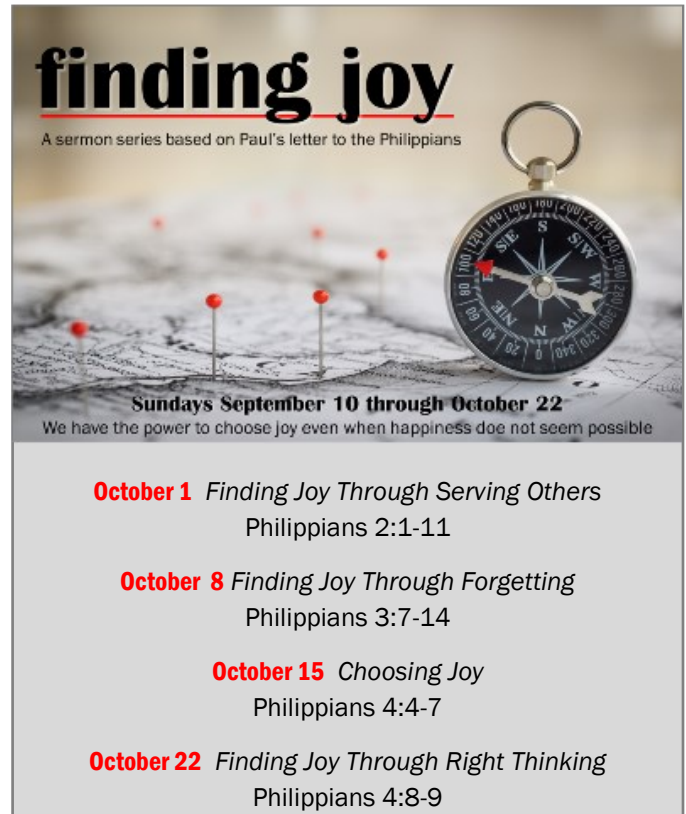
necessarily at the church. We need to be more concerned about being the church than going to church. When a church is only concerned about numerical survival, they probably will not survive. If a church becomes overly focused on survival, they forget the importance of loving God, loving neighbors and making disciples. Whether it's an individual or a group, being focused on survival will tend to cause an individual or a group to become self-centered. And, this spells death for a group or an individual. Churches who are not making disciples and engaging the community likely will not survive for long.

Let's help one another be more passionate about making disciples of Jesus who transform the world than making church members who are

passionate about church programming and serving the institution. We need to help each other keep proper priorities; priorities that display Christ to the world.

With Confidence in Christ,

Pastor Jeff



finding joy
A sermon series based on Paul's letter to the Philippians

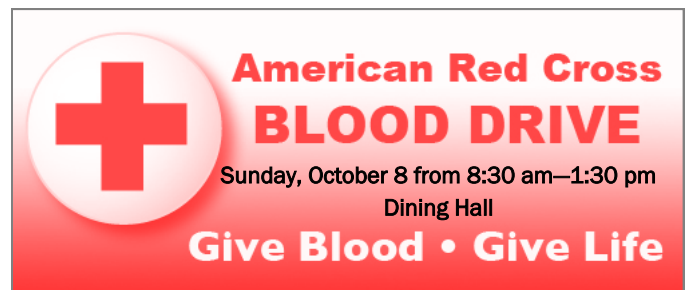
Sundays September 10 through October 22
We have the power to choose joy even when happiness does not seem possible

October 1 Finding Joy Through Serving Others
Philippians 2:1-11

October 8 Finding Joy Through Forgetting
Philippians 3:7-14

October 15 Choosing Joy
Philippians 4:4-7

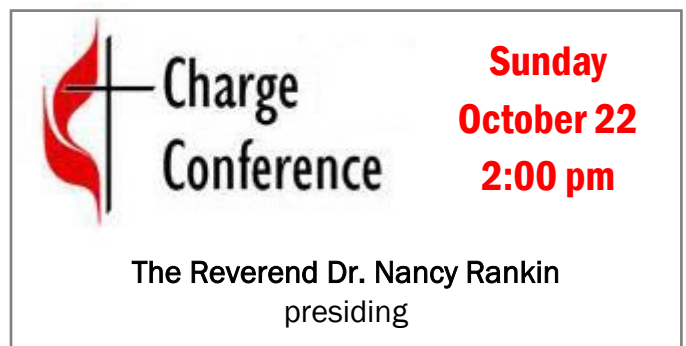
October 22 Finding Joy Through Right Thinking
Philippians 4:8-9



**American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday, October 8 from 8:30 am—1:30 pm
Dining Hall

Give Blood • Give Life



**Charge
Conference**

**Sunday
October 22
2:00 pm**

**The Reverend Dr. Nancy Rankin
presiding**

Rev. Jared Stine

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WESLEY MEMORIAL

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Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 8
4:00 pm

City Lake Park
602 W. Main Street
Jamestown, NC 27282



Bring your pets!

October 8, 4:00 pm

City Lake Park

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Jamestown, NC 27282

A great time for families!

We invite you to a special service entitled, "Blessing of the Animals." Blessing our animals is a witness to God's and the Church's love, care, and concern for all creation. Let's face it – our pets are members of our families! Join us for a special time that is sure to be fun and furry.

Community Clinic **Serving Opportunity**

Healthcare is vital for every person at some point in our lives. Wouldn't it be great if we could support healthcare programs for those in need right here in High Point? We can! The Congregational Care team is seeking individuals and groups to help provide a dinner once a month for employees and volunteers at the Community Clinic on Main St. Several groups at Wesley Memorial have already enjoyed this opportunity over the summer. Each Thursday, staff and volunteers stay open into the evening to serve patients. We need folks who would be willing to bring a healthy meal for ten to twelve people on the fourth Thursday of each month. Contact Jared Stine or Nancy McKenzie, Congregational Care chair, to serve or learn more. This makes a great service project for families!

Stephen Ministry



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 person 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 336-812-3559 or speak to a pastor.

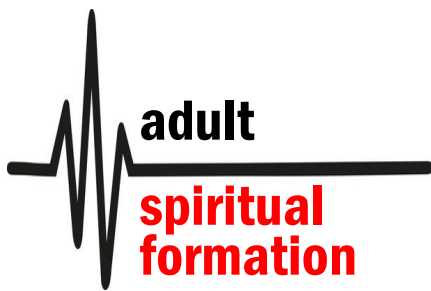
Mark your calendars

Wholeness & Healing

Worship Service

Sunday, November 5

5:00 pm



Rev. Erin Beall

Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation & Contemporary Worship

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Heaven, the Afterlife, and Theology: **What Do We Really Believe?**



“If you died tonight, where would you go?” Perhaps you have been asked this rather frightening question by a well-meaning evangelist at some point in your life. It’s a daunting thought—heaven, the afterlife, ...God forbid, *hell!* Christian theology has a lot to say on the subject, and a lot of it differs from the harps, clouds, and angel wings you might have dreamed as a child! Come join the Reverend Erin Beall, Wednesday nights from October 25 through November 15 at 6:30-7:45 pm, as we dig into Church teachings about heaven and the afterlife, including a candlelight communion in the Columbarium on All Saints’ Day, November 1. Please call the Front Desk or email Erin to register.



2017 Advent Devotional Request for Submissions

The Adult Spiritual Formation Team is creating an Advent Devotional booklet with daily devotions. We are accepting submissions for this year’s publication. Our 2017 theme this year is *Emmanuel: God With Us*. Please consider writing a devotional telling how God has been with you through this past year or last Christmas, or how God is journeying with you presently. Feel free to include Scripture, hymns or carols, even a prayer if you feel so led. All submissions may be emailed to Erin Beall or turned in to the Front Desk. Thank you!

Non-Denominational Bible Study

Join this group of women (though men are welcome!) Monday mornings from 10:30-11:30. They are studying Genesis, so now is the perfect time to jump in! The group meets on the third floor of the office building in the Circle View Room. Please come anytime, and for more information, feel free to contact Caroline McGuinn at 336.882.9754.



**Tuesday, October 17
11:45 am, Dining Hall**

Please make your lunch reservation by
Friday, October 13 (336.884.2204)

Lunch Menu

Hamburger Steak & Gravy • White Rice • Broccoli • Bread • Dessert • Sweet Tea & Water



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered over 1800 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** at 336.884.9165, **Karen Sumner** at 336.883.8721 or **Linda Dale** at 336.884.5121.

Debbie Foust

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Trunk Or Treat

Sunday, October 29

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 Kim Suda at 336-812-4802 or
ksuda@ 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 have their cars decorated and a stop for children to receive treats. Would you please purchase a bag or two of Halloween candy (*preferably non-chocolate*)? Collection baskets will be outside each worship space and the Front Office lobby.

Questions? Contact Debbie Foust

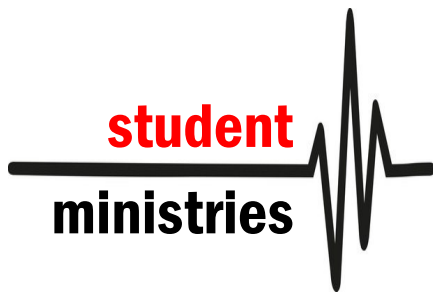
Bible Explorers and Cross Trainers



These two weekly, Christ-centered small group programs will help children

build lifelong relationships and grow spiritually as followers of Jesus through interactive, hands-on learning experiences. Come have fun with your friends while learning God's Word in fun and exciting ways. We will have two age level groups for Bible Explorers: Scooters for kindergarteners and Voyagers for first and second graders. Cross Trainers is for third through fifth grades. Both programs begin Sunday, October 15 from 4:45-6:00 pm. Registration information is available on the Elementary Hall or you can contact Kim Suda a ksuda@wesleymemorial.org or Debbie Foust. **Registration deadline:** October 8!

Please pick up 2017-18 Children's Ministries calendar in the stands on the Elementary Hall OR on the church website under Learn & Grow/Children.



Steven Nelson

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SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Sunday, October 22

Meet in

"The Underground"

at 5:30 pm



We have had a great semester so far and can't wait to meet new friends and grow in our faith together! Small Groups will continue for the guys at the church from 6:30-8:00pm and for the girls at the Nelsons' at 1016 Wellington Street from 6:30-8:30pm.

GUYS SMALL GROUPS

Time: 6:30-8:00pm (1.5 hours)

Who can come: All guys and their friends 6th-12th grade

Location: "The Underground" (we will play in the Fellowship Hall and outside too weather permitting)

Food: Drinks and Snacks are provided.

What to bring: Just yourself and a friend!

Leaders: Steven Nelson, Scott Bassinger, Trip Dixon, Nolan Clinard, Trey Childress

GIRLS SMALL GROUPS

Time: 6:30-8:30pm (2 hours)

Who can come: All girls and their friends 6th-12th grade

Location: Nelsons' home (1016 Wellington Street)

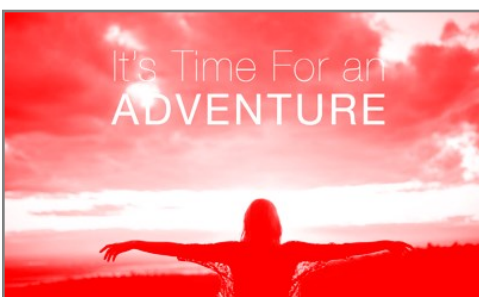
Food: Bring your favorite snack to share! Drinks are provided.

What to bring: \$10 for Living Crazy Love Study Guide (if you haven't already paid) and a friend!

Leaders: Jessica Nelson, Michele Lane, Mary Cullen Dixon, Kim Brown, Maeson Kelley

Edge of Adventure starts this month

Sunday, October 8, 2017—6:00-8:00 pm



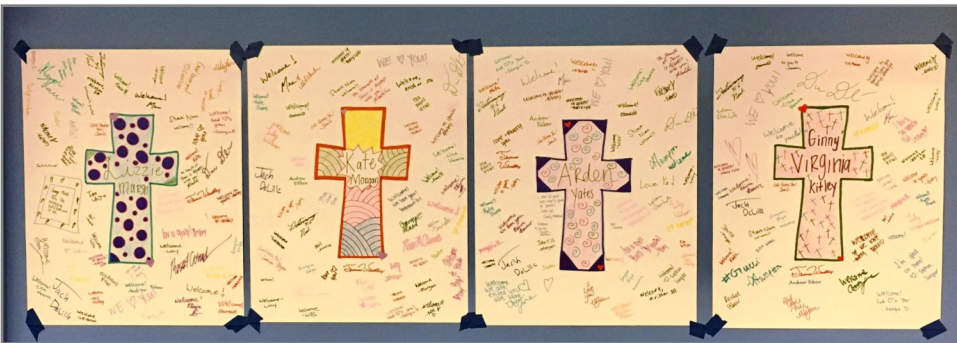
These nights are open to all 12th grade students and their friends. We will have dinner together and lots of fun and fellowship. Meet at the Eskews' House (221 Hillcrest Drive). Dinner is provided and fun guaranteed. Please feel free to invite any of your 12th grade friends. We are honored to come alongside seniors during their last year of high school as they journey to the edge of a new adventure next year. We look forward to our first night together.

6th Grade Lock-In and Move-Up Sunday: A Huge Success



We welcomed a great group of 6th grade girls and their friends into our student ministry. We spent a fun night together then woke up to greet people in our pajamas at the 8:30 am Chapel service and then walked down to the Fellowship Hall to worship together. After

worship we came back to “The Underground” to have a welcome party where we handed out a special welcome bag full of goodies, a signed cross poster and then placed hands and prayed over all the new 6th graders. It was a special time for our ministry.



A special thank you to **Emily Robbian**, **Wendy Kitley**, and **Alison Yates** for staying the whole night and morning with us!

Thank you to **Alisha** and **Brian Boger** for setting up and providing all the food and drink we needed for our weekend.



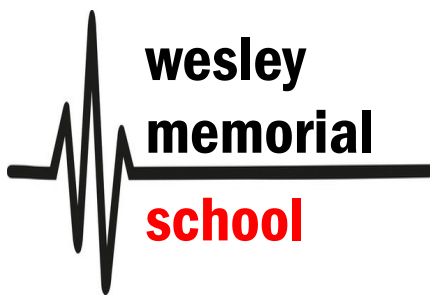
We are heading to Spookywoods for our first **Sunday Night Live!** This is an awesome night to bring tons of friends to enjoy all the fun. Watch for registration details.

NEW OPPORTUNITY

For any students not interested in going to Spookywoods with us, we will have a program for you back at the church with adults eager to fellowship with you. Watch for more details.



Servant Leadership Team (a student team for Student Ministries) is a student team that helps reach and serve all 6th-12th grade students in our church and community. They work with the Director of Student Ministries to help plan, pray, and serve at big events like Spring Workshop and Church Camp. Sixteen high school students have agreed to serve this year! We are pumped for what each student brings to the table. We look forward to seeing their gifts at work and how they will compliment all we do throughout the year.



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Did you know? Wesley Memorial School has committed to awarding scholarships to families for this coming year in the amount of **\$2,914.50** per month. We count on fundraising and the generosity of our church families and organizations to help make this happen. Please consider helping us help others!

WMUMC is hosting the **Western NC Weekday Workshop Conference** on November 2 and 3, 2017. This is a wonderfully busy two days on our campus as we are expecting approximately 800 participants and presenters, as well as our own school staff. We need volunteers to help with hospitality (serving the box lunches) and greeters to help direct participants around the campus. Please if you can work a shift on either Thursday or Friday or both days, contact JoAnn Clifton or Susan Kelley. The event will be from early morning to approximately 3pm. As the host church, for those from around our conference and beyond, help us welcome our visitors.

Fall Book Fair

October 23-27 (Mon-Fri), 8:00 am-1:00 pm in Media Center

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS and USBORNE BOOKS

Come on by and purchase a book or two for yourself or family. These are quality children's books that make great gifts. This is a great fundraiser for our school so thank you in advance for your support. Also, you can shop on-line from Oct 17-Nov 6 at www.scholastic.com/fair. Click on "Book Fairs", then "find book fairs", "NC", "High Point" and WMS will be listed. Everyone loves a good book!

Wesley Memorial School & Harris Teeter

If you are a Harris Teeter VIC member, please link your card with our school code – 4419. If you are not a VIC member, would you please consider becoming one? Our school will receive 2% of your HT brand purchases every time you shop. These funds will go into our Rainbow Scholarship Fund. You can link up to five schools to your VIC card.



Autumn Fest

Friday, October 13, 9:30 am-12:00 noon

All our children from our littlest babies through our Kindergarten students will participate in this full morning of outdoor fun, games, art, and music highlighting our October themes. Parents, grandparents & church members are invited to come by and help the children with their activities or simply enjoy seeing the sweet children during their activities. Our Autumn Fest stations will include:

- Blue Grass Music & Dancing (*provided by Don Jones & his Banjo Band*)
- Build-a-Scarecrow
- Hayride Wagon-Pull
- Pumpkin Patch Tales
- Mini-Pumpkin Hillside Roll
- Mural-on-the-Fence (*painting with squirrel "tails" and scarecrow "hands"*)
- Farm Fun Snacks

We would welcome additional adult help. For example, you may choose to walk alongside a class & participate in activities; or volunteer to assist at one station. Contact JoAnn Clifton or Susan Kelley.

**We Remember
and Honor
our Loved Ones**

Gifts received August 2017

In Memory of:

Joseph Michael Albany, Jr.: Liz Jones, Liz & Raymond Rogers

Henry Franklin (Frank) Hunsucker, Jr.: Liz & Raymond Rogers

Randolph (Randy) Harrison Smith: Mary Leslie Huntley

Sue Anderson Wood: Theresa Matthews

In Honor of:

Howard Coble: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Trogon

In Memoriam

Betty Ann Hancock Ferguson, August 26, 2017

Lou Dean Howard, September 16, 2017

Sympathies

To the family of **Betty Ann Hancock Ferguson** upon her death on August 26, 2017

To Bob and Kenneth Howard upon the death of their wife/mother, **Lou Dean Howard** on September 16, 2017



Jared Stine will be on part-time paternity leave from September 21 through November 4. He will be in worship every Sunday, and accessible by email. Pastoral concerns or emergencies should be directed to Wesley Memorial's reception desk, Pastor Jeff, or Pastor Erin.

our church

family

Wednesday Dinners 5:30 pm

Prepared by our Wesley 100 Holy Chefs and served in the Dining Hall. Please contact Cynthia Reddick at the Front Desk (336.884.2204) to make a reservation.

October 4

Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Carrots, Bread and Dessert

October 11

Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Salad,
Bread, and Dessert

October 18

Breakfast for Dinner.

October 25

BBQ, Baked Beans, Slaw, Bread and Dessert.
Hot dogs will be available for the children.

November 1

No meal due to WMS Weekday Conference

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**Friday, October 20
9:00 am**

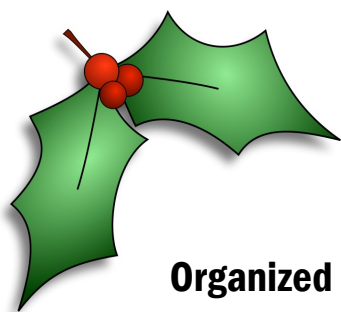
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CAROLINA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church on November 18, 2017 from 8 am -3 pm. There will be 75 vendors, Bake sale, General Store and Silent Auction. This will be the 35th year for the bazaar. Breakfast muffins, juice, coffee and lunch items will be available in the "cafe". Please visit our website for a list of vendors, flyer and photos.

WEBSITE

www.wesleymemorial.org/News/Carolina Christmas Bazaar



CAROLINA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 18, 2017

8:00 am—3:00 pm

1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point, NC 27262

Organized & Hosted by: Wesley Memorial **United Methodist Women**



HOUSE GOODS AND KNIVES—UMW Table

Evelyn Davis 336-882-8407

Betty Royal 336-884-5364 blieve@triad.rr.com

The UMW products table features dish towels, cutlery including knife sharpeners and more than 14 different knives and other kitchen utensils. Best sellers include the tomato slicer, the 6 inch paring knives, choppers and the FAMOUS dish towels. We have added a number of cutlery items to our inventory this year and urge you to come by the UMW table November 18 at the Carolina Christmas Bazaar.

RESTAURANT

Kari Craig 336-847-5144 kcraig1063@northstate.net

Bonnie Horney and Mary Ann Bohi

It takes 35 volunteers to decorate the dining hall, cook and serve 500 meals on Saturday. Additional help is needed on Thursday & Friday before the Bazaar to make soup, pimento cheese and brownies, and decorate tables. CONTACT Kari if you would like to help or to donate desserts.

EXHIBITORS

Martha Jobe 336-880-6963 CarolinaChristmasBazaar@gmail.com

Julie Sanders 336-889-3661 jvs@triad.rr.com

There are 75 vendors. September 1 was the deadline for applications. HELP Needed: Wednesday night 6:30-7:30 for table & chair setup; Friday 2:00-7:00 for Vendor setup; Saturday 3:30 - 5:30 for clean up after Bazaar

GENERAL STORE

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Clean, gently used items for the General Store are needed. NO clothing! VOLUNTEERS are needed to unpack, price and set up the store: Thursday, Nov. 16 from 10-4:00 and Friday, Nov.17 from 9-3:00. Workers are needed on Saturday from 8-3:00 at the Bazaar and after the Bazaar to box leftover items.

SILENT AUCTION

Ashley Tillery 336-905-0166 ashleyctillery@gmail.com

Carolyn Steed 336- 882-4829 carolyndwight@northstate.net

Your donation of collectibles, new items or antiques, art, sports tickets or business services for the SILENT AUCTION would be greatly appreciated! Contact Ashley Tillery to donate.

BAKE SALE

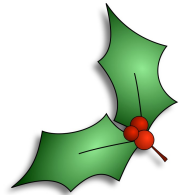
Linda Dale 336- 884-5121 dalematian@northstate.net

Kathy Niebauer 336-885-9305 kniebauer@northstate.net

Cakes, pies, bread, casseroles/stews/soups....dishes that makes life easier for those who have small children or work are going to sell well. Vegetable casseroles are very popular. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to donate baked goods, frozen items and home canned items.

PUBLICITY

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♥ UMW Board meets Monday, October 2, 10:30 am in the Small Dining Room

♥ June 16 -17, Lucille Duncan and Barbara Strowd attended the UMW Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska, and donated several UMCOR kits on behalf of Wesley Memorial.

♥ July 13, four members of Wesley Memorial UMW attended Mission U at Pfeiffer University.

♥ Clean out the closets, attic and the garage. We'd love to have your gently used household items, antiques, collectibles, toys, holiday decorations, WHATEVER for the General Store and Silent Auction portion of the bazaar. NO clothes, please. Storage space, downstairs room C109, is available now at the church. Call the church office and tell them you are coming with donations for the bazaar. Someone will make sure the door is unlocked. Please mark your donations "Bazaar". We appreciate your help !!

♥ Volunteers are needed for the Bazaar. You do not need to be a member of UMW to participate. All proceeds are donated to missions, visit carolinachristmasbazaar@gmail.com. Contact Martha Jobe, 336-880-6963, if you would like to be a part of this great church event. Wed, Nov 15 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Dining Hall, set-up; Sat, Nov 18, 3:30 - 5:30 pm, Dining Hall, break down

♥ The spaghetti dinner scheduled for October 11 to benefit The Rainbow School at Wesley Memorial has been cancelled.

Circle meetings in October:

♥ Angel Tree - TBA

♥ FAITH - Sunday, October 8, Sponsoring Blood Drive at the church

♥ Friendship - Monday, Oct 9, 11:30 am in the Small Dining Room

♥ Circle #6 - Mon, Oct 9, 7 pm at the home of Carolyn Steed, 1201 Wynnewood, Speaker is Paddy Fievet "The Happiness Factor"

♥ Circle #9 - Tues, Oct 17, 10:30 am in the Small Dining Room

♥ Circle #11 - Mon, Oct 16, 11:30 am in the Small Dining Room

♥ Circle #8 will not meet.

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We welcome 3 new **Wesley Singers** to the Chancel Choir this fall . . . Andrea Tulipana, Veronica Siebert and Sydney Miller. The Wesley Singers make a tremendous contribution to worship at Wesley Memorial. Please consider making a donation to the Wesley Singer Endowment or Wesley Singer Fund-raising Account. The Endowment receives the larger donations and bequests while the Fundraising account receives smaller memorials and designations.

This is a wonderful way to honor a loved one and continue the beautiful music offered each Sunday morning at the 8:30



From bottom left: Phillip Leach, Sydney Miller, Michael Friedrich, Andrea Tulipana, Stephen Saxon, Evan King, Veronica Siebert. Missing are Walker Brown and Allison Chickering.

chapel and 11:00 services.

Please consider joining one of our choirs: **Children's Music** for K-5's; **JuBELLation Choir**, handbells for students from 6 grade through college age; **Chancel Bells** for adult ringers and **Chancel Choir** for high school through older adults. Contact Anne Carroll or check the church calendar for times and dates of rehearsals.

Looking ahead, there will be special music from one of the above choirs on most Sundays. On December 10, the Chancel Choir, lay readers and orchestra will present *Kneeling in Bethlehem*, a service of readings and carols by Michael Burkhardt. The readings come from Ann Weems' book, *Kneeling in Bethlehem*. Weems was a noted poet, liturgist and worship leader.

Thank you Anthem Angels! To purchase an anthem from a list compiled by the Director of Music in honor or memory of someone, contact Anne Carroll.

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