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WELCOME

Jeff and Tammy

Dear Wesley Memorial Family,

Tammy and I are very excited about coming to serve among you! Our passion is the ministry of the local church. You are a great congregation with a rich history and an exciting future and it is an honor to be appointed to serve you. We are grateful to God and the Bishop and Cabinet of the Western NC Conference for this opportunity for ministry.

Since entering full-time ministry in 1986 at Montlieu Avenue UMC in High Point, we have loved all of our congregations and consider it a great privilege to be a parsonage family. Tammy and I love the relationships that we form with our church family. It is a priceless gift to be able to share life with you. It is a great joy for us to help people get closer to Christ and thus be a greater influence for Christ in the world. We enjoy helping congregations to become places of joy and fellowship that can show the world a different way of being human.

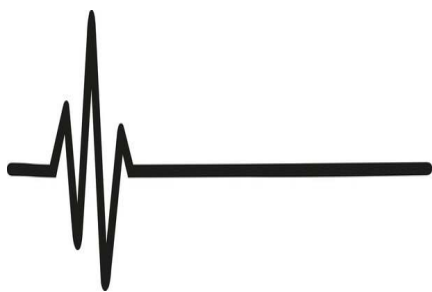
Together as we become more devoted Christ-followers, Jesus-People, disciples of the Living Lord, we will witness God's grace at work

among us. One of my life verses is Philippians 3:10: "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death." Together, we will grow in our relationship to the Living Christ so that Christ can live through us for the sake of the world. As we grow closer to Christ and more completely live the cruciform life, Christ will touch the world through us.

With Confidence in Christ,
Pastor Jeff



Jeff & Tammy at the Sea of Galilee



Stories From Our **Hearts**

Thank You!

We are so grateful for the wonderful farewell/retirement celebration you had for us on June 4. Your good wishes and expressions of love meant so much to us and will be a treasured memory of many memories of our ministry among you.

We want to say a special thanks to our friends on the church staff who worked so hard to make that day special for all of us and for the high honor of being in ministry with them.

The love offering you gave us and especially the creation of the Vivian Rose Vaughn Endowed Scholarship Fund were so generous. Wesley Memorial has not only loved us but you have loved and cared for our whole family. Thank you.

You will always be dear in our hearts and we do thank God for every remembrance of you. Now, embrace Jeff and Tammy and join with them in *making and sustaining spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world.*

Blessings

Meriam and Al

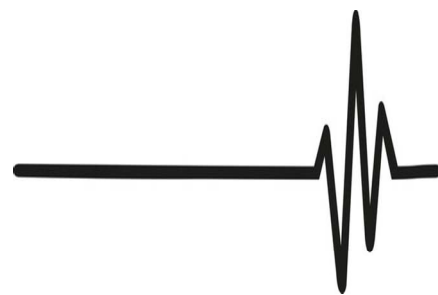
The Wards' new address is:

**450 Silver Creek Trail
Kernersville, NC 27284**

Ward Retirement Celebration...



Wesley Memorial's purpose is to create and sustain spiritually healthy followers who live in ways that transform the world. **Stories From Our Hearts** is a new feature where members of Wesley Memorial share faith stories of transformation in the world.



Dear Friends:

I want to thank you for the beautiful ways in which you have honored me and celebrated my retirement. My heart overflows with your love and kindness from the generous love offering. And I am so grateful - - SO DEEPLY grateful - - for the Susan M. Sumpter Endowment Scholarship Fund. There could not be a greater tribute to me than knowing that year-after-year there will be a child able to attend Wesley Memorial School because of monies contributed for that fund. How many people EVER receive a gift of that magnitude upon their retirement? God has truly blessed me through Wesley Memorial. You are my church, my home, my family.

I thank God for the devoted leadership of Susan Hedrick and the WMS Search Team working through the Board of Directors. They have given careful, devoted attention to all details and sealed each deliberation in prayer. I join you in pride and prayers as we launch a new administrative team of our school. It will be good.

Thanks be to God for Wesley Memorial and for the wonderfully rich opportunities which enable young children to thrive here and come to know the love of Jesus.

With Love,

Susan Sumpter



Money Counters



Each Monday, a team of 2 dedicated volunteers meet at 9:00 am to count, record and prepare deposit slips for the Sunday morning offering. There is a Lead Counter and an Assistant Counter who work together (with staff guidance and support) for about 2 hours. Each team

typically counts once a month. If you would like to offer your time and talent in support of this administrative ministry, please contact Beth Caudle at 336-812-4801.

Feeding Lisa's Kids
f Lisa Kiziah Hawley or 336-442-5866
deliver food boxes ♥ 1st Wednesday every month

Answering Phones



We are always looking for volunteers to help answer the phone and perform other light office work at the Front Desk between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. If you are able to donate just a few hours of your time each week, we would greatly appreciate the support. Please contact Cynthia Reddick at 336-884-2204 for more information.

Mission Trip



The 22nd annual Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY will be July 16-22. Henderson Settlement is a mission agency of the United Methodist Church that provides community services to the residents of this rural Appalachian region. The team is open to youth and adults. If you are interested in this "hands on mission" experience, please contact Dwight Steed at 336-882-4829

Fairview Backpacks



The Fairview backpack team is gearing up for the summer feeding program. Each week, the children living in the Fairview community receive lunches in the school cafeteria Monday through Thursday. Wesley Memorial provides individual lunches for those children Friday through Sunday. We are in need of

- ♥ single servings of milk
- ♥ fruit cups
- ♥ fruit juice
- ♥ breakfast items
- ♥ protein items

Thank you for your willingness to support this mission. If you have any questions, please contact Ivey Orr at ivelyorr1@gmail.com



Support

Feeding Lisa's Kids

Last month, the Rotary Club of High Point made a major contribution to FLK.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to this impactful ministry, please make your check payable to Wesley Memorial UMC and write "Feeding Lisa's Kids" in the memo line.

Anne Carroll

Director of Music Ministries

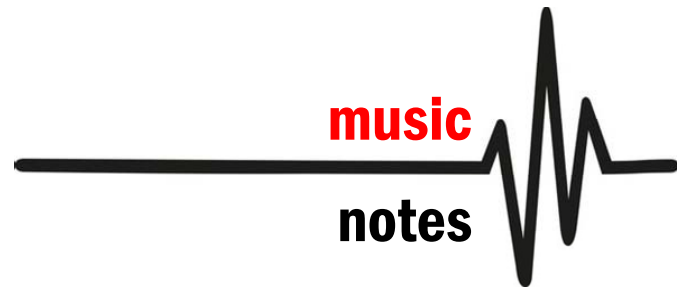
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Summer Choir:

Your Church Needs You



Many of our choir members travel over the summer and some “move” to the beach or mountains. Please consider helping the choir during the summer months at the very least. We rehearse June 28, July 12, 19 and August 9, 16, 23 and 30. . . only 7 rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:45-8:15 pm and 10:30 am Sundays. If you have travel plans we can excuse you from a rehearsal or Sunday morning but please consider



Wesley Singers Endowment:

Your Church Needs You



Our Wesley Singers provide the only special music at the 8:30 Chapel service from September-April and greatly enhance the choir music at 11:00 service. You may direct contributions to the Wesley Singer Endowment Fund by writing a check to Wesley

Memorial UMC with “Wesley Singers Endowment” on the memo line. We must ensure that this important program continues to enhance worship and the lives of our talented young singers.



Congratulations 2017 College Graduates

Samuel “Austin” Eskew, BA Economics/Management & Society, UNC Chapel Hill (son of Melanie & Andy Eskew)

David M. Hurrelbrink, BS Chemical Engineering, NC State (son of Mary Sansing & Lester Hurrelbrink)

Katherine Hurrelbrink, JD, University of Michigan (daughter of Mary Sansing & Lester Hurrelbrink)

Cannon Elder Lane, BA English, BA Spanish, minor Women’s Gender Studies, University of Virginia (daughter of Mac & Michele Lane)

Meghan Blair Pope, BA Nursing, UNCG (granddaughter of Ann Linthicum)

Emily Margaret Robbian, BA Religion & Practical Theology, Pfeiffer University (daughter of Linda and Michael Robbian)

Douglass Lee Salmon, Associates Applied Science in Entertainment Technology w/ focus on Recording Engineering, GTCC (son of Leigh Anne Bassinger)

Jackson Ridge Somers, BA Political Science, BS Business Administration, Kenan Flagler, (son of Jack and Ginger Somers)



Debbie Foust

Director of Children's Ministries

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Mission Camp 2017



Vacation Bible School

July 17–20

9 am–12:30 pm

At Maker Fun Factory, kids discover that God made them—and for a purpose! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, 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 the Funshop Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

3 year olds thru **fifth grade**

(must be 4 by August 31, 2017)

Online registration www.wesleymemorial.org

Can't be there to help with VBS?

You can still play an important roll in the experience!

Here are two ways:

1. Financial donations will help offset the cost of VBS supplies, materials, and snacks for children here at WMUMC and Ward Street. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.
2. The mission project for VBS will be collecting school supplies for Fairview Elementary School. Teachers often have to reach into their own pockets to help supply the needs in their classroom. Please help ease their burden. Particular items needed are:
 - ♥ composition books & notebook paper
 - ♥ pencils, markers, crayons
 - ♥ 2-pocket folders
 - ♥ tissues
 - ♥ glue sticks

Marked bins will be available in the Adult wing as well as the Elementary Hall. Thank you, in advance, for your support!

Steven Nelson

Director of Student Ministries

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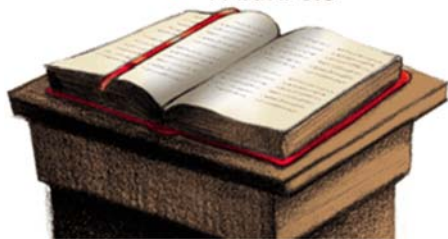
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student
ministries



Study ^{the} Bible
with us



Tuesdays, July 11 -August 15

All Girls Bible Study (10:00 am—12:00 noon)



Girls of all ages (grades 6-12) and their friends are invited to a 2017 summer Bible study! Drinks and snacks will be provided. Bring \$5 for your book. We can't wait to see you and your friends.

Location: Nelson Home, 1016 Wellington Street

All Boys Bible Study (2:00 pm—4:00 pm)



Boys of all ages (grades 6-12) and their friends are invited to a 2017 summer Bible study! Drinks and candy are provided. Lots of fun stuff including basketball. We can't wait to see you and your friends!

Location: Wesley Memorial Fellowship Hall, 1225 Chestnut Drive



Church Camp 2017

SEVEN

Student Ministries is offering 7 nights this summer filled with fun, fellowship, devotion, and prayer. Come out from 7-9 at the locations listed below. All students in grades 6-12 and their friends are invited to come together to grow in their faith and with each other. Drinks and dessert are provided on all these nights. They will rotate each night at a different house. Questions? Call/text Steven Nelson at: 910-232-6064

July 5 (off for July 4th Holiday)

July 12 Eskew Home

(221 Hillcrest Drive)

July 19 Henley Home

(1219 W. Westwood Avenue)

July 26 Cheek Home

(402 Hillcrest Drive)

August 2 Nunn Home

(1109 Wynnewood Avenue)

August 9 Culler Home

(1108 Wynnewood Avenue)



Susan Kelley

ACTING Director of
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...Ways That **Transform** the World

Among the families applying for WMS scholarships for 2017-2018, there are many heart stories. One WMS mother writes,

"My only son has really grown this year. His spiritual and educational knowledge has grown beyond belief. He was shy and his separation anxiety breaks my heart. I feel being around other children and having caring teachers has really helped him so much. He has made friends and he loves his teachers and school. It amazes me when he comes home excited to tell me about his day. He is loved and nourished by his friends and teachers. I would hate to think that my financial situation would end this. We love WMS and I pray he can continue to be here."

This WMS mother is single, working, and going back to school. She fled an abusive relationship and is putting her life back together. She cheerfully volunteers in the classroom and is seeking to be a positive role model for her son. This mother recently received a scholarship award letter which will help her son continue to attend WMS.

Generous gifts to one of the four scholarship funds benefiting children, the WMS Rainbow Scholarship Fund, the Dorothy Jean Bowman Scholarship Endowment, the Susan M Sumpter Scholarship Endowment, and the Vivian Rose Vaughn Scholarship Endowment for children with special needs, help to make WMS scholarships possible.

Director Search **Update**

After Susan Sumpter shared her plans to retire, the WMS Board commissioned a search team made up of Board members, parents, and educators to identify a new Director. This team has met regularly for the last 8 weeks. The result of their work concluded with the hiring of a dynamic leadership team to carry our beloved WMS into the future. We are very excited about the gifts, experience and love for Wesley Memorial School that both individuals bring to their respective positions. As we prepare to publish the July Heartbeat, one person on the team is in the process of leaving her current position. Out of respect for her and the institution she serves, we are not releasing her name but look forward to making a full announcement in July.

In the meantime, Susan Kelley will be serving as the acting Director of Wesley Memorial School. She will be serving in this role until the second team member starts towards the end of July. Susan Kelley will be supported by Susan Hedrick, Debbie Foust and Scott Howell during this time of transition. We are grateful to Susan Kelley's willingness and ability to step into this vital, transitional role.



We Remember and Honor our Loved Ones

Gifts received May 2017

In Memory of

Margaret Anne (Peggy) Donald Amos: Peggy Adams, Roma Amos, Jerry Bain, Bob & Janie Bass, Mr. & Mrs. Bălint Birkàs, Gene & Mary Anne Bohi, Missy Butler, Bill & Nancy Carter, Shirley Conrad, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cottam, III, Jennifer & David Covington, Ned & Katherine Covington, Sarah & Rick Crowder, Lane & Sanders Dallas, Lucille Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Eichhorn, Bill & Candy Fenn, Libby Fisher, Nan & Jack Flynn, Marita & Gilbert Gates, Everette & Pat Grayson, Jim & Marilyn Groome, High Point Study Club, Mr. & Mrs. R. Scott Hood, David & Bonnie Horney, Maurice Hull, Mary Leslie Huntley, Jane Hutchens, Eleanor Ilderton, Bobby & Debbie Irvin, Harold & Suzy Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jones, III, Gayle Kearns, Sarah Kemm, Florence Kendall, Dr. & Mrs. A.D. Kornegay, Warren & Joni Lackey, Bart & Barbara Lassiter, Mr. & Mrs. Bunn Lee, Sandra & Jim Marsh, Harold & Betty Martin, Nancy Martin, Jane McInnis, Mr. & Mrs. William McKenzie, Katherine & Henry McMullen, Joseph Minchak, Susan Morris, Mike & Linda O'Briant, Gloria & Dan Odom, Karen Odom, Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Perry, Jr., Piedmont Ear, Nose & Throat Associates, Kathryn Powell, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Randle, Susan & Bose Ravenel, June Safrit, Amelia Schute, Jo & Pete Thompson, Kay & Jim Snow, John & Beth Thomas, Bootsy Tucker, Tom & Britt Tyson & Ellen Tyson McEnancy, Mark & Nancy Warburton, Alfred & Lee Webster, Dr. & Mrs. Ed Weller, Bert & Chuck Wood, Richard Wood, David & Linda Zenns

Robert Hayes Baber: Katherine & Henry McMullan

Mary Ruth Gilbert Carroll (Mother of Jimmy Carroll):
Everette & Pat Grayson

Frances Davis Cushwa.: Myra Brown, Adrienne Gillikin, Jim & Marilyn Groome, Butch & Betsy Hodge, Jane McInnis, Larry & Sharon Sink, Lois Snyder, Belinda Surratt & Jimmy Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Wade, David & Abby Williams

Betty Anne Harrison: N. M. Harrison

Ralph Helderman (Father of Miriam Ward): Wade & Lois Markham

Doris Faircloth Henley: Gene & Mary Ann Bohi, Mike & Linda O'Briant

Lula Hoskins: Catherine Thompson & Joanna King

Alice Williams Mighell Glover Inge (Mother of Debbie Cottam): David & Linda Zenns

Betsy Anderson Johnson: Jane McInnis, Richard & Margo Wright

Lyles Hoover Kearns: Gloria Harris

Dixie Gray Wilson Klemme: Gene & Mary Ann Bohi

Wanna Huggins McAnally: Gene & Mary Ann Bohi, Harold & Suzy Johnson

our church

family

In Memory (cont'd)

Horace D. Steadman, Jr.: Jane McInnis, Jane & Ken Murray, Everette & Pat Grayson

Mary Louise Stone: Roma Amos

Christopher Thomas (Son of Sharon Thomas): Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class

In Honor of

Molly & Allen Beard: The Farewell Lunch Gang

Bob Carter: Sharon Thomas

Jean Stockton: Monday Morning Bible Study Group

Sunday School teachers during the year: Aldersgate-Miller Memorial Class

Al Ward: Sharon Thomas

In Memoriam

Walter Byron Starnes ♥ May 24

Kenneth Ray Sawyer ♥ June 11

Edward (Ed) Joseph von der Lippe ♥ June 17

Ruth Craven ♥ June 22

Sympathies

Debbie Cottam and family in the death of her mother, Alice Williams Mighell Glover Inge, on December 16, 2016

Bob Cottam and family in the death of his father, Robert Thomas Cottam Jr., on May 22, 2017

Helen Starnes and Ann Reece, Walt & Harrison in the death of their son, father, and grandfather, Walter Byron Starnes, on May 24, 2017

Mickey Warth and family in the death of his mother, Helen Warth, on May 27, 2017

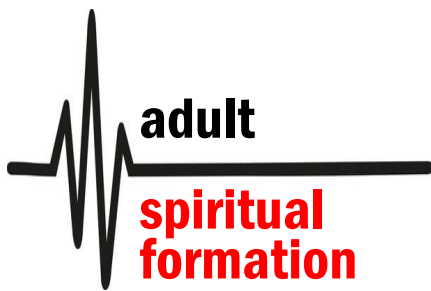
Alma Sawyer and Rick Sawyer in the death of her husband and his father, Kenneth Ray Sawyer, on June 11, 2017

Susan Marino and family in the death of her mother; Dorothy Jean Libourel Boudinot, on June 14, 2017

Hannelore von der Lippe & Doug, Kevin and Bruce von der Lippe in the death of her husband and their father, Edward (Ed) Joseph von der Lippe, on June 17, 2017

Bill Harriss and family in the death of his brother, Robert (Bob) Harriss, on June 17, 2017

The family of Ruth Craven in her death on June 22, 2017



Rev. Erin Beall

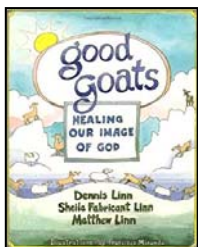
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Summer Book: **Good Goats**



Our summer book, *Good Goats: Healing Our Image of God* by Dennis, Sheila, and Matthew Linn, is now available at the Front Desk. Be sure to pick one up for \$12 so you can be prepared for our summer get-togethers as we discuss the content of this powerful and interesting little book.

We'll wonder together about what we picture when we think about God—is God an old man? a judge? a parent? And is God angry? merciful? both?

We'll be meeting every other Tuesday at 7 pm throughout the summer, discussing different sections of the book, culminating with a final dinner on Wednesday, August 16. You'll notice, as you flip through the book, that it's divided into two sections. We're going to read and discuss them simultaneously. This could get confusing, so here's a handy chart :

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Pages to Read</u>	<u>Topics for Discussion</u>
July 11 at 7pm	Brown Truck Brewery	28-37, 66-76	Hell & Free Will
July 25 at 7pm	Brown Truck Brewery	38-51, 76-89	God's Gender & Love for Us
August 8 at 7pm	Dudley Home	Whole Book	Are We Goats or Sheep?
*August 16 at 6pm	WMUMC Dining Hall	Whole Book	Q&A & round-table discussion

Helping

Church Members

With Transportation



The Congregational Care Team is looking for folks willing to

help members with transportation needs. Your car and time could help people in our congregation attend an important medical appointment during the week or come to church on Sunday morning.

The team is putting together a contact list of individuals who would be willing to serve in this important capacity. Interested in helping and learning more? Or think you may need transportation? Contact Nancy McKenzie, chair, or Rev. Jared Stine for more info.

Stephen Ministry

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 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.

Rev. Jared Stine

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Pillow Ministry

Goes to River Landing



On June 22, Susan Ravenel and other members of Wesley Memorial sponsored a Pillow Ministry outreach event at River Landing. 24 residents attended the workshop and made their own pillow with the

assistance of Wesley Memorial members. The residents were then encouraged to think of someone who could benefit from the pillow, and give that pillow as the first step in building a relationship of Christian care and support. This event fulfills the Congregational Care team's part in our new strategic plan by helping Christians, at Wesley Memorial and throughout our community, to grow in their discipleship. Susan Ravenel and the Congregational Care team hope to expand this project to other retirement communities and assisted living facilities throughout High Point.





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♥ Mission U at Pfeiffer University, July 14 or 15. Areas of study are Climate Justice, Living as a Covenant Community and UMC Missionary Conferences in the US. A carpool will be going from our church for the day. Contact Lucille Duncan if you want to attend.

♥ The UMW is collecting toiletries for Family Services until mid-July. Collection boxes are located near the coffee bar in the Adult Fellowship wing, in the Fellowship Hall lobby and in the front office lobby.

♥ On March 23, the national UMW organization celebrated its third annual Day of Giving. \$300,000 was raised and added to the UMW Legacy Fund. This fund is a permanent endowment that will support the mission outreach of future generations of UMW as they respond to the needs of women, children and youth.

♥ The UMW Board will not meet in July.

Circle Meetings in July

♥ FAITH Circle - will meet Sunday July 16. Details to be announced.



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 Small Dining Room. Contact **Lee Huff** at 336-884-9165, **Karen Sumner** at 336-883-8721 or **Linda Dale** at 336-884-5121.

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