



### From Our Pastor



### It's All About Jesus

It's not about congregational or institutional survival. It's

about Jesus. It's not about preserving what makes us comfortable or suits our preferences. It's about Jesus. What we do as individual Christians or as congregations should be directed by our relationship with Jesus and our desire to follow Jesus. The community around us should see our devotion to the Living Christ in our midst. We shouldn't be afraid to name the One that rules our lives.

Because Jesus has bought us as his people with the price of his blood, our whole lives should be an expression of our gratitude. The work of God in Jesus is redemption. Our lives should be expressions of gratitude. As Jesus

People in the world, we express our gratitude to Jesus by the way we live.

As those who follow Jesus, we should seek to live as Jesus lived. We should be focused on the kingdom of God as Jesus was focused on the kingdom of God. We should seek to forgive as Jesus forgives, love as Jesus loves, be compassionate as Jesus is compassionate, and serve humanity as Jesus serves humanity. Our relationship to power and riches should express that we are following Jesus. As Jesus People, we should seek to be broken bread and poured out wine for the sake of the world.

Living a Jesus-centered life will make us countercultural. As individuals or congregations, the way we use our resources (time, talent, finances, property) should express to the world that we are Jesus People. Our calendars and our schedules should express to the world that we are Jesus People. Our financial records should express that we want to follow Jesus more than anything else the world offers. Our hope and dreams should express that we are Jesus People.

When people experience us or our congregations, they should experience Jesus. One of the Bible verses that I hope guides my life is Paul's words in Galatians 2:20 *"I have been crucified with Christ and yet I am alive; yet it is no longer I, but Christ living in me"* (Jerusalem Bible). I seek to crucify my will, my desires, my agendas, and my preferences, so that my life may be guided by the will, desires, agendas, and preferences of Christ.

Will you join me in this adventure as we follow closely in the dust of Rabbi Jesus as he roams the world?

With Confidence in Christ,

**Pastor Jeff**

I AM  
CRUCIFIED  
WITH CHRIST  
NEVERTHELESS I LIVE  
IN ME AND THE LIFE WHICH I  
NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH  
I LIVE BY THE  
FAITH  
OF THE  
SON OF  
GOD  
WHO  
LOVED ME  
AND GAVE  
HIMSELF  
FOR ME  
GALATIANS  
2:20



# Easter Eggs-travaganza 2018







Prayer  
Shawl  
Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered over 2000 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**  
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**Linda Dale**  
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## NEW OFFICE HOURS

(effective April 3)

**Monday—Thursday 8:30 am—4:30 pm**

**Friday—8:30 am—12:30 pm**

The United Methodist Women are hosting a Tea/ Shower for the YWCA Baby Basics Closet on Sunday, May 6. We will be collecting the following items during April:

***Bottles, Diapers-all sizes, Baby wipes, Clothing-new and used up to size 5, Formula-Similac, Enfamil, Parents Choice, Maternity Clothing, Bassinets, Strollers, High Chairs and Other Baby Items.***

Collection Boxes will be placed in the Narthex of the Church, Adult Sunday School Area and Fellowship Hall Area. Any items you can donate will be greatly appreciated. If you have large items you would like to donate, please call Betsy Hodge at 336.688.7680 to arrange a time for items to be picked up.



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

Please make your reservation by  
Friday, April 13  
(336.884.2204)

### Lunch Menu

Baked Ham • Macaroni & Cheese  
Peas • Bread • Dessert

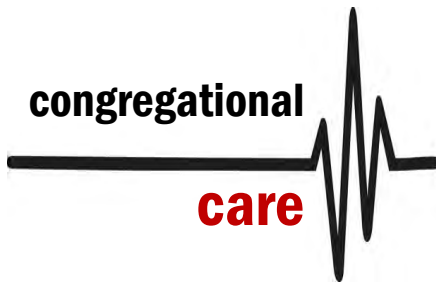
God  
doesn't just  
LOVE

...God  
LIKES



## New Sermon Series — April 15 thru May 20

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>April 15</b> | <b>April 22</b> | <b>April 29</b> | <b>May 6</b>     | <b>May 13</b>      | <b>May 20</b>           |
| "Mephibosheth"  | "Zaccheus"      | "Jacob"         | "Mary Magdalene" | "Ethiopian Eunuch" | "Apostles at Pentecost" |



## The Reverend **Jared Stine**

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## Introducing Our New

## Congregational Care Pastors!

The Staff Parish Relations Team is delighted to welcome the Reverend Betty Jeanne Day and the Reverend Sandra McNiell to our clergy staff at Wesley Memorial. Sandra and Betty Jeanne will continue their call to ministry as **Congregational Care Pastors**, working 4 to 8 hours per week by visiting individuals who are homebound or have chronic health conditions, serving at our Midweek Communion Service, or assisting in Sunday morning worship. A formal welcome will take place April 15 in all worship services.

### The Reverend Sandra McNiell



I grew up in Illinois, lived most of my adult life in Michigan, and moved to North Carolina in 2000. After various positions in the insurance industry for 40 years, I retired in 2014 from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. I received my call to ministry in 2003, attended Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, NC, and

graduated in 2010. My first pastoral appointment was in 2007. Over a ten-year ministry career, I have served two 2-point charges. I retired in July 2017.

I am a widow with two children, four grandchildren, and a great-grandchild on the way!

I am delighted to return to Wesley Memorial after retirement and serve the Lord in a new way.

### The Reverend Betty Jeanne Day



I arrived at Wesley Memorial UMC by a rather circuitous path. I was born and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I attended Louisiana State University and the University of Southwest Louisiana. I moved to Jacksonville, Alabama and finished my Bachelor and Master of Music Education degrees and eventually a

Master of Arts in English degree from Jacksonville State University. After teaching public school music (Choir) and private voice lessons for 20 years, I taught high school English for 10 years. I was also the Choir Director at FUMC Jacksonville for 10 years. I retired from teaching, moved to NC and one year later started work on a Master of Divinity at Duke University. I was ordained as an elder in the Western NC Conference of the UMC, and served this conference as a minister under appointment for 9 years. After I retired, I moved to Greensboro and chose Wesley Memorial as my charge conference. Both my children and their spouses are professional musicians and music teachers in the Triad. I have two granddaughters: a junior and a freshman at SE Guilford High School.

I am looking forward to serving as a Congregational Care Pastor at Wesley Memorial. At this time in my life, I believe that I will be able to serve God best by offering pastoral care to congregation members, especially older adults, and by supporting the Ministerial staff as they see fit.



## Caregivers – You are not alone!

Are you a caregiver for a friend or family member? Caring for a loved one is very rewarding and reflects the compassion God has for us and wants us to show one another. However, caregiving can have challenging moments, and sometimes you need a friend who has been a caregiver to offer support, a listening ear, or suggest strategies and ideas to help your loved one thrive. Wesley Memorial has a group of folks who've walked the caregiving journey, and they would love to support other caregivers in our congregation. Would you like to make a connection with one of them? Contact Jared Stine for more information.

## Prayer List Email Group

### Forming Now

Prayer is central to our faith, our relationship with God, and the fabric of our community as the Body of Christ. In order to grow as a caring congregation, Wesley Memorial will begin emailing a prayer list to members of Wesley Memorial who select to receive a weekly email notification. This email will list Joys, Concerns, Ministry Events, and Bereavements. To keep the list relevant, readable, and up-to-date, names will stay on the list for 2-3 weeks, unless renewed. Email Cynthia Reddick at :

[creddick@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:creddick@wesleymemorial.org)

to join the email list, or watch for sign-ups in the Wesley Weekly. (Note: *Only people who self-select to join the email prayer list will receive it*).

# PRAYER

*changes things*

## Memory Café

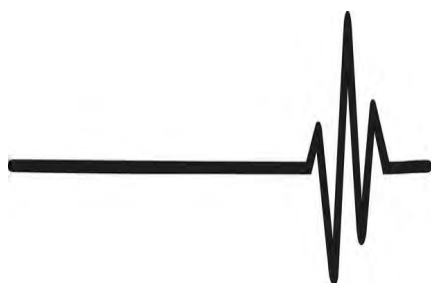
### Starting in April



Beginning this month, Wesley Memorial will host a Memory Café on our campus. Memory Café, offered by Senior Resources of Guilford County, provides a gathering place for friends with Alzheimer's (and other dementias) along with their caregivers and families to

relax and enjoy socialization, refreshments, discussion, and entertainment. You can expect peer support, valuable information and education, and social contact with others having a similar experience – all in an informal, relaxed, and stigma-free environment. And, it's FREE! The first gathering will be **April 5 from 10:00-12:00pm**. Subsequent meetings will be the first Thursday of every month. For more information, contact Christianna Taylor at 336.373.4816 or email:

[caregiver2@senior-resources-guilford.org](mailto:caregiver2@senior-resources-guilford.org).



## Stories From Our Hearts

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 way for members and friends of Wesley Memorial to share faith stories of transformation in the world.

There is nothing like the sound of fifty or so 4, 5, and 6-year-old children singing "Jesus Loves Me this I know..." and "All you children, come praise the Lord..." Recently, we had over two hundred family members and children together for our "Family Night". This was an evening of children showing off their classroom and their work. In addition, our Pre-K Four and Kindergarten children sang, and all enjoyed ice cream sundaes.

I wish I could relay to you the look on parents and grandparents faces while they listened to their children sing.

*This is one of my God moments! For I see God in every one of these faces. I hear God in every one of these children. And, I feel and experience the presence of God in these moments.*

One of my most treasured "jobs" I do as school Director is lead Chapel time weekly with our Kindergarteners. Recently, we read the story about Jesus telling the



fishermen to put down their nets and follow him. So, in the story when Jesus tells them, "I will make you fishers of people", the children frowned and collectively sighed "what?" As we talked about these friends of Jesus becoming disciples, one of our kindergarteners

said, "Oh, we are like them. We are disciples for Jesus!" YES! AMEN! Another God moment.

To me, there is nothing more precious than these little ones we serve. I am so very proud of the school that we are and our role in the lives of these children and families. We are making disciples.

**JoAnn Clifton**

Director, Wesley Memorial School



# student ministries



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## Spring Workshop 2018



## Save The Dates

### Life Groups

Open to students grades 6-12

Wesley Memorial UMC

Wednesdays in April

6:30-8:00 pm

### "Edge Of Adventure"

Eskew's House

Sunday, April 22

6:00-8:00 pm

### Sunday Night Live (SNL)

Open to students grades 6-12

"The Underground"

Sunday, April 29

5:30-7:30 pm

### Confirmation Sunday

Wesley Memorial UMC

Sunday, April 29

11:00 am



Please pray for our 2017-18 Confirmation Class & Adult Leaders

## Confirmation Formation Retreat at Lake Junaluska April 13-15



**Debbie Foust**

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## Easter Scavenger Hunt 2018



Come sail away...



The Best Week of the Summer!

New Friends ● Amazing Experiments ● Creative Games  
Tropical Treats ● Surprising Adventures ● Incredible Music



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

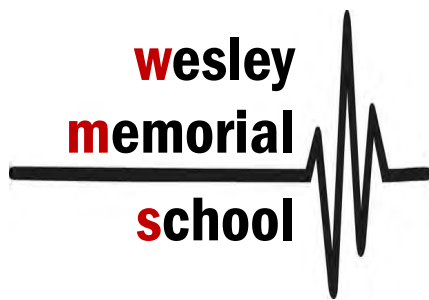
**July 16-19, 2018 ● 9:00 am—12:30 pm**

For 3 year olds (must be 4 by August 31, 2018) thru 5th grade

REGISTER ON LINE beginning May 14 at [www.wesleymemorial.org](http://www.wesleymemorial.org)







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## WMS Super Heroes Dash 2018

We raised **\$897.28** for the Kisses4Kate organization. Thank you for your generous support.





## Summer Camp and Summer Enrichment

Dear Families,



Summer is coming! Let us be a part of your child's summer. This summer we are offering a camp style summer program for infants through rising first graders. Our Wesley Memorial School Summer Camp will begin on Tuesday, June 5 and conclude on Friday, August

3. We will not be open the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday. Camp hours are from 8am to 1pm Monday through Friday. Our summer camp program will therefore be eight weeks of themed fun, learning, and special opportunities. Parents will need to *pack a lunch every day*. The children will have a snack daily and parents will sign up to bring in snack as we do during the school year. If your child is enrolled in the WMS Summer Camp, they will automatically be enrolled in our Enrichment weeks at no additional charge.

Tuition is only \$100.00 per week. Classes will be



structured per age level; therefore, spaces are limited. Because spaces are limited you are committing for at least six of our eight weeks. Tuition may be paid in total for the summer, monthly, or weekly. However, if you choose to pay weekly, tuition *must be*

*paid by Monday at drop off.*

### Our themed weeks are as follows:

**June 5 - June 8:** Planting in the Garden

**June 11 - June 15:** Ecology / our Earth

**\*June 18 - June 22:** Music! / Drama

**June 25 - June 29:** Sports / Fitness and Health

**July 2-6:** CLOSED

**July 9 - 13:** Young Scientist

**\*July 16 - 20:** Vacation Bible School  
"Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus"/Missions

**July 23 - 27:** Space - The Final Frontier

**\*July 30 - Aug 3:** Water Week!

Simply complete a registration form and return with the \$20.00 registration fee. If you choose to enroll for only our **Enrichment weeks (\*)**, the tuition for the week (M-F, 8am - 1pm) is \$125.00. *Registration and tuition payment for Enrichment weeks are due at registration time.*

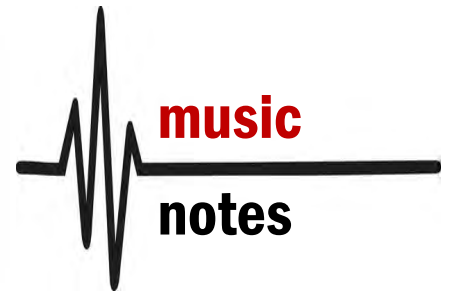
We are so excited about our new summer programming!





## Anne Carroll

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## The Choir Is A Gift To Me

Little did I envision at age 16 when I joined the church choir where my parents were members that many, many decades later the church choir would still be a very meaningful part of my life. When my husband, Bob, was in the Army, I was the youngest member of the choir in the chapel at Ft. Bragg. It's been a long time since I've had the distinction of "the youngest."

Many changes have taken place in my life, but choir membership has remained constant. The words in many anthems are directly from Scripture, and the message is reinforced with each singing. In fact, often when I hear Scripture read, it reminds me of music we have sung. When the choir has its part in the church service, it is not a performance, but an act of worship.

There is a fellowship among choir members—a dedicated group of people who make weekly rehearsals part of their life's pattern. Your paths may not cross in other avenues, but the bond is strong, and we support each other when there is a need, and any time we are a help to someone, it is a God moment. I don't view myself as a gift to the choir; the choir is a gift to me.

*Bee Rale*



**Want to solve puzzles?**

**Play detective?**

**Come help the**

**Historical Committee**

Spend some time at the Register of Deeds office tracking down the exact location of our first two sanctuaries (streets have been reconfigured over time but we do have the transcription of our first deed for a starting point); this would be good for lawyers, surveyors, realtors, architects, etc.

Find the graves of some of our first members in the oldest section of Oakwood Cemetery (maybe do some rubbings of info from stones, look at cemetery records, compare family names with our history, etc.); this might be an interesting project to include children .

Additionally, if you happen to have ancestors from 1856 to 1915 buried at Oakwood who might have been members, please let us know; this is something anyone can do!

Leave a note at the office in the Historical Room mailbox, or contact either **Anne Andrews** (336.883.4044) or **Harriet Mattes** (336.884.1930) to participate.





# We Remember and Honor our Loved Ones

Gifts received February 2018

## In Memory of:

**Charles Bunch (Father of Brian Bunch):** Chris Amos

**William Hough Colonna, Jr.:** Chris Amos, Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Bumgarner, Ned & Katherine Covington, Mary & Michael Drummond, Kenneth Geddie, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Gene Kester, Wade & Lois Markham, Dusty & Kay Maynard, A Friend, John Peeler, Mr. & Mrs. Grover Shugart

**Rachel Leonard Garner:** Gaston Penry, Vivian Penry

**Tom Johnston Kearns, Jr.:** Latimer & Robin Alexander, Sandy & Paul Cathcart, Sarah Kemm, The Marsha Family, Bootsy Tucker

**Eleanor (Nudi) Maas:** Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Bennett, Bart & Barbara Lassiter, Steve & Jeanne Spillers, Becky & Ed Weller

**Max & Nancy Meeks:** Carolyn Watson

**Ellen Rives Millis:** Tommy & Jeffri Adkins, Chris Amos, Leland & Nancy Averett, Ann & Bob Brinson, John & Sydney Cavanaugh, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cottam, III, Barbara & Paul Coughlin, Jennifer & David Covington, Ned & Katherine Covington, Harry & Catherine Culp, Susan Culp, Candy & Bill Fenn, Adair Graham, Dennis & Christie Harris, David & Bonnie Horney, Mike & Peggy Hussey, George & Wanda Jones, Jim & Dottie Keever, Sarah Kemm, Florence Kendall, Karen & David Kiefer, Lillian Kimrey, Jenne, Lou Uggie, Kitzmiller, Elizabeth & Aden Magee, Thomas & Jane Mann, Tucker & Karen Mann, Mac & Susan McMichael, Elizabeth Meldace, A Friend, Sallie Phillips, Karen McNeill Pond & Stephen Pond, Kathryn Powell, Liz & Raymond Rogers, Dr. Saul & Julie Schwarz, Jeanne & Steve Spillers, Brantley & Matt Springett, William Stanfield, III, Strategic Capital Partners/Rick Horn, Sallie Greer Vanderbilt, Mr. & Mrs. G. Alfred Webster, Dr. & Mrs. Ed Weller, Weston Banks Wealth Partners/Jason Steele, Marianne White, Gloria Wilson

**Debbie Pedersen:** Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class

**Marsha B. Slane:** Chris Amos, Susan Culp, Dorsay & Keith Eichhorn, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Hunter, Liz Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Kester, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Montgomery, Raymond & Liz Rogers, Charles & Vanessa Surles

**Helen Weavil Starnes:** Dow & Beth Craver, Jim & Karen Gooding, Betty & Harold Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Montgomery, Gaston Penry, Vivian Penry, Abigail Weaver

**Minnie & Reggie Watson (Parents of Carolyn Watson):** Carolyn Watson

**Dot Wells:** Carolyn Watson

**Louise Zimmerman:** Carolyn Watson

## In Honor of:

**Dr. Bill Anderson:** Carolyn Watson

**Anne Andrews:** Family of Tom Kearns

**Anne Carroll:** Carolyn Watson



*(In Honor of, cont'd)*

**Rev. Betty Jeanne Day:** Carolyn Watson

**Joe Gamble:** Carolyn Watson

**Carol Hutchins' Bereavement Team:** Family of Tom Kearns

**Dottie O'Connor:** Carolyn Watson

**Ivey Orr:** Family of Tom Kearns

**Dr. Jeff Patterson:** Family of Tom Kearns

**Frank Pifferetti:** Family of Tom Kearns

**Jackson Smith (On receiving his Eagle Scout Award):** Becky & Jerry Harrington, Peggy & Brent Shaver

**Rev. Jared Stine:** Family of Tom Kearns

**Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class:** Carolyn Watson

## In Memoriam

**Robert (Bob) Lee Stone Sr.,** February 16, 2018

**Tom Johnston Kearns Jr.,** February 19, 2018

**Eleanor (Nudi) Maas,** February 19, 2018

**Rev. Dr. Bernard R. Fitzgerald,** February 22, 2018

**Mary Gwendolyn Jones Gibson,** March 7, 2018

**Margaret Louise Jones Cain,** March 8, 2018

## Sympathies

The family of **Robert (Bob) Lee Stone** upon his death on February 16, 2018

John Kearns, Maggie and Liza upon the death of his father and their grandfather, **Tom Johnston Kearns Jr.,** on February 18, 2018

Skip Culler, Gaby, Lulu & Bo upon the death of his grandmother and their great grandmother, **Eleanor (Nudi) Maas,** on February 19, 2018

The family of **Rev. Dr. Bernard R. Fitzgerald** upon his death on February 22, 2018

Rev. Peggy Finch and family upon the death of her husband, **David Slane Finch,** on February 25, 2018

Barbara Coughlin, Elizabeth Coughlin, Catherine Houser, Sara Brown & Lindsay McKnight upon the death of her father and their grandfather, **Dr. Glenn Franklin Bitler Sr.,** on March 3, 2018

Clark Gibson, Bradley, Gwyn and Parker Gibson & Porter Redmond and families upon the death of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother, **Mary Gwendolyn Jones Gibson,** on March 7, 2018

Linda Robbian, Eric & Emily upon the death of her mother and their grandmother, **Margaret Louise Jones Cain,** on March 8, 2018



United  
Methodist  
Women

The organized unit of  
**UNITED METHODIST  
WOMEN** shall be a  
community of women  
whose **PURPOSE** is to  
know God and to  
experience freedom as  
whole persons through  
Jesus Christ; to develop

a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts  
of mission through participation in the global ministries of  
the church.

If you are interested in visiting/joining a UMW Circle, you  
are invited to email Peggy Holden at [mopeg@northstate.net](mailto:mopeg@northstate.net)  
or Lucille Duncan at [lbd48nc@triad.rr.com](mailto:lbd48nc@triad.rr.com).

The UMW Board will meet Monday, April 9, 10:30 am in  
the Small Dining Room.

Thank you to FAITH Circle for sponsoring the Red Cross  
Blood Drive on Sunday, March 18. Thirty units of blood  
were collected.

**Northern Piedmont District Prayer Breakfast**, Saturday, April  
7, Centenary UMC, Greensboro. Registration and  
breakfast 9:00 - 9:50am, Memorial Service and speaker  
10:00 am - noon, \$5 for breakfast. Carpool from Wesley  
Memorial, contact Lucille Duncan, 336-882-1815.

**WNCC UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat**, June 15-16, Lake  
Junaluska. Go to [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org) for details.

#### Circle Meetings in April:

**FAITH** - Sunday, April 15, 3:30 pm at the home of Rachel  
Cusick, 2701 Swan Lake Drive, 27262

**Friendship** - Monday, April 9, 11:30 am, Dining Hall, details  
TBA

**Circle #6** - TBA

**Circle #9** - Tuesday, April 17, 10:30am, Dining Hall

**Angel Tree** and **Circle #8** will not meet.

**Circle #11** has merged with **Circle #9**

#### HEARTBEAT (USPS 327-700)

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**MAY heart♥beat Deadline**

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

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