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Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, High Point, NC

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## Holy Week 2019



Childcare available during all Holy Week Services.

Please contact Susan Kelley at **skelley@wesleymemorial.org** to reserve your space.

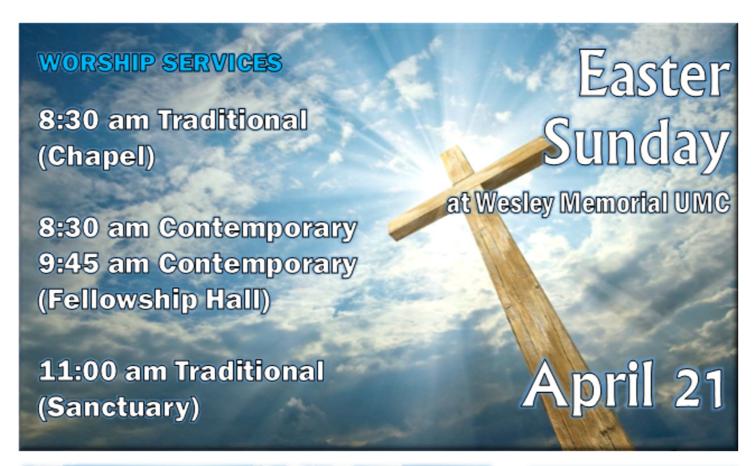
It is helpful if you communicate your need for childcare at least 72 hours before the event.



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Wesley Memorial's Missions Committee has chosen to give this year's Easter Offering to the **Ward Street Mission** for the purpose of beautifying the church's property by:

- 1. Modernizing the playground equipment
- 2. Creating more green space for children
- 3. Upgrading back parking lot with new asphalt
  - 4. Constructing a full sized basketball court
- 5. Fencing back parking lot to increase safety for children at play

Through their partnership with the Boys & Girls Club, Ward Street houses childcare to 80-120 very low income children and teenagers, 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year. With these updates, Ward Street Mission can provide more to the children we serve. We can also provide a missional outlet for WMUMC Student Ministries.

Please give generously!



It's time to order Easter Lilies
to adorn our worship spaces
on Easter Sunday
in memory or honor of a
special person.
Call Sue Schoch at
336-812-4806

to reserve your lilies.

## **Ward Street Mission Has**

## **Amazing News**

We're moving worship to Thursday Nights at 6:15. Starting April 4th we're combining our Sunday morning family with our Thursday night volunteer family and our neighborhood family for an amazing night, every week, of community worship, prayer, and of course The Lord's Supper!



#### Schedule:

Clothing Closet & Food Pantry: 4:30p - 6:15pm
Meal: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Clean up: 6:00 pm - 6:15 pm
Community Worship: 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm
Free childcare from 6:00-7:15 pm, upstairs





#### **Pastor Carter**

Carter Ferguson
Associate Pastor WMUMC
and
Pastor Ward Street Mission
479.647.6893
cferguson@wesleymemorial.org





**Pastor Jared** 

Jared Stine
Associate Pastor
for Congregational Care
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**Important Dates** 

April 4
Memory Café
Small Dining Room
10:00 am —12 noon

April 10 Last FaithLab 6:30 pm

## Prayer Phone Chain

A new Prayer Phone Chain has formed and we're looking for people who would like to participate! Not everyone has



access to email or Wesley Memorial's Prayer Email List that comes out each week. If you would like to be a part of praying for the needs of the congregation by participating in the Prayer Phone Chain, contact **Brenda Bradner** at 336-689-0331 or **Linda Smoak** at 336-510-7949.

## Men's

## **Chronic Illness**

## **Support Group**

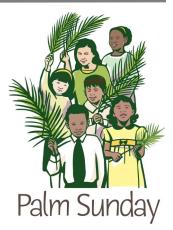


If you're a man facing a chronic illness – like Alzheimer's,
Parkinson's, Cancer, etc. – Wesley Memorial has a wonderful group of men who want to walk with you through this season of your life.
They gather at church every other Tuesday morning to catch up, support each other, share a few laughs, and lift each other up in prayer. Interested in joining?
Contact Jared Stine or Harvey Lowd at 336-906-3566 for more information

Non- church members and community members welcome.

## Children's Palm Sunday Processional Sunday, April 14

All Children are invited to come and be a part of the Palm Sunday Processional at the 11:00 am worship service Sunday, April 14. We will meet in the church Narthex at 10:50 am and process in. Children will sit with their parents after the procession.



## **Easter Candy**

#### **Donations Needed**



We need candy and small treat donations for our Children's Easter events April 5 and 14. We need candy (individually wrapped), small prizes and stickers for treat bags and for

hiding. Please place your donations in labeled baskets outside each worship space and in the front lobby area.

Thanks in advance for your donations!



Bring your flashlights and join in the fun!! Cost will be \$5 for pizza dinner and prizes.

#### **Reservations due by April 3!**

Please contact Kim Suda at ksuda@wesleymemorial.org



and activities that center of the fact that Jesus has risen.



**Debbie Foust** 

Director of Children's Ministries 336.812.4804 dfoust@wesleymemorial.org

**Important Dates** 

Family Night
Putt Putt Golf
May 17
6:30 – 8:30 pm

VBS July 15 – 18 9:00 am-12:30 pm Registration will begin mid May



#### **Pastor Jeff**

Jeff Patterson
Senior Pastor
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#### **A Mile Wide**

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#### **Inch Deep Spirituality**

In 1889, American journalist and humorist Edgar Nye introduced the phrase "A mile wide and an inch deep." He was referring to the Platte River in Nebraska. The Platte is a muddy, wide, shallow, meandering river. The phrase has come to mean something that is broad, but lacks depth; something that is widespread but shallow.

It hurts me to admit it, but I am concerned that much Christianity in our nation is a "mile wide and an inch deep." Expressions of Christianity abound particularly in the Bible Belt, but much of it lacks spiritual depth. There are more American churches than at any time in our history but a shallowness seems to pervade the Christian movement. Churches are busier than ever but I wonder the frenetic activity leads to spiritual growth. Much ministry with children and youth especially is just events that add something else to the schedules of families without adding spiritual benefit. (I am so grateful Wesley Memorial Church's ministry with children and youth is committed more to spiritual depth than a full calendar.) Ministry with adults is not immune to the American need to be busy for the sake of being busy. Americans think that being busy somehow automatically adds value to life. It doesn't. Everyone seems to be in a hurry. I don't ever remember Jesus being in a hurry in the gospels. We need to be careful. Our thoughtless, frenetic activity can lead to a shallow life. We need to repent of being a "mile wide and an inch deep."

The season of Lent is a time to go deeper into our connection with the Living Christ. As families and congregations, we need to slow down and go down deeper. We need to be intentional about quality control in our lives, especially our spiritual lives.

Making space for grace to happen is key to a healthy spirituality. I hope that I see you frequently at the places and times in our congregation's life that will nurture our Lenten journey deeper into the heart of Christ. Sunday worship, Wednesday Communion and Vespers, Bible Studies, and small groups are potentially powerful ways to add spiritual depth to our lives. Together, let's go deep into the love of Christ.

With Confidence in Christ.

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The choir needs you this summer. Please consider singing with the Chancel Choir for the summer if you cannot commit to all year. Contact **Anne Carroll**.



**Anne Carroll** 

Director of
Traditional Music
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acarroll@wesleymemorial.org







**April 21, Easter Sunday** 

Chancel Bells, Chancel Choir and orchestra

## **Macedonia Summer Baseball**



May 4, 2019 will be a MAJOR milestone for the **Macedonia Baseball** program. They will begin their 20th-season offering free little league baseball to the inner-city youth of the High Point community as well as the rest of High Point and would WELCOME your support. Macedonia currently has approximately 220 boys and girls actively participating in the league. The program consists of students 9-12 years old. Because baseball is an expensive sport, many of our students would be unable to play if it were not for their program. For 20-years Macedonia baseball has grown, as youth from other cities across America simply lost interest. The league has produced two major league players. We have and will continue to make a difference. The hospitality committee from Wesley Memorial will be passing out free popcorn

on opening day **Saturday**, **May 4** starting at **9:00 am**. Please join us in making the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary one to remember as we continue to offer character lessons for our young people during this historical season.



#### **Steven Nelson**

Director of Student Ministries 336.812.4812 snelson@wesleymemorial.org



Sunday School: Every Sunday 9:45 am

Hoop Nights: Every Tuesday (5:30-7 OR 6:30-8)

Life Groups: April 3 & 24, OFF April 10 & 17

Mon 1: Church Camp Registration Begins

Wed 3: Life Night (off-site)

Wed 3: Merge Ends

Sun 14: Edge of Adventure

Mon 15: Early Bird Church Camp Registration Ends

Sun 28: SNL "Spring Fling"

Tues 30: Church Camp Registration Ends



Wednesday Nights at 6:30 pm, in The Underground.

Questions? Contact **Steven Nelson**Childcare is available. Please contact Susan Kelley at skelley@wesleymemorial.org to reserve a space.



What a weekend!!! We LOVED being together with 70 students & leaders in Valle Crucis, NC! We pray YOU continue to find Unbreakable faith on YOUR Unbreakable journey with YOUR Unbreakable squad with YOUR Unbreakable purpose that God has created YOU for to build His Kingdom on earth.



We are excited to announce that our Student Ministry Summer Mission Trip filled up in 24 hours! If you missed the sign up and would like to join us, we do have an open waiting list for any student

that would like to be on it. Please contact Steven Nelson at snelson@wesleymemorial.org or 910.232.6064.



2019 Confirmands

### Where have we experienced God lately?

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 almost two hundred family members and children together for our "Family Night". This was an evening of children showing off their classroom and their work. Our families enjoyed our Pre-K Four and Kindergarten children singing. Our Kindergarteners played the hand bells as well; and all enjoyed ice cream sundaes.



We see God in every one of these children.

We experience God through the presence of our families coming together.

We hear God in our stories and songs.

Our church family is invited
to participate in our "Springfest" carnival & auction
coming up on Sunday, May 5, 4-6 pm.
All are invited! For more information call



It is time to register for the Wesley Memorial School Summer programming: We are offering an 8-week summer camp program for Infants through rising 1st graders. This program will run daily from

8:00 am – 1:00 pm. In addition, we have special enrichment weeks planned for this same age group. We are looking forward to lots of themed summer fun!

Registration has begun, and spaces are limited.

See JoAnn or Susan for more details.



**Jo Ann Clifton** 

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**Susan Kelley** 

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## Thursday, April 4, 10 am—12 noon Small Dining Room

facilitated by

Senior Resources of Guilford 336.333.6981



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:

Karen Sumner, 336.883.8721 Linda Dale, 336.884.5121



Tuesday, April 16 RSVP 336.884.2204 by 4.12.19

Bingo 10:30 am Fellowship Hall

Book Club 10:30 am Small Dining Room
Lunch 11:45 am Dining Hall

Presentation 12:15 pm Dining Hall



## **New Prayer Guide**

At Wesley Memorial, we believe that the purpose of prayer is to "open ourselves to a relationship with God and the mission of Christ." We hope that, through reading and trying some of the techniques within this Prayer Guide, you will be encouraged, inspired, and opened in just this way. We do not expect this guidebook to be exhaustive by any stretch of the imagination. Rather, we hope that it will be a jumping-off point. We hope that, through this little guide, you will be (re) connected to prayer and the rich inner life it offers. From here, the prayer possibilities are endless!

As the Jesus character, Aslan the Lion, is fond of saying in C.S. Lewis's Chronicles of Narnia, we have only to go "further up and further in" to the deep and beautiful life of prayer to and with our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

Copies are available at the Front Desk OR you may go to the website and download a copy.

weselymemorial.org/Resources/Prayer Guide

#### **Church Council**

Tuesday, April 16, 5:30 pm Circle View Room

May heart ♥ beat Deadline Friday, April 19, 9:00 am

showell@wesleymemorial.org

# We Remember and Honor our Loved Ones

## In Memory of:

Gifts received February 2019

**Eugene H. (Gene) Bohi:** John & Louise Campbell, Judy & Corky Hustrulid, Ellen Whitlock & Tim Rhodes

James Gilbert (Jimmy) Carroll: John & Louise Campbell

Robert G. Culp, III: Chris Amos, Libby & Charlie Cheek, Pat & Everette Grayson, Ken & Gail Huggins, Liz Jones, Sarah & Claude Jones, Michael & Mary Krick, Ivey & Richard Orr, Harry Stovall, III

**Jean DaVanzo (Mother of Rob DaVanzo):** Chris & Jennie Kallao, Bonnie Odom

Floyd Flynn (Grandfather of Steven Nelson): Lucille Duncan, Ivey & Richard Orr

**Frances Josephine (Jo) Ingram Goldston:** Lawson Ingram

C. Arthur Honeycutt, Jr.: Anne & Norman Andrews, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Arthur, Ms. Jerry Bain, Jennifer & David Covington, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Hunter, Liz Jones, Nan & Buck Kester, Harold & Betty Martin, Jane Martin, Henry & Sylvia Miller, William Stanfield, III

Ann Lambeth Jeffords: Chris Amos, Anne & Norman Andrews, Church at High Point (Elders Group), Harold & Betty Martin, Charles & Vanessa Surles

**Betty Jo Snider Kellam:** Anne & Norman Andrews, Susan Culp

**Elizabeth Mewborne:** Mary Gray

Wayne Patterson (Father of Jeff Patterson): Chris Amos, Mr. & Mrs. James Beck, Darren, Linda & Molly Clark, Susan Coble, Evelyn Davis, Lucille Duncan, Rev. Beverly Gaska, Pat & Everette Grayson, Harry & Mary Griffin, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Hunter, Sr., David & Kay Maynard, Ivey & Richard Orr, Susan & Bose Ravenel, Raymond & Liz Rogers, Beth Rose, Hannelore von der Lippe, Cathy & John Weaver, Ellen Whitlock & Tim Rhodes

**Marguerite Rich (Mother of Marilyn Groome):** Mary & Tom Mason

Ed Smothers (Father of Tom Smothers): Chris Amos Thomas Calvin (Tom) Stout: Pat & Everette

Grayson

Juanita Thomas (Mother of Judi Osborne): Lucille Duncan, Pat & Evertte Grayson, Mary & Tom Mason, Susan & Bose Ravenel

**Dot Walser (Mother of Carol Young):** Lucille Duncan, Susan & Bose Ravenel

#### In Honor of:

Gifts received February 2019

Slater Cheek: James & Peggy Brothers

David Hayes (on his birthday): Patricia Beck

Dr. Jeff Patterson: Jean Herring

Meredith Williams (on her 50th birthday): Lisa

Dunning

#### **In Memoriam**

Ann Lambeth Jeffords February 23, 2019

Joseph Charles Shackelford March 5, 2019

### **Sympathies**

**The family of Ann Lambeth Jeffords** upon her death on February 23, 2019

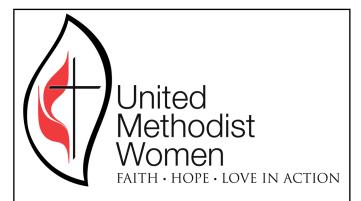
**Susan Marino and family** upon the death of her father; Frank Boudinot on February 27, 2019

**Brenda Bradner and family** upon the death of her sister; Peggy Loggins Nifong on February 24, 2019

Jackie Shackelford, Sharon Stewart, Chris and Bill upon the death of their husband, father and grandfather; Joseph Charles Shackelford on March 5, 2019

**Dan Smoak and family** upon the death of his father; Gaspard Hutto Smoak on March 9, 2019

**Dwight Steed and family** upon the death of his brother; Gerald Reed Steed on March 9, 2019



If you are interested in joining a Circle, please contact **Lucille Duncan 336.882.1815** or **Carolyn Steed 336.882.4829.** 

UMW Board Meeting - Monday, May 6, 10:30 am, Small Dining Room

Northern Piedmont District Annual Prayer Breakfast - Saturday, April 6, Muir's Chapel UMC, 314 Muir's Chapel Road, Greensboro. Breakfast 9:00 - 9:45, Program 10-noon. \$6 per person.

#### **Circle Meetings in April:**

**Angel Tree** - preparing lunch for the Boys and Girls Club at Ward Street UMC, **April 19-26**.

Meet in the Wesley Memorial Small Dining Room each day at 10:30 am.

FAITH - Sunday, April 14, 3:30 pm, location TBA

**Friendship** - Monday, April 15, 11:30 am, Small Dining Room. Program TBA

Circle #6 - TBA

**Circle #9** - Tuesday, April 16, 10:30 am, Dining Hall





