

of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

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Celebrating stories of hope, ministry and transformation at Wesley Memorial, in High Point, and beyond

**Winter 2020 - Spring 2021** 



Grateful For Chris

Chris Massey has provided

outstanding leadership during our recent campus-wide audio visual upgrade. Spending over \$650K on technology and equipment that few people know how to use can be intimidating. Fortunately, Chris stepped in and worked with a highly technical and very motivated design team to ensure we were purchasing the right equipment to meet our needs. Going forward, Chris will not only continue to help with facilities maintenance but also serve as our AV Specialist producing weekly services for TV and livestreaming. Next time you see him, please thank Chris for his generosity of spirit at WMUMC.



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# **About HeartSongs**

HeartSongs is a NEW quarterly publication of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. The purpose of this publication is to acknowledge the generosity of our members and to celebrate the ways our congregation is "making spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world at Wesley Memorial, in High Point, and beyond."

Through stories and pictures, HeartSongs helps us remember our callings and passions as a community of faith. Please enjoy this edition and look forward to the next edition sometime in June.

# From Our Senior Pastor

# **Church Life During A Pandemic**

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:19)

Nothing in seminary nor life could have prepared me for leading a staff and congregation during a pandemic. We truly have been building an airplane and flying it at the same time. We have all had to think in new ways and learn new behaviors. Creativity has always been important in ministry, but in recent months creativity has become essential. Many of us are living examples that old dogs can really be taught new tricks!

Massive use of internet technology, recorded worship services, and observing numerous COVID-19 health protocols for safety have become a big part of our lives in the church. Being a congregation with great restrictions on gathering has been an unprecedented challenge. We all have learned new ways to stay connected and support each other. Living daily with the loss of personal contact and normal routines has been a struggle. As a pastor, perhaps the hardest thing for me is to be physically separated from those who suffer. Even when proximity was a possibility, we have refrained from hugs and other physical signs of support. Challenge, loss and sadness have surrounded us.

We all have become exhausted and frustrated by living through the pandemic. But, in our weariness, we remember that God is good all the time. God always comes through for us. As God said through the prophet Isaiah, there are times when he does a "new thing." God tells us that he "will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." God always makes a way when there seems to be no way.

I cannot refrain from weeping when I think about all that God has done for our congregation during the pandemic. We are a blessed people. We have maintained a worship life, the Gospel has continued to go forth, new people have been reached, new members have joined our congregation, small groups have found creative ways to meet and grow together, people have been intentional about reaching out to those who need love and encouragement, and people's generous support for the ministry and mission of our congregation has been remarkable. We have been surrounded by God's abundance and people's generosity.

Along with God, we grieve the deaths of over 500,000 Americans. This is more American deaths than we experienced in World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam Conflict. I know that we will learn some more lessons before this pandemic is over. We are all tired and ready for a new day, but I hope that the lessons of the pandemic have changed us permanently for good. I hope that we all have learned some enduring lessons about the importance of relationships and the reality of our mortality. And, we have been powerfully reminded that God always comes through for us. God has never failed us.

With great confidence in Christ,

### **Pastor Jeff**



# **Wesley Memorial School**

Together we have met the challenge of making changes to our daily routine and doing some things differently in order to stay open and healthy. Even while having to eliminate some programming, we have not strayed from our mission of excellence in early childhood education...











# **Regular Sunday Worship Times**

7:30 am - Traditional Worship

TV Fox 8

8:30 am - Traditional Worship

In-person, Sanctuary

### 9:45 am - Contemporary Worship

In-person, Dining Hall\*
Live Streamed Online

\* will move to Fellowship Hall beginning Easter Sunday

### 11:00 am - Traditional Worship

In-person, Sanctuary
Live Streamed Online

# 5:00 pm - Traditional Worship

(rebroadcast of 7:30 am service)
Facebook.com/wesleymemhp

# Wednesday Vespers

6:00 pm

In-person, Sanctuary



# **Ways to Connect**

### **Email**

Sign-up to receive regular and special messages from Wesley Memorial UMC:

- www.wesleymemorial.org
- ABOUT US
- Join Our Email List
- Enter "Your email address:"
- Check appropriate box(es)
  - ☐ HeartSongs (Quarterly Publication)
     ☐ Prayer List
     ☐ Wesley Weekly (Weekly Newsletter,
  - Text the word(s) below to 94000
- **DETAILS** to learn more about Wesley Memorial UMC

Thursdays 4:00)

- WMCHURCH to receive periodic text messages from Wesley Memorial UMC
- WMkids to receive reminders, announcements, and encouragement from our Director of Children's Ministries.

# Submit A Prayer Request (speak with a pastor)

www.wesleymemorial.org/pray

# Prayer Time w/Pastor Melissa

### 9:00 am Tuesdays & Thursdays

Facebook.com/wesleymemhp

# **Children's Ministries**

Through God's grace, the Wesley Memorial Kids children's ministry is growing during the pandemic. Since October, dozens of kids and volunteer leaders have met safely in-person for Sunday School at 9:45 each week, enjoying a fun, hands-on, Bible-centered curriculum that is prompting us all to grow in faith, prayer, and knowledge of God.



Since January, Wednesday Night Kids Games & Gospel has met each week to share snacks, energy-filled games, laughter, and a fun Bible lesson. Also in-person, we've started to offer a wonderful Family Resource table in the Bridge Cafe area filled with free devotional opportunities for families to take home and use as they grow together in faith.

Social distancing has not stopped us from safely blessing 17 children with their Wesley Memorial Bibles, holding a Bible Retreat, filming a nativity play and worship song, and holding a Kids Night Out Valentine Event that brought kids together to learn about God's love.

For families who want to stay home, we have been offering weekly church-at-home resources including lesson and music videos, printable activity sheets, and more. The pandemic has prompted Wesley Memorial Kids to reach hundreds of people in the community with creative and safe drive-through experiences, including a *Heroes Unmasked* Drive-Through Fall Festival where kids heard about true Bible heroes, played games, and received candy and toys.

At Christmas, the *What God Wants for Christmas* experience told the Christmas story in a way that demonstrated God's great love for hundreds of people who drove through our church campus. We also distributed more than 50 Advent bags at Christmas, guiding kids and families in a Christmas cookie-baking activity that shared the Christmas story.



In the New Year, families received Valentine's Bags, which included postcards for the kids to decorate and mail to shut-in members of the congregation. Also, more than 60 take-home Lenten Bags are out right now so families can learn about God and worship together in meaningful, hands-on ways throughout the Easter season.

In recent weeks, we have launched a Kids-Helping -Kids giving campaign to purchase goats for families in need through World Vision. The kids are excited to see how many goats they can buy. Please join us in giving to this wonderful cause at **wesleymemorial.org/give.** Select "Children's Goat Project" from the drop-down menu.

### **Ann Marie & Dawn**

# **Student Ministries**

Student Ministries is on fire this winter! The spirit is really moving through many of our students and we are so proud of them. We enjoy getting in the Word and worshiping Him.

### Keep praying!



Above: Sent 16 goodie boxes to bless our former senior class hopefully providing a little extra joy in March as they finish off a wild season of navigating and persevering!



Above & Right: For one month straight this winter we have had a different high school student share their testimony and the Gospel with middle school students on Wednesdays!

Praise God for these young men and their walk with Christ.





# **Fellowship Hall Renovation**



Socially-Distanced Planning



# Asbestos OUT Walls & Ceilings IN





# **Fellowship Hall Renovation**







Dear church family,

We've heard the saying "a picture is worth a thousand words", but to me these photos say much more than the words "audio-visual renovation" or similar phrases. When I look at these photos I see a church that has decided not just to survive during a pandemic, but to thrive. I see a church that decided to invest in our ability to clearly communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in relevant ways for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond. I see a church that has decided to step forward in courageous faith and not listen to fear or doubt.

The generations before us rose to the occasion in similar ways by utilizing radio communications for decades, the construction of this magnificent church campus and awe-inspiring sanctuary. Maybe we didn't plant it but we enjoy the benefits today, and as it was their time then to step forward in faith, so today it is our time to plant a seed in faith for the future.

This is our moment.

And thanks be to God and to so many generous donors, we have done it. This investment will reap a spiritual harvest for years to come.

If you would like to contribute to the ongoing needs of this project, visit wesleymemorial.org/give to learn more.

Thank you, my friends. The best years are ahead of us.

**Pastor Clark** 

First Sunday Back Easter Sunday, April 4

8:30 am & 9:45 am Fellowship Hall

(two contemporary services, Easter Sunday ONLY)

# **Food Service Ministries**

Shrove Tuesday
Drive-Thru
Pancakes and Sausage







Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic and subsequent "stay at home orders," Wesley Memorial staff has coordinated the delivery of hot meals to more than 450 families. Here is a gracious note of appreciation we received from Chase and Gail Lassiter:

Bon Appetit!

We both enjoyed the delicious soup and spice bread! Chase and I always look forward to your special recipes at the "Live Alive group.

Hopefully, we can all be back together again in the <u>near future</u> at our church.

Our special blessings to you, Have a wonderful summer

Chase & Gail

P.S. Thank you for finding us with the surprise treat (no small feat!)



# **Congregational Care**

I give thanks to the many who took part in delivering 90 poinsettias during Advent 2020 to congregation members of Wesley Memorial who were sick, homebound, or in retirement homes. These beautiful plants and the personal



deliveries brightened the day of so many individuals. If you did not have the opportunity to deliver a poinsettia at Christmas, I invite you to consider taking part in our upcoming

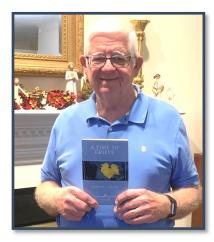
Spring Flowers Pickup and Delivery! Come out on March 19, 2021 between 5:00-7:00 pm to the Porte Cochere and pick up a spring flower to deliver to those who are sick, homebound, or in retirement homes. Each spring flower will be labeled with the address and contact information of the person for whom it is to be delivered within our church family. Contact the individual, take it and drop it off at their home in the following week to share the love of Christ!

While we may not currently be able to gather on Wednesday evenings for a fellowship meal like we did prior to COVID-19, through your ministry of love and care for one another 450 families have received meals pre-made by Glenn Howell and Cindy Dominick. Do you want to get involved in helping to continue to deliver these meals? Please contact Cindy Dominick at cdominick@wesleymemorial.org or Glenn Howell at ghowell@wesleymemorial.org to sign up to participate in making a delivery!



In the midst of the many challenges of COVID-19, our Stephen Ministers have continued to serve. "Journeying Through Grief" books have

been sent to 52 individuals in 2020 to those who experienced the death of a loved one in the past year. This is just one of the many ways that Stephen Ministers seek to care for others. If you



are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry please contact me at mlowe@wesleymemorial.org.

"I thank my God every time I remember you,
constantly praying with joy
in every one of my prayers for all of you,
because of your sharing in the gospel
from the first day until now.
I am confident of this,
that the one who began a good work among you
will bring it to completion
by the day of Jesus Christ."
(Philippians 1:3-6)

### **Pastor Melissa**

### **Memorials & Honorariums**

### We Remember Our Loved Ones

### In Memory of:

Gifts received November 2020

Jerry Lovelace Bain: Michael Biesecker, Robert & Fredericka Davis, Sarah & Claude Jones, Gayle Kearns, Jim & Sandra Marsh, George & Patty McLarty, Sharon & Larry Sink

Anna "Kitty" Coble: John Peeler

Harold Martin: Jim & Sandra Marsh, Laney & George

Morris

Gifts received December 2020

Warren "Bill" Goodson Anderson: Aldersgate Miller Sunday School, Janie & Bob Bass, William & Margaret Buckingham, Becky Burroughs, Julie Delgaudio, Lucille Duncan, Lonnie & Winslow Galloway Family, Robin & Barbara Hayes, David & Bonnie Horney, Jane & Gene Kester, Chase & Gail Lassiter, Wade & Lois Markham, Jane & Ken McAllister, Linda & Dave McCoy, Bill & Caroline McGuinn, George & Patty McLarty, Skip & Patricia Nash, Judy & Joe Needham, Bob & Kathy Niebauer, Bonnie Odom, John Peeler, Phyllis Pugh, Jim & Betty Royal, Bee Rule, Tom & Debbie Smothers, Dr. & Mrs. Bill Stewart, Jerry & Louella Stinson, Jupy Stout, Charles & Vanessa Surles, Susanna Wesley SS Class, Sandra Taylor-Miller, Robert Taylor, Keith & Cynthia Tobin, Bootsy Tucker

Jerry Lovelace Bain: Jerry & Louella Stinson

Betsy Collins: Becky & Herman Hunter

Barbara Crowder: Barbara Brown

Roy & Dot Culler: Libby & Charlies Cheek

Betty Ann Harrison: Beth Harrison

Dr. (Rev.) & Mrs. N.M. Harrison, Sr.: Beth Harrison

Willodean Hoskins: Jerry & Louella Stinson

Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Johnson, Sr.: Beth Harrison

Harold Martin: Chase & Gail Lassiter, Jerry &

Louella Stinson, Fran & Lathe White

Mr. & Mrs. William Mewborne: Anne Eberdt

Bettye Packer: Jerry & Louella Stinson

Everett Padgett: Dr. & Mrs. Bill Stewart, Dwight &

Sally Story, Keith & Cynthia Tobin

**Betty Rothrock**: Butch & Suzie Farabow, Bill & Caroline McGuinn

**Sandra Steadman**: Lucille Duncan, Ken Geddie, Lois & Wade Markham, Bob & Kathy Niebauer, Anne Otwell, John Peeler

Jean Stockton: Jerry & Louella Stinson

Mary Louise Stone: Rusty Payne

Jack Swinney: George & Patty McLarty

Martha Nell Tucker: Beth Harrison

Bob & Modine Vaughn: Robert & Betty Vaughn

Geneva Crowder Warren: Jerry & Louella Stinson

Jane Young: Jerry & Louella Stinson

Gifts received January 2021

Warren "Bill" Goodson Anderson: John & Louise Campbell, Ned & Katherine Covington, Karen & Jim Gooding, Butch & Betsy Hodge, Jim & Sandra Marsh, Ivey & Richard Orr, Vivian Penry, Gaston Penry, Bill & Lisa Sedergren & Family, Rachel Shuford & Family, Charlie & Patsy Surles

Edwin L. "Ed" Auman: Aldersgate Miller Sunday School, Anne & Norman Andrews, John Austin, Harriet & Wes Mattes, Allen Beard & Molly Miller-Beard, Lou & Gene Bouldin, Boykin & Davis, LLC, Dwight & Jean Bumgarner, John & Louise Campbell, Clark Coggin, Jennifer & David Covington, Ned & Katherine Covington, Kay Dickinson, Suzie & Butch Farabow, Health Care Partners, Carrie Hicks, Glenda & Rudy Hinnant, David & Bonnie Horney, Dan & Martha Jobe, Martha Ladd, Robert Lancaster, Wade & Lois Markham, Bill & Caroline McGuinn, Ivey & Richard Orr, Hilda Owen, Pilot Club of Marion, SC, Charlie & Patsy Surles, John & Lara Surles, Rita & Phil Thomas, Cynthia Story Tobin, Bootsy Tucker, Perry & Tommy Wilson, Caren & Greg York

Betsy Collins: John & Louise Campbell

**Albert (Al) Fritzsche (Father of Debbie Shane)**: Bootsy Tucker

Tommy C. Langley, III (Son of Tommy Langley): Bill & Caroline McGuinn, Mike & Susan Samuel, Ellen Whitlock & Tim Rhodes

**Harold L. Martin**: Aldersgate Miller Sunday School, John & Louise Campbell

Malcolm "Skip" Nash: Ned & Katherine Covington, Lucille Duncan, Butch & Betsy Hodge, Nan & Buck Kester, Linda & Dave McCoy, Bee Rule, UMW Circle 6, Sandra Wallace, Claudette Walton

Everett Padgett, Jr.: David & Linda McCoy

Warren & Ellen Rives: Edi & Bradley Gibson

**Sandra Steadman**: Karen Bowers, Jim & Sandra Marsh, Bill & Ann Steadman Poe, UMW Circle 6

Meryle Wilson: Amy Burns

#### In Honor of:

Gifts received November 2020

Mrs. Anne Carroll: Mike & Teresa Flack

Chancel Choir & Frank Pifferetti: Shirley Duncan

Rev. Clark Chilton & Family: Mike & Teresa Flack

Dr. & Mrs. Rod Fulcher: Mike & Teresa Flack

Mr. Joe Gamble: Mike & Teresa Flack

Mr. Ken Geddie: Mike & Teresa Flack

Mrs. Jackie Gillespie: Mike & Teresa Flack

Rev. Melissa Lowe & Family: Mike & Teresa Flack

Rev. & Mrs. Ken Lyon: Mike & Teresa Flack

Rev. Sandra McNeil: Susanna Wesley SS Class

**Emerson Miller**: Thomas & Anna Emerson

Dr. & Mrs. Jeff Patterson: Mike & Teresa Flack

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pifferetti: Mike & Teresa Flack

Mrs. Emilie Rogers: Laura Amos, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Charles, Van & Molly Fletcher, Barbara Frye, Kathy Dennis, Judy Hustrulid, Jeanette & Tommy Langley, Nancy McKenzie, Mariana Qubein, Monieca Sharrard, Michael & Catherine Smith, Elizabeth Speight, Beth Thomas, Joan & Edgar White, Linda & David Zenns

Bishop Tom Stockton: Mike & Teresa Flack

Mrs. Marcia Williams: Mike & Teresa Flack

Mrs. Sarah Woolen: Mike & Teresa Flack

Gifts received December 2020

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bass: "The Dental Girls"

Matt Bradner: Brenda & Bill Bradner

Charles & Janice Carter: Samantha Price

**Don William Daniels**: Gracie Womack **Julie Delgaudio**: Caryl & Ben Adams

Laurel & John Edwards: Josie Sentner

Elizabeth, Katherine, Ann Ragan & Cooper: Arthur

Kearns

Friends & Neighbors: Margaret Fontana

Friends at Christmas: Becki Arrington, Susan Culp,

Jan Hartley, Katherine & Henry McMullan

Nat Harrison: Beth Harrison

Beth Harrison: Bootsy Tucker

Gayle Kearns: Arthur Kearns

Marshall Kearns: Arthur Kearns

Ragan & Sharon Kearns: Arthur Kearns

Russ & Lynda Jacks: Kim & Rick Ehrhart

Judy, Becky, Betty & Laney (Wedding Ministry):

Rick & Susan Kelley

Sandra Marsh: Kelly & Lyle Frye & Family

Jane & Ken McAllister: Julie Delgaudio

Joann McCuiston: Rusty Payne

George & Patty McLarty: Susan McLarty

Rev. Sandra McNeil: Susanna Wesley Sunday School

Class

Travis Moore: Fran & Lathe White

Richard & Ivey Orr and Family: Rusty Payne

Dr. Jeff Patterson: Chicks Who Read Book Club

Richard & Amanda: Beverly Paddock

Cynthia Reddick: Susanna Wesley SS Class

Katherine Sauls: Brenda & Bill Bradner

Peggy & Ray Shufelt: Gwynne Chadwick

The Wonderful Window Workers: Harriet Mattes

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Tyson: Caryl & Ben Adams

Mr. Rufus Yates (on his retirement): William & Denise Bradley, Hugh Cummins, David Dziuma, Rajesh Gazula, Donna Goodrich, John Gregg, Susan Heavern, Christopher Henson, William Mitchell, Kimberly Moore-Wright, Matthew Rocco, William Rogers, John Stewart, Susan Tolson

Gifts received January 2021

Her Children: Nancye Tothill

"Ma": Mac & Michele Lane

# **Budget & Generosity Update**

# 2021 Operating Budget

#### INCOME

Total Pledge & Related Income

\$ 2,267,162

**Other Income** 

\$6,900

**Total Income** 

\$ 2,274,062

### **EXPENSES**

**Connect Ministries** 

\$ 127,469

**Grow Ministries** 

\$ 62,620

**Serve Ministries** 

\$ 245,135

**Facilities** 

\$443,101

Administration

\$ 138,595

**Human Resources** 

\$ 1,223,822

**Other** 

\$4005

\$ 2,234,747



Each week when I read the Wesley Weekly I am filled with a thankful heart. The ministries noted there that serve our Wesley Memorial family and beyond are extraordinary. Our staff and volunteers are providing exceptional care and opportunities for spiritual growth for all ages.

Our missional outreach to care for the under resourced remains strong as we seek to meet some of the pressing needs intensified by the pandemic economic impact.

As I reflect on and rejoice in those God honoring ministries, I also remember that those ministries are only made possible by your financial generosity. Because of you, the message and touch of Jesus is experienced in and through our Wesley Memorial family.

The numbers you see on this page represent so much more than dollars and cents. Those numbers represent our hearts to be faithful, loving and serving followers of Jesus.

You demonstrated that in our "For Such a Time as This" stewardship emphasis last fall. In the midst of the COVID-19 shut downs and tremendous uncertainty about the future, you refused to retreat in fear. You saw that this was the time to be courageous in generosity and you stepped up as so many others step back.

Because of you, the ministries of 2021 are moving forward with confidence and effectiveness with the life-giving hope of Christ.

God bless you,

**Pastor Ken** 

# **Upcoming Events**

# **Holy Week**

# Palm Sunday, March 28

Regular Sunday Worship Schedule

### **Journey With Jesus Drive-Thru**

Sunday, March 28 2:00 - 4:00 pm Volunteers needed. Contact Ann Marie Chilton

# **Maundy Thursday, April 1**

7:15 pm, Sanctuary

### Good Friday, April 2

7:15 pm, Sanctuary

### **Holy Saturday, April 3**

7:15 pm, Sanctuary

# Easter Sunday Worship, April 4

(register early, space limited)

### 7:00 am - Sunrise Service

Columbarium

# 7:30 am - Traditional Worship

TV Fox 8

### 8:30 am - Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

# 8:30 am - Contemporary Worship

(Easter Sunday only)
Fellowship/Dining Halls

### 9:45 am - Contemporary Worship

Fellowship/Dining Halls

# 11:00 am - Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

# 5:00 pm - Traditional Worship

(rebroadcast of 7:30 am service)
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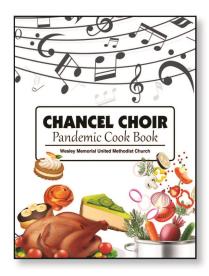
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# Chancel Choir Pandemic Cook Book

This past Fall the chancel choir went to work looking through their treasured recipes. Recipes were gathered, categorized, and typeset. The pandemic cookbook was professionally printed and distributed to chancel choir members. This was an exciting project for the chancel choir. A copy is placed among the archives in the historical room.



### Choir Chatter

The "Choir Chatter" is an informative, weekly newsletter that is sent out to the chancel choir every Wednesday. It includes information on upcoming services, history of hymns, anthems and composers. The Choir Chatter lists weekly joys and prayer concerns along with family photos and happenings. The Chatter also entertains its readers with links to a variety of music from classical to contemporary, sacred to secular and soloists to choirs from all around the world.







### Christmas From Wesley Memorial

Christmas From Wesley Memorial was the 7:00pm televised 2020 Christmas Eve Service, which we produced, for the CW broadcasting network. Frank had only nine days to put the service together. A professional film crew from Charlotte was hired and we filmed at night to give the impression and look of an evening service. In keeping with Covid protocols and social distancing, readers were filmed on one evening and the musicians were filmed the second evening. Adrienne Reeves, Reid Brown and Barbara Frye did an excellent job as our readers. Pastor Jeff and Pastor Melissa were wonderful in delivering the message of Christmas. Highly skilled musicians warmed our hearts through the singing of appropriate carols for the season as stringed instruments and organ joyfully accompanied them. Ten's of thousands of people viewed the televised service and when posted Christmas morning on the internet; people from around the globe viewed Christmas From Wesley Memorial.

### Traditional Worship Planning

The traditional worship team: Pastor Jeff, Pastor Melissa and Frank meet early every Tuesday morning to finalize the upcoming Sunday service and to plan future services, many months in advance. Administrative Assistant Tish prepares and prints the bulletins. Custodians Keith and Chris make sure that the sanctuary space is safely disinfected and prepared for worship through the changing of liturgical paraments, banners and filling candles with oil.