

### **Ramblings from A Reverend**



I just returned from a ten day study leave that took me to Cambridge and Oxford in England. Tammy and I worshipped at the cathedrals of Norwich,

Canterbury, and Oxford. We visited Holy Trinity Church, Headington Quarry, and St. Aldate's Church in Cambridge. Holy Trinity Church was the home parish of the great Christian author, C.S. Lewis. St. Aldate's Church is the oldest church in Cambridge. We also visited the Kilns, the homeplace of C.S. Lewis. I spent a week studying church history with Dr. Richard Rex, Professor of Reformation Studies at Cambridge University. My wife and I enjoyed traveling throughout the English countryside. I was reminded how much I enjoy some of their most famous dishes such as fish and chips, bangers and mash and shepherd's pie.

I admit that I am an "anglophile." I love



the history and culture of England. Well, mostly.

Except for a few bright spots, the Christian Church in England has fallen on hard times. This is true for much of Europe. Fewer than 5% of the population attend church on any given Sunday. It seems like the English society has become noticeably more secular since my first visit to England in 2003. Frequently, when I would hear necessary discussions England about English history and Christianity, it was usually with a slight sense of embarrassment. Such as, "We don't really like to talk about this religious stuff much any more because we don't want to offend anyone, but it did play a great role in the creation of English society." I find that sad.

England is still a land filled with church buildings. Many have very, very small congregations. Many are only museums, interesting relics of the past. I have a great concern that we in the USA are following Europe's great religious decline and pursuing a celebrated creation of a purely secular state that is occasionally forced to acknowledge its Christian history. I find that sad.

But, this does not have to be our Ghost of Christian Future in the USA. Our future can be different from that of secularized Europe. But, I don't hear many Christians even praying for revival or renewal in our land so I wonder if American Christians truly want a different future. We pray for a lot of different things in our churches, most usually physical concerns of those that we love. That is good. But, that might not be our greatest need today. All great revival and renewal movements in Christian history have been preceded by great prayers seeking such a move of God.

Will you join me in committing to the spiritual vitality of Wesley Memorial Church? The world needs our strong Christian witness. Will you make it one of your top priorities in life? As we commit to the spiritual vitality of our congregation, we will find fulfillment in our spiritual lives and change the world around us.



With Confidence in Christ,

**Pastor Jeff**



September is Hunger Action Month™ – the Feeding America® network's nationwide awareness campaign designed to mobilize the public to take action on the issue of hunger. The campaign brings attention to the reality of hunger in the United States and promotes ways for individuals and organizations to get involved in the movement to help end hunger.



Nothing runs on empty.

*Especially the 1 in 7  
Americans who  
struggle with hunger*

This Hunger Action Month, join us and the Feeding America nationwide network of food banks to help end hunger.

Wesley Memorial is heavily involved and deeply supportive of those ministries and services that address the issue of hunger and food scarcity.



### Hunger Action at The Ward Street Mission

**Free  
COMMUNITY MEAL  
Thursdays  
5:30–6:30 pm**

**FOOD PANTRY  
Wednesdays  
9:00 am–12 noon**

**Thursdays  
5:00–6:30 pm**

To engage these ministries,  
go to the Ward Street Mission on  
any of the dates/times listed above:

**1619 W Ward Avenue  
High Point, NC 27260**

or call

**(336) 884-1609**



Call 336.812.4824  
to reserve a space



Feeding Lisa's Kids

Feeding Lisa's Kids is a ministry started by **Lisa Hawley**. Once a month, Lisa and her volunteers gather to sort and distribute food for hungry children in High Point. Volunteers are welcome to join Lisa at **6:30 am** on the **FIRST Wednesday of each month** on the Fellowship Hall patio of Wesley Memorial. Questions? Contact Lisa Hawley on Facebook **@feedinglisaskids**.



"According to a (2016) report from Food Hardship in America, the Greensboro/High Point region ranked as a top five metropolitan area in the nation in terms of a high percentage of citizens experiencing food shortages, while 81 percent of households in North Carolina who receive food assistance do not know from where their next meal will come."



In partnership Fairview Elementary School, Wesley Memorials helps provide single serving meals for the children who live in the surrounding neighborhood or who attend Fairview School. Much needed food items are:

**Juice** - individual juice boxes

**Milk** - individual milk boxes  
(non-perishable)

**Breakfast items** - individual cereal boxes/cups, pop tarts, granola bars, muffin packs

**Milk** - individual milk boxes  
(non-perishable)

**Fruit** - individual packs/cans

**Protein** - individual containers of chef boyardee spaghetti, ravioli, beefaroni; small cans

**Snacks** - individual pudding cups, jello cups, cookies, chips, pretzels, rice krispy treats





**You CAN Help**

**Drive HUNGER OUT of High Point**

**September 29, 10:00 am—2:00 pm**

**Drive THRU Food Drive**

*drop off non-perishable food*

**2301 S. Main Street, High Point 27263**

**HelpingHandsHP.org • 336-886-7696**



One of our ministry partners, Open Door Ministries, needs volunteers to help serve meals on the **3rd Monday** and **2nd Thursday** of each month (even when the day falls on a holiday) from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. To sign-up, contact **Julie Price** at: **336-869-0672** or **jfprice@northstate.net**

**HUNGER ACTION MONTH** | **FEEDING AMERICA**



# September

## This Month

### New Bible Studies

**Non-Denominational Bible Study**  
The Letter of **Jude**  
Mondays 9/10-10/15  
10:30 am  
Circle View Room  
The Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, leading

Are you passionate about learning how to guard what God has entrusted to you, furthering His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and pouring into future generations? If so, join one of two Bible studies based up on the book Entrusted by Beth Moore. **Women Of Wesley meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 beginning September 11. Student and families meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm beginning September 12.** Workbooks for adults are available for purchase at the front desk. This study series is part of Student Ministries new MERGE event on Wednesday nights. Questions? Contact **Jessica Nelson** at [jessicalotusnelson@gmail.com](mailto:jessicalotusnelson@gmail.com).

**Women Of Wesley Bible Study**  
Tuesdays  
9:15 am—11:00 am  
The Underground  
"GOD IS LOOKING TO RAISE UP MIGHTY SERVANTS HE CAN LOOSE ALL OVER THE GLOBE WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS"  
BETH MOORE, ENTRUSTED

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm  
The Underground  
Join us for **entrusted**  
A Study of 2 Timothy by BETH MOORE

### Other Opportunities

Student Ministries  
Wednesday Nights  
6:30 pm until 8:00 pm  
In the Underground  
bible study  
Students  
Worship  
Adults  
fellowship  
**MERGE**

**MERGE starts Wednesday, September 12**  
Questions? Contact **Jessica Nelson**  
at [jessicalotusnelson@gmail.com](mailto:jessicalotusnelson@gmail.com)

**THE TAXES, THEY ARE A CHANGIN!**  
Confused about new tax laws?  
Looking for up to date information?  
**Tax Seminar with Karen Odom, CPA, CDFA**  
Thursday, September 20  
6:30 pm  
Dining Hall  
refreshments and desserts  
Sponsored by Congregational Care Team

**Soul of the Community**  
Dine in or Take out  
**\$10.00**  
**Menu**  
Barbeque Chicken  
Collards & Pinto Beans  
Potato Salad  
Rolls, Desserts, Tea  
**Friday, September 28 4:00-7:00 pm**  
Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church  
1225 Chestnut Drive  
benefiting the  
**MACEDONIA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**  
[MacedoniaCenter.org](http://MacedoniaCenter.org)

Wednesday

# Beginning WEDNESDAY September 12

MIDWEEK  
Communion



**11:00 am in the  
Chapel**

**12:00 noon in the  
Dining Hall**

*(\$5 lunch, no reservations necessary)*

Wednesdays, 12 noon – 1:00 pm  
Dining Hall, \$5

**BIBLE STUDY  
LUNCH**



Senior Pastor's  
Bible Study

Wednesdays

12:00 noon—Dining Hall

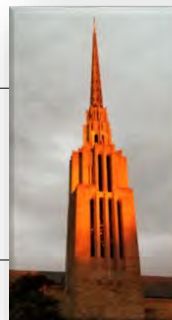
6:45 pm—Aldersgate-Miller

Call 336.884.2204  
to register

**12:00 noon in the Dining Hall**

**6:45 pm in Aldersgate-Miller**

**5:30 pm in the  
Chapel**



**VESPERS**

Wednesdays 5:30-6:00 pm in the Chapel

a midweek service of  
Holy Communion and Healing Prayer

wednesday night  
**DINNER**



NEW Menus □ NEW Time □ NEW Experience

**5:45—6:45 pm**

**5:45 pm**

**Dining Hall**

*(\$6 dinner, no reservations necessary)*





**Debbie Foust**

Director of Children's Ministries  
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## Fall Sunday School

We had an exciting Move Up Sunday on August 26. We blessed over 30 backpacks during Sunday school. If you forgot to bring your back pack last Sunday bring it this Sunday to receive a special tag to remind our children that we are praying for them and that "Jesus has their Back".



In our preschool classes, the "Sprouts" will begin their new Sunday School classes actively involved in learning wonderful Bible stories and getting to know each other. During the Fall they will focus on families. Jesus was part of a family and so are we. In "The Greenhouse, growing to be like Jesus", our Kindergarten through 5th grade classes will learn how God used David and Esther to accomplish great things.



# Remember, Sunday school starts at 9:45!

## Bible Sunday

**Sunday, September 23**

During the 11:00 am traditional service we will present Bibles to the rising third grade class. These Bibles are a gift from the Covington and Millis families and have been given to 3rd graders since 1922 in memory of J. Edward Millis, Jr. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone in the lives of our third graders.

## Quest Bible Retreat

**Saturday, September 29**



Third graders are encouraged to participate in Quest Bible retreat where they will learn about their Bible, how it came to be and how to use it as well as the wonderful treasures

that are in-side. If you would like more information, contact Debbie Foust or Kim Suda at: [ksuda@wesleymemorial.org](mailto:ksuda@wesleymemorial.org)

## Bible Explorers



Sunday afternoon programs for Kindergarten through 5th grades will begin October

14 through November 18.

Registration information and brochures will be available on the Elementary hall mid - September or you can contact Debbie Foust or Kim Suda at:

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

**Steven Nelson**

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bible study  
**Students**  
Worship  
**Adults**  
fellowship

**MERGE**

Student Ministries  
Wednesday Nights

6:30 pm  
until  
8:00 pm

In the Underground



Summer  
Fun!





congregational  
**care**



**The Reverend Jared Stine**

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

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**Wesley Memorial UMC**  
1225 Chestnut Drive,  
High Point, NC 27265  
SMALL DINING ROOM

**FIRST THURSDAY  
of each month  
10:00 am — 12:00 pm**

More information?  
Mikayla Tate at  
Senior Resources of Guildford  
336.333.6981

**Next Memory Café: Thursday, September 6**



**Weekly Email Prayer List**

The email list will share recent joys, concerns, bereavements, and ministry events.

If prayer is your gift, we invite you to sign-up to receive this weekly email prayer list.

To sign-up, call Cynthia Reddick  
336.884.2204



**Wesley Memorial's Heartline** is a dedicated phone line with a message each day that includes a Scripture, information on hospitalizations and bereavements, upcoming ministry events and announcements. The **Heartline** phone number is:

**336-883-8721**

Wesley Memorial's  
**Pet Blessing**  
at City Lake Park  
602 W Main St, Jamestown, NC 27282

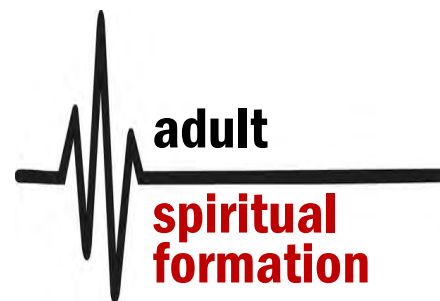


Sunday, October 7  
3:00 pm



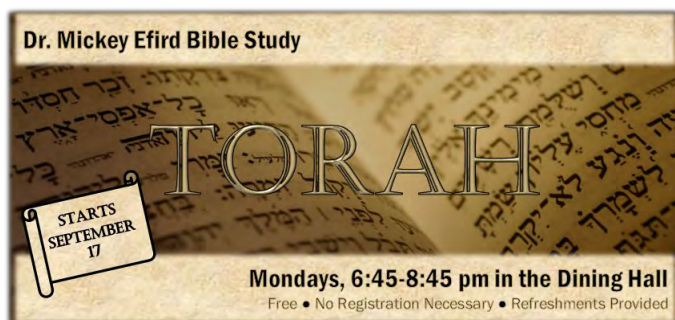
## The Reverend **Erin Beall**

Associate Pastor for Adult Spiritual Formation & Contemporary Worship  
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## Mickey Efird

Dr. Mickey Efird will be joining us once again this year to share in a weekly Bible study. This time he'll be looking at the Torah, the foundational books of the Jewish Scripture that form what we often call "The Law." Perhaps you've heard preaching and teaching about "the Law" as we've moved through a sermon series on Galatians this summer. Well, here's your chance to go deeper with a renowned Biblical scholar. Join us Monday nights starting September 17, from 6:45-8:45 pm in the Dining Hall. This is a free event, no registration necessary. Refreshments are provided.



## Live Alive

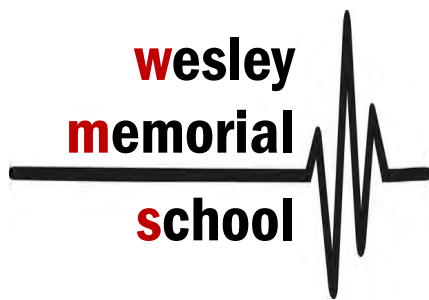
Live Alive is set to begin on its regular third Tuesday of the month, beginning on Tuesday, September 18. We are excited to welcome Dr. Karen Pollard, a psychologist, who will present a program on MEMORY. She will discuss brain wellness, myths about memory and aging, memory loss, and prevention. Join us for bingo at 10:00 am, book club at 10:30 am, and lunch and our program from Dr. Pollard at 12:00 noon. Bring a friend and enjoy a wonderful meal featuring chicken pie!

**Please call the church by Friday, September 14 to reserve your meal, which is \$6.**



This fall there will be celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I (Armistice Day, 11/11) and Wesley Memorial will be taking part. We'd like to remember those of our members who served but we don't have that list and we need your help. If you had a family member who served in that war, or any others, and you believe they were members of Wesley Memorial at the time of service, please call or email and give the information to Kay Maynard:

**336.883.7236 KayMaynard0@gmail.com**



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**Kids  
Against  
Hunger**

Feeding families around the world...and around the corner.

## Children's Crop Hunger Walk: Our First Mission Opportunity This Year

We will have our very own Crop walk for hunger to help our little ones understand and start early the concept of helping others. On **Friday, September 21 at 10:00 am**, we will walk around the front circle for infants and nursery ages. We will take a longer trek around the entire campus for our older preschoolers and kindergartners. Children's Crop Walk monies will be added to donations of the Wesley Memorial Team.



We have hope that our days together  
will bring the children and families closer to each other and to the church.

## Love working with children? Two opportunities to be a part of the joy

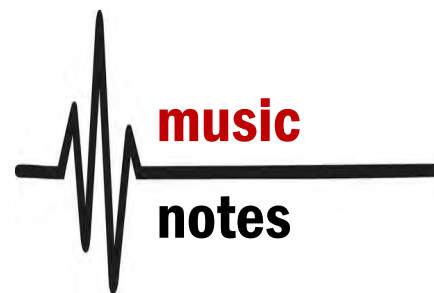
**Media Center Story Time Readers** – with our kindergarten students, 11:30-11:50 am on Wednesdays.

**Substitutes and Child Care workers - Training Workshop** will be held **Wednesday & Thursday, September 19 & 20, 10:00am – 11:00am**. We need substitutes. If you are interested and would like to apply to be a paid Substitute Assistant for WMS or a paid childcare worker, please **attend ONE session**.



## Anne Carroll

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September is the month when all singers and ringers at Wesley Memorial get back to work! The Chancel Choir and Handbell Quartet have been rehearsing all summer but many of our Wesley Singers and vacationers return in September. Everyone will be gearing up for weekly worship and special Sundays. Rehearsals of Christmas music begin in September for singers and ringers, as well.

Be sure to be present at the 11:00 am traditional service on September 30 when we will celebrate the hymns of Charles Wesley and Isaac Watts in a Hymn Festival: One Joyful Choir. We will celebrate with 6 hymns, readings, scripture, homily, the Chancel Choir, organ and trumpets.

### HYMN FESTIVAL: One Joyful Choir



CELEBRATING THE HYMNS  
of Charles Wesley & Isaac Watts  
with the Chancel Choir, 2 Trumpets & Organ

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AT 11 O'CLOCK WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

Save the following dates and join in the music making.

#### Chancel Bells (adults)

Rehearsal September 13, 7:00 pm

#### JuBELLation Choir

(students age 6<sup>th</sup> grade-college)

Rehearsal October 7, 3:00 pm

#### Children's Music

(children K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

November 4, 9:30 am,  
before Sunday School

## Chicken Pies

8" for \$9 or 10" for \$12

All proceeds go to missions  
(Ward Street Mission & Wesley 100)

ORDER BY October 1

Call: 336.884.2204 (Front Desk)

Email: [adp.corp@triad.rr.com](mailto:adp.corp@triad.rr.com) (Carroll Brown)

PICK UP DATE: October 7, 10:00am - 1:00 pm, Dining Hall

Questions? Carroll Brown [adp.corp@triad.rr.com](mailto:adp.corp@triad.rr.com)

#### Chicken Pie Prep

Thursday & Friday, October 4 & 5

#### Volunteers needed!

Contact Carroll Brown at [adpcorp@triad.rr.com](mailto:adpcorp@triad.rr.com)

## September Is Busy At Wesley Memorial!

In order to share all that is going on in September, we chose to leave out memorial gift acknowledgements and death announcements for this month only.

We will share two months in October.



UMW Board will meet in the Small Dining Room on **Monday, September 10, at 10:30 am** and Tuesday, **October 2, at 10:30 am.**

UMW Annual Celebration for the Western NC Conference, September 14-16, Lake Junaluska. Topic is **"The Power of Bold"**.

Patricia Nash suggests a new book in The Media Center, **Dear White America, Letter to a New Minority** by Tim Wise. White Americans have long been comfortable in the assumption that they are the cultural norm. Now that notion is being challenged, as white people share what it means to be part of a fast changing, truly multicultural nation. Very interesting and provocative book.

The Bazaar is coming, **Saturday, November 17**. As in the past we will be collecting clean, gently used items for The General Store and Silent Auction. NO CLOTHING. You may bring those items to the church for storage downstairs in Room C109. Please mark your donations "Bazaar". We appreciate your help.

FAITH Circle is sponsoring a Blood Drive at the church on Sunday, October 21.

### Circle Meetings in September:

Circles 6 & 8 - Monday, September 10, 7:00 pm at the Erwin-Lambeth Showroom, 525 N. Wrenn Street. Speaker is Rebecca Coplin, High Point Beautiful. Located beside The Towers on Ray Street, plenty of parking at the front and side of the showroom.

Circle #9 - Tuesday, September 18, 10:30 am in the Dining Hall

FAITH Circle - Sunday, September 16, 3:30 pm. Location TBA

Angel Tree, Friendship Circles will not meet.

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