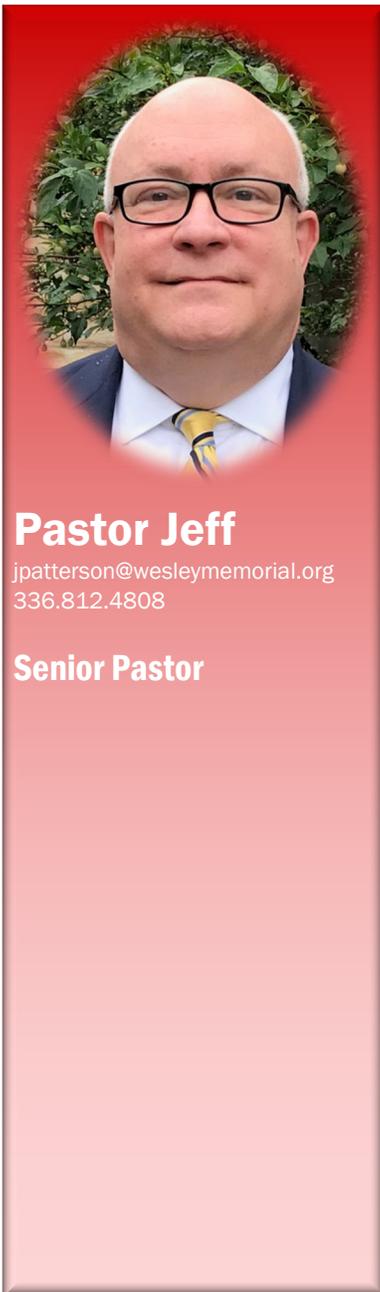


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A monthly newsletter of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
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Senior Pastor

Good Gossip

For Lent, consider giving up gossip. Or, consider transforming your gossip into *good* gossip. Gossip is defined as “casual or unconstrained conversation or reports about other people, typically involving details that are not confirmed as being true.” So, good gossip would be casual or unconstrained conversation or reports about other people that is true, uplifting, and encouraging.

Look for the bright spots in life and share casual or unconstrained reports about that good news. If we have eyes to see, we are surrounded by the goodness of God. Banish talk that tears down other people or spreads negativity and adopt the practice of good gossip.

As you interact with our community, gossip the good news about our congregation. You will be giving a great gift to others. We have a lot of good news to share.

Here is just a small sampling of the good news that we can gossip:

- 1. Our worship attendance is up.** Just three short years ago, our average weekly worship attendance was under 400. For 2019, our average weekly worship attendance was 514. We see new people every week.
- 2. Our 9:45 contemporary worship is so full that people must search for seats if they come in late (unless they want to sit on the front row!).** Sometimes, families can't sit together. This is disconcerting for first-time guests.



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Those of us who have known each other for years don't mind sitting on each other's laps, but that isn't true for people who are checking out our congregation for the first time. Can you imagine what Easter will be like? **So, we're starting a new contemporary worship experience on Easter at 8:30 am.** This will also allow the people who want to go to Sunday School or work with our children and youth to have the option of contemporary worship. This will make space for new people. Help us spread the word and invite new friends. Plan for growth.

3. We finished our 2020 Stewardship Campaign with an increase of about \$95,000 over the previous year. We still aren't where we want to be in order to finance all of our dreams, but we're getting closer.

4. Hundreds of people are involved in small group ministry every week. Our Bible Study groups, Unity Groups, Journey Groups, Sunday School Classes, prayer groups, UMW circles, mission groups, choirs, support groups, and others are changing lives weekly.

5. A new young adult Sunday School Class will start on Sunday, March 15, at 11:00 am. I'm grateful to Trip and Mary Cullen Dixon for convening and facilitating this group. Get the word out to our young adults.

6. We have a marriage course (I Said This, You Heard That) and a parenting course (Parenting Through the Phases) happening now. We are passionate about supporting families.

7. We'll be dedicating our beautiful new Prayer Labyrinth on Palm Sunday at 10:30 am. This gift to our community proclaims our passion for prayer and spiritual growth.

This is only a small sampling of the good things that are going on in our congregation. Pardon me if I didn't mention your favorite ministry. Help us get the word out about what God is doing at Wesley Memorial Church. Embrace the practice of good gossip. High Point needs what we have to offer.

With Confidence in Christ,

Jeff

Worship Times

**8:30 am Traditional
(Chapel)**

**9:45 am Contemporary
(Fellowship Hall)**

**11:00 am Traditional
(Sanctuary)**

EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday, April 12, 2020

NEW WORSHIP TIME
**8:30 am Contemporary
(Fellowship Hall)**

Music Sunday
March 29
11:00 am
Sanctuary

SING
TO THE
Lord
A NEW SONG;
SING TO THE LORD,
ALL THE EARTH.
PSALM 96:1



Hymns, anthems and readings
based on Psalms,
including Mendelssohn's
"Hear My Prayer;"
with Chancel Choir,
Children K-5 and
JuBELLation
Handbell Choir.

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A special THANK YOU to **Jackie Gillespie** who gifted the Paschal Candle stand and 2020 Paschal candle in the sanctuary for the glory of God in loving memory of her husband, **John Gillespie**, who passed away on February 15, 2013. And THANK YOU to **Harriet Mattes, Bob Carter, Betty Jeanne Day, Dottie O'Connor, Martha Bass, Ivey Orr** and **Gloria Adams** who served on the team to choose the new Paschal candle stand and candle.



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**Director of
Traditional Music**

UMW Bazaar Fund Recipients for 2019

Wesley Memorial UMC:		Leap	\$500
WMS Rainbow Fund	\$2000	Leslie's House	\$500
Student Ministries	\$600	Feeding Lisa's Kids	\$800
Wesley 100	\$500	West End Food Pantry	\$800
Iglesia Metodista		Macedonia Family	
De Rincon, Puerto Rico	\$500	Resource Center	\$1000
Community Clinic	\$1000	Macedonia Food Pantry	\$800
Mobile Meals	\$1200	Mental Health Assoc.	\$500
Women's Shelter	\$1000	Discretionary UMW	
Open Door Ministry	\$1000	Mission Fund	\$1300
Open Door Food Pantry	\$800	Helping Hands	\$1000
Ward Street Food Pantry	\$800		TOTAL \$16,600
		Gifts In Kind	\$975

2020 Special Mission Recognition Pin Recipients

Tommy Greene
Betsy Hodge
Judy Hustrulid
Lucille Duncan

Awarded for their work in organizational or leadership positions on mission and community projects.



**United
Methodist
Women**
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NEW
Sermon Series
March 1 - April 5

DISCOVERING THE MEANING

EMPTY & FILLED
AND THE POWER OF LENT

March 1

"Fasting for A Reason"
Romans 5:12-19

March 8

"Detox of Self"
Philippians 3:7-11

March 15

"An Internal Change"
Joel 2:12-14

March 22

"Internal Becomes External"
Isaiah 58:1-11

March 29

"Hold Fast"
Hebrews 10:19-25

April 5

"The Power of Getting Low"
Luke 19:28-40

Sunday Mornings
8:30am • 9:45am • 11:00am

New
YOUNG ADULT
Class

Sunday, March 15

11:00am • D202



Questions?

Trip & Mary Cullen Dixon
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Interdenominational
Bible Study



The Prophet Micah:
The Jewish Roots of Christianity

Led by The Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson

Mondays

March 23 thru
May 11

10:30-11:30 am
Circle View

Merge Adult Bible Study & Middle School Life Groups

Every Wednesday in March
6:45 – 8:00 pm, The Underground

Ball & Bible for High School & College Guys

Every Tuesday in March
Times Vary, The Fellowship Hall (check Instagram/Facebook)

Edge of Adventure for all 12th grade students & friends

Sunday, March 1
6:00 – 8:00 pm, The Nunn's House

High School Life Groups @ Chick-Fil-A

Girls on Wednesdays @ 7:00 am & Guys on Thursdays @ 7:15 am

Church Camp Registration

Opens Sunday, March 1. We are so excited!
Go to www.wesleymemorial.org/students for more details



Steven Nelson

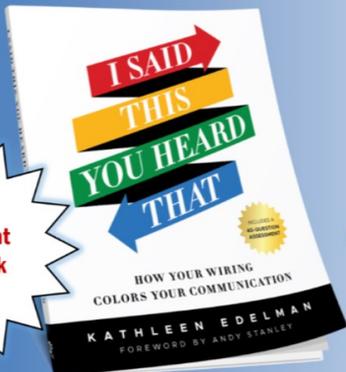
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**Director of
Student Ministries**

2020 Save The Dates

Spring Workshop: March 6 - 8	Alpha Omega Sunday: May 17
Confirmation Retreat: March 21	ManTreat: May 30 - May 31
Confirmation Sunday: March 22	Church Camp: June 15 - 20
Middle School Lock-In: April 4	WMUMC VBS: July 20 - 23
Chicken N' Fixins Fundraiser: May 13	Mission Trip: July 26 - August 1
	Carowinds: August 6

February 12 – March 25
(off February 26)



Books
available at
Front Desk
\$15

Wednesday Nights

MERGE

WORSHIP • DISCUSSION • PRAYER • COMMUNITY ENCOURAGEMENT

Adults and Students

6:45 pm in The Underground
(look for the **ORANGE** flag)

Questions? Steven Nelson 910.232.6064
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Childcare Available
wesleymemorial.org/childcare

wesleymemorial.org/childcare

reservations
for
CHILD CARE



Pastor Melissa

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**Associate Pastor of
Congregational Care &
Missions**

Book Club 10:30 am • Lunch & Program 11:45 am

Tuesday
March
17

LIVE *alive*
Serving Adults 55+

Reservations 336.884.2204 (by 3/13)



Lent FAQ's

Ash Wednesday starts Lent out with the confession ‘remember you are dust and to dust you shall return’. In our American culture, we often shy away from the reality of our own human mortality. Yet, the season of Lent draws us to look at our mortality with honesty, acknowledging the depth of our need for God, our Creator and Redeemer.

What is Lent? Historically Lent was a season in which new believers in Jesus Christ prepared for baptism and that these affirmations are meaningful for us all as followers of Jesus Christ to reaffirm. Lent is a season of intentional spiritual formation in preparation for our Easter celebration as believers in the Messiah. It is a time of dying to oneself, that we might experience new life in Jesus Christ. It is a time of self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting, and self-denial, reading and meditating on Scripture.

So What is our ‘Baptismal Calling’? – The baptismal affirmations that we as United Methodists affirm include:

- “Do you **renounce** the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world and repent of your sin?”
- “Do you **accept** the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?”
- “Do you **confess** Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?”
- “Will you **nurture** one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?”
- “Do you **believe** in God the Father?”
- “Do you **believe** in Jesus Christ?”
- “Do you **believe** in the Holy Spirit?”

What is the meaning of the 40 days? 40 Days of Lent correspond with the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, the 40 years the Israelites spent in the desert, and the 40 days Moses spent on the mountain receiving the 10 commandments from God. The 40 days of Lent span the time from Ash Wednesday to Easter minus the Sundays, as each Sunday is a ‘mini-Easter’.



STEPHEN MINISTRY
INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 7
9:00 am—1:00 pm

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\$15 per person. For more information or to register:
www.stephenministry.org/workshop
or call
314.428.2600

In appreciation for serving as a host site for this workshop,
members of Wesley Memorial are invited to attend free of charge.

WMUMC members
contact Mike Flack to register:
gmlack@northstate.net
or call
336.812.3559

Emptiness and fullness at first seem complete opposites. But in the spiritual life they are not. In the spiritual life we find the fulfillment of our deepest desires by becoming empty for God. We must empty the cups of our lives completely to be able to receive the fullness of life from God. --- Henri Nouwen

During the Lenten season, Wesley Memorial will be engaging in a sermon series entitled “Empty and Filled: discovering the meaning and power of Lent”. It will explore the biblical concepts that, on the surface, appear to be at odds with one another. The series will also hopefully help shed some understanding regarding Lent for those who are unfamiliar with this historic practice of the Christian church.

For those who observe Lent, the question usually circles back to, “What are you giving up? Netflix? Chocolate? Reddit? Or dare I say it...caffeine?!?!” The act of sacrifice can become more of a focus rather than the purpose for the sacrifice itself. We can forget that the pinprick of temptation to eat chocolate or watch Netflix should actually serve as a reminder to pray, to seek, to long, to abstain and to be empty... and that once we are empty, we shall be full of God. Jesus is the prize and the One in which we seek during our fasting.

This upside-down way of looking at reality is throughout Jesus’ teachings: lose your life to find your life, when you give you shall receive, turn the other cheek and love your enemies, the poor will inherit the kingdom of God, to name a few.

If the spiritual Kingdom of God is indeed the real world (and it is), isn’t this what you would expect truth to look like? We live in a culture that demands constant consumption, constant fullness and constant attempts to quell the pangs that are within, but nothing satisfies. When Jesus said, “*One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*” (Matthew 4:4) He wasn’t being figurative.

Nothing satisfies, that is, except for Word of God and the peace of God that comes through Jesus Christ. This same Jesus that emptied Himself of all privilege (Phil. 2:7) calls his followers to empty themselves as well, **for how can God fill up that which is already full of itself?**

This Lenten season, may the Lord richly bless each of you and may we empty the cups of our lives and in turn find the fullness of life from God!

**PARENTING
THROUGH THE PHASES**
Sundays • 11:00 am • Circle View Room



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**Associate Pastor of
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Director of
Children's Ministries

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Wesley Memorial Children's Ministries

Director of Children's Ministries Search Update

In February, our Search Team (**Alison Collins, Beth Holbrook, Sarah Petty Gwen Russell, Tom Smothers, Iris Sunshine, Cynthia Tobin, and Alison Yates**) reviewed resumes, references, and video interviews from 4 national finalists as recommended to us by Ministry Architects. Upon prayerful reflection, the team decided to invite two candidates to come to High Point and further explore joining our ministry team. These candidates will be on campus on Sundays and Mondays, March 8 & 9 and 15 & 16. In addition to observing our Sunday morning activity, they will interview with the Search Team, interact with children, meet parents, and talk with the staff including Jeff, Melissa, Clark, Steven, JoAnn, Susan and Debbie. After these two weekends, the Search Team will reconvene to discuss the experiences, reflect on comments and reactions of children, parents and staff, and work with Ministry Architects to determine next steps. Please express your gratitude and appreciation to our Search Team for being so generous with their time and energy during this important process.

Let's Celebrate (Little) Debbie



Love Offering—Please write a check to WMUMC and write “Debbie’s Love Offering” in the memo line OR give online at wesleymemorial.org (give online);

Children & Family Dinner— Wednesday, March 18 from 5:45—6:45 pm in the Dining Hall. FREE DINNER. Come celebrate Debbie’s ministry.

Last Sunday—Sunday, March 29. Pastor Jeff will honor Debbie’s ministry and retirement at the 11:00 am service. A reception will follow in the Asbury Room.



Vacation Bible School

For children 3 years old* – 5th grade
(*must turn 4 by 8.31.20)

Monday, July 20-Thursdays 23
9:00am - 12:30 pm

At Rocky Railway VBS, kids discover Jesus’ power can pull them through life’s ups and downs. Rocky Railway is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Scency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life.

Online registration will begin mid-May.



Easter Candy Donations Needed

We need candy and small treat donations for our Children's Easter events April 3 and 5. We need candy (individually wrapped), small prizes and stickers for treat bags and for putting in eggs. Please place your donations in labeled baskets outside each worship space and in the front lobby area. Thanks in advance for your donations!

The Amazing Race

Friday
April 3
 6:00—8:00 pm
 Grades 3-5

Bring a flashlight. Join teams of friends.
 Follow clues. Hunt for Easter candy in the dark!
 \$5 pizza dinner.

Register by April 1
ksuda@wesleymemorial.org

after
DARK
 scavenger
HUNT

Sunday, April 5

EASTER
HOG
STRAVAGANZA

Fun for the Whole Family!

Games • Inflatables • Crafts • Prizes • Candy

3:00 – 5:00 pm

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JoAnn Clifton

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**Director of
Wesley Memorial School**

Children In Mission...

Our annual Super Hero Dash is coming up, Friday, March 27 at 10:00 am in the front circle. All are welcome to come out and support our little "Super Heroes" earning money for Family Services of the Piedmont Changing Lives Program.



**Have you registered your child for our
2020/2021 school year?**

**See JoAnn Clifton or Susan Kelley
for information.**

WMS SUMMER PROGRAM

Enrollment coming in March

Spaces are limited for our half day summer camp program for ages infant through rising first graders.



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**Associate Director of
Wesley Memorial School**



We Remember and Honor our Loved Ones

In Memory of:

Corrections from February Heartbeat

Betsy Collins: Gina & William Laney, Carson and Nan

Betty Jo Kellam: Becky & Herman Hunter

Mary Louise Stone: Rusty Payne

Gib White: Rusty Payne

Julian Bernard White: Rusty Payne

Gifts received January 2020

Howard Coble: Dwight & Carolyn Steed

Betsy Collins: Anne & Norman Andrews; Ned & Katherine Covington; Dorothy Dickerson; Michael & Mary Drummond; Crystal Gonzalez; Jean Herring; James & Phyllis Morgan; Hilda Owen; George & Betsy Price; Nido & Mariana Qubein; Adelaide & Jim Small

Jean Holcomb (mother of Jim Holcomb): Dwight & Carolyn Steed

Cheryl Riggs Rice (sister of Jackie Gillespie): Jackie Gillespie

June Zike: Jan & Jerry Moynihan; Georgia Rasmussen; Dwight & Carolyn Steed

In Honor of:

Corrections from February Heartbeat

Bill Anderson on his 90th birthday: The Family of Bill Anderson

Joann McCuiston: Rusty Payne

Richard Orr & Family: Rusty Payne

Gifts received January 2020

Anne Carroll: Anonymous

Chancel Choir: Anonymous

Frank Pifferetti: Anonymous

Bill Collins: Dorothy Dickerson

Joseph Gamble: Dwight & Carolyn Steed

Jeff Patterson: Monday Interdenominational Bible Study; Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class

Sympathies

Jim Williamson and family upon the death of his mother, **Virginia Vaughan Williamson**, on January 23, 2020

Dwight Story and family upon the death of his sister, **Melba Watson**, on February 5, 2020

Harold "Wilson" and family upon the death of his mother, **Mary Coltrane Wilson**, on February 14, 2020



For Senior Adults

(60+ years)

Tuesday, March 24 Day Trip

**Ava Gardner Museum,
Smithfield NC**

Time: 9:00 am Depart/ 5:00 pm Return

Transportation: Senior Adult Bus
(2 hours to Smithfield)

Cost: Your Lunch at White Swan Restaurant,
plus \$10 Admission at Museum

Museum honors the life, loves, & legacy of NC's own movie star! Introductory film on Ava's life and self-guided tour of 16+ exhibits. Incredible

collection of photos, movie costumes, original scripts, art collection and memorabilia about this glamorous leading lady!

Want To Come? Contact **Susan Sumpter** at
336-848-4128 or **susan.m.sumpter@gmail.com**

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Deadline

Thursday, March 19

5:00 pm

showell@wesleymemorial.org



United Methodist Women

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The UMW is sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on Sunday, March 15, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm in the Dining Hall. Schedule an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "Wesley".

You can also contact **Glenda Miller** at **336.869.7529** or gmiller@northstate.net.

Help save up to 3 lives with your donation.

The UMW donated \$500 to **Caring Services** in High Point to continue their programs to help men and women conquer substance abuse.

UMW Board will not meet in March or April. Next meeting is May 4, 10:30 am.

UMW District Prayer Breakfast is Saturday, April 4, Christ United Methodist Church, Greensboro. Speaker is Reverend Bev Copley. Breakfast served 9 - 9:45 and program is 10 - noon. Registration ends March 24. Breakfast is \$6.

March Circle Meetings:

Friendship Circle - Monday, March 9, 11:30 am, small dining room. Program is "Meet Ceci Thomas".

Circle #6 - Monday, March 9, 7:00 pm at the home of Alice Ervin, 5441 Geneva Terrace, Colfax 27235. Program TBA.

Circle #8 - Monday, March 9, 11:00 am in the Dining Hall, stuffing comfort pillows.

Circle #9 - Tuesday, March 17, 10:30 am in the Dining Hall.

Angel Tree Circle will not meet in March or April

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