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NOVEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 All Saints Sunday Youth Choir 4 to 5	4	5 Nominations @ 5:30 parlor	6 Wesley Adult Fellowship @ 12:00 FH	7 Book Study 1:30 PM Finance Committee 4:00 FH	8	9
10 Youth 4 to 7	11 HAPPY VETERANS DAY Office Closed	12 Bass Beck 1pm Parlor Mary Martha 10am FH	13	14 Book Study 1:30 PM	15	16
17 Youth Choir 4 to 5	18	19	20	21 Book Study 1:30 PM	22	23
24 Youth 4 to 7 Hanging of the Greens 4:00	25	26	27	28 Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving	29 Office Closed	30



The Wesley Messenger

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Welcome to Worship
at Wesley Memorial!

8:50 AM Early Worship

11:00 Traditional Worship

(also find our worship services
online)

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Greetings members of Wesley Memorial of Statesville! I hope you are well and remain in good health. If you're like me, life seems particularly hard right now. In my case, it's mostly because of Hurricane Helene and the devastation it has brought upon Western North Carolina and my family. However, I am amazed at the help that has been offered from Wesley Memorial and so many other people and organizations. I have also been sad about two recent deaths of very important people in my life. Two weeks ago, Rev. David Hawkins that was a colleague and dear friend of mine passed away. Through the years, we shared so many meals together, special services and events, and plenty of rocking chair time at Annual Conference. The loss of him from an unexpected stroke has been very hard. And then just this week a great spiritual influence in my life, Rev. Harold Brown, Kimberly's uncle passed away. Although it was expected, it is nevertheless hard to let him go. In addition to dealing with flood recovery and the loss of loved ones, everywhere I turn I get blasted with political ads, TV commercials, and text messages wanting to know who I am going to vote for. I dislike greatly the division, anger, rumors and even lies that swirl around this election season. So, if anyone asks me, "Are these trying times?" my answer is, "Yes indeed!" So, where can we find solace in times like these?

In the gospel of John, chapter 16:33, Jesus point blank tells his disciples, "In this life you will have trouble." It is a given that eventually we all have to go through trying times. In this particular text, Jesus is trying to prepare His disciples for the rough road ahead. The disciples thought their ship had come in! They thought everything was going to be easier, but the opposite would be true. They would soon have to face angry crowds calling for Jesus to be put to death. They would run into hiding themselves not knowing how it all fell apart. Jesus' message to the disciples is full of power and promise, which I'm sure helped the disciples make it through these terrible times. Even though they would experience great trouble, they belonged to Him. He tells them that He has conquered the world and they could have peace. This meant that He would help them, be with them, send the Holy Spirit to comfort them, and never forsake them.

Jesus' message can give us great comfort and power too. I think the Peace of Christ is something that we should focus on and claim during these difficult times. Real peace, the peace Jesus gives, is not the absence of conflict. It's not the absence of Covid19, cancer, natural disasters, political unrest, violence or even wars, although we should definitely work towards ending all of these. Real peace is knowing that while facing conflict, suffering, pain, disease and even death God is with us. According to John Wesley's Journal, the founder of the Methodist church, he declared right before he died, "The best of all is, God is with us." As he reflected on his life, John knew that God's presence had always been with him and that God's promises were true. The Bible is filled with promises for us as well. Promises that tell us that God will always be with us and will never forsake us. Furthermore, through his death and resurrection Jesus has indeed overcome the world. He has won victory over death and gives us this same victory. Real peace is knowing that no matter how crazy our world gets, no matter how high the flood waters get, or who wins the White House, we belong to Jesus and eternal life is ours. And nothing can take that away from us! Praise be to God!

Pastor Dan



November

1- Carla Beck
2- Sandra Poole
3- Diane Wilcox
5- Linda Stikeleather
6- Joe Phillips
11-Jim Tsumas
12-Barbara Hoke
15-Janice Pardue
18-Sue Ashley
23-Garland Pardue
28-Bill Benfield,
Lawrence Lamberth

November & Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Members: Leslie Prichard, Angela Lackey, Susan Brooks, Robert Moore, Jean Wilson, Barbara Anthony, Judy Hope, Bill Willett, Barbara Phillips, Jaclyn Nichols, Pam Aman, Carolyn Lamberth, Blanca Motta, Cheryl Pierce, Amy Snoddy, Janey Acker, Sylvia Day
Non-members: Patti Gilreath, Kim Hutchens, Renee Matetzschk, David Keller, Jerry Adkins, Sibyl Moffitt, Roger Anderson, Richard & Kay Holshouser, Shirley Cowan, Larry Sane, Gay Park, Kay Edwards, George Ashley

Gifts given in memory of:

- Ruth Creedmore:** Joe & Barbara Phillips



The **WMYF** (Wesley Memorial Youth Fellowship) has started meeting every other Sunday, which includes a meal for the kids. Thanks to those who have already volunteered to provide supper.

Oct. 27 - Jane Frederick & Ann Campbell

Nov. 10 - Bill & Sara Thompson

Nov. 24 - Hanging of the Greens (Youth to participate)

Dec. 8 - Tim & Mary Thompson

YOUTH

Missions

The **Missions Committee** will be having a food drive for Yokefellow starting Oct. 2 through Nov. 17. The list is in the bulletin. Thanks for supporting this worthy cause.



Looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to fix meals for the Youth on alternate Sunday nights. Please call the church office if you are willing to help out and serve our Youth.

Thanks!

Flower Calendar 2024

Our new flower calendar has been placed in the foyer outside the sanctuary. Please take a moment to select a day to honor or memorialize a special person or event with flowers on our church altar.

Nov. 3 Worship (All Saints Day)
Nov. 10 Linda Gladden
Nov. 17 Available
Nov. 24 Garland Pardue



Stay Informed

Minutes from the most recent Administrative Council Meeting are now available in the commons area: Pick up a copy from the Administrative Council bulletin board. Future minutes will be posted there also. Thank you!
Joe Sinclair, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

January 1, 2024 - October 20, 2024
Contributions Year To Date - \$221,193.31
Total Projected Expenses YTD thru Oct. - \$219,107.86

Thank you Notes

God bless all of you for doing this! So proud of Americans. It truly is "We the people."
(This was a note from Jo Carolyn Sekaly in Georgetown, Tx who gave money to the White family flood relief.)



Greetings,

Glad to be sending greetings from the state of Ohio on a good pattern of wellness and hopefully are all (of you).

Dreadful watching the devastation of the storms; our prayers added too!

God Bless

Edna D. Laver



Coffee with
Pastor Dan

Happy



Thanksgiving



Thanks to everyone who donated new blankets, gloves, and hats. We were able to give 45 blankets, 27 pairs of gloves, and 37 hats. We also were able to send 6 sleeping bags. We were able to collect all this in a matter of just a few days, when the Conference made a immediate request. Thanks for your quick response.



"I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them, 1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person

they judged most worthy: 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against: And, 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."

— John Wesley, October 6, 1774