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JANUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  Office Closed	2 Book Study 1:30 PM	3	4
5	6	7	8 Wesley Adult Fellowship @ 12:00 FH	9 Book Study 1:30 PM	10 Bass Beck 1:00 Parlor	11
12  4 to 7	13	14 Mary Martha 10:00 FH	15	16 Book Study 1:30 PM	17	18
19	20  Office Closed	21	22	23 Book Study 1:30 PM	24	25
26  4 to 7	27	28	29  Hot Dog Lunch 11:30-1:30	30 Book Study 1:30 PM	31	



The Wesley Messenger

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

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Dan Money, Pastor

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Welcome to Worship
 at Wesley Memorial!

8:50 AM Early Worship

10:55 Traditional Worship

(also find our worship services
 online)

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Happy New Year and Blessings to you all in the year 2025! Did you make a New Year's Resolution? Some form of New Year's Resolutions have been made by people of various culture for thousands of years. Our culture has adopted the practice and no doubt many promises to ourselves were made to eat better, exercise more, make more money, etc. at twelve o'clock midnight, January 1st. You've probably already heard a news segment or two about New Year's Resolutions and how very few of them are kept. I'm one of those persons that never can keep my resolution. I have good intentions, but it just seems like I give up the fight too soon. Usually by February I have fallen off the resolution making wagon. Maybe instead of making a promise to myself that I will only break, I should turn to God for help.

In the Book of James, the author warns us not to make any plans without first consulting the Lord. James writes in chapter four, "Listen carefully, those of you who make your plans and say, 'We are traveling to this city in the next few days. We'll stay there for one year while our business explodes and revenue is up.' The reality is you have no idea where your life will take you tomorrow. You are like a mist that appears one moment and then vanishes another. It would be best to say, 'If it is the Lord's will and we live long enough, we hope to do this project or pursue that dream.'" (James 4:13-15 The Voice translation) James is giving his reader sound advise about living life. No matter what we are planning to do or would like to do, we should consider God's Will. Is it in the Will of God that I make more money or take a new job? Although those are hypothetical questions I would say God would want us to make more money or have a better situation, but we should not just assume God wants us to do this or that. We should in fact, ask God.

According to the internet, Woody Allen once said that if you want to make God laugh tell Him your plans. Dig a little deeper and you will discover that this is like an old Yiddish proverb: "We plan, God laughs." How does this relate, you might ask? Well, God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. God knows a thing or two about the future. God knows what is best for us. God holds our future in His hands. So it must be funny to God when we try to do things our own way or we only rely on our own earthy, human wisdom to make big plans. If we don't pray about our plans and ask for God's guidance we may fall short. However, if we trust in God, share our desires and plans with God, and open ourselves up for His guidance, we will experience joy and happiness. We will find ourselves exactly where we should be.

In the year 2025, my spiritual goal is to rely on God's grace and mercy more than I do any promise or resolution that I might make to myself. We all should try to live by the words of that favorite old hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." "What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. So, with things like losing weight and getting in shape, I need to ask for God's help. My prayer is, "Lord, I feel that this would benefit me. Help me find the time and self discipline to be successful." Also for the bigger decisions in life, I choose to take everything and all my plans to God in prayer. I hope you will too! By the way, I remember last year this time when I was praying for God's will in my life. Big changes were coming and I was anxious. My prayer was for God to send me to the right church. Looking back, think I will continue to trust God with my plans. I was appointed here at Wesley Memorial and look how WONDERFUL last year's prayers turned out for me. God is good!

Pastor Dan



January

8-Robert Reid

12-Phyllis Hadley

13-Bill Thompson

14-Betty Bailey

16- Beth Reavis

17-Ken Pritchard

19-Peggy Dagenhart

20-McKenley Carroll, Coleman Matthews

22-Bonnie Dalton

24-Debbie Dearman, Jane Frederick

25- Elliott Luther

29-Kim Mulrey, Makayla Lackey

30-Jason Brooks

January & 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, Peggy Dagenhart
Non-members: Kim Hutchens, Renee Matetzschk, David Keller, Jerry Adkins, Sibyl Moffitt, Roger Anderson, Kay Holshouser, Shirley Cowan, Gay Park, Kay Edwards, George Ashley, Joni Sane, John Francisco

Gifts given in honor of:

- **Key Peeler:** Kathy Lawson, Pat Snider, Bill & Sara Thompson, Steve & Kim Mulrey
- **WMUMC Choir:** Bill & Sara Thompson, Steve & Kim Mulrey
- **Kory Strother:** Pat Snider
- **Dan Money:** Pat Snider
- **Jeanna McClure:** Pat Snider
- **Karen Furr:** Pat Snider
- **Bass Beck Sisters:** Joseph & Nancy Reynolds
- **Bill and Jean Wilson:** Joseph & Nance Reynolds
- **Joe and Barbara Phillips:** Steve & Kim Mulrey
- **Cindy Coleman:** Steve & Kim Mulrey

Gifts given in memory of:

- **Faye Tsumas:** Steel Magnolias Bridge Club
- **Marion Grant:** Keith & Patti Bollinger, Megan & Paul Kelley



Serving the Month of January

Head Usher - Andy Pierce
Greeter Coordinator - Renee Mauney
Acolyte Coordinator - Linda Stikeleather
Paraments - Donna Thomas & Mark Owens
Nursery Coordinator - Eileen Fowler
Trustee - Janice Powell

Notes about the Newsletter

If you have anything that needs to be put in the newsletter, please notify the office no later than the 20th of the month. If you receive the newsletter in more than 1 form, please contact the office to make your choice of media. Hard copies are available at the church or can be mailed. You can also receive it by email. Email is the most efficient way to receive the newsletter, so please consider calling the office to take yourself off the mailing list.

FINANCE
COMMITTEE
REPORT

January 1, 2024 - December 22,2024

Contributions Year To Date - \$288,379.39

Total Projected Expenses YTD thru Dec. - \$264,249.78

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.



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!



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

Youth

Message for volunteers feeding the Youth:
Before bringing drinks for youth on Sunday evenings, please check the hallway refrigerator for any leftover drinks from the previous meals.

Thank you!



Flower Calendar 2025

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.

Jan. 5	Joe & Barbara Phillips
Jan. 12	Cornelia Lokey
Jan. 19	Cornelia Lokey
Jan. 26	Danny & Nancy Campbell



Thank you Notes

Greetings, everyone!!

Glad to be a successful 98 year old! Where did October and November go? Temperatures have indicated we have quite a change outside. I enjoyed the services, bulletins, and newsletters. Please enjoy the Advent season. It is exciting!
Much love to all!
Edna Laver



Thank you, Thank you, thank you!

I truly loved the poinsettia I received. I want to thank all of you for thinking of me.
Lots of love and God bless.
Cornelia Lokey



The Missions Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who helped ring the Salvation Army Christmas bell.
Thank you!



Dear Wesley Memorial,

Last week, Linda Lindenberg brought me the most beautiful red poinsettia plant from our church. It is so lovely and will help me celebrate the wonderful Christmas season and why we celebrate. Thank you so very much for thinking of me during this special holiday season.
Love to all of you!
Edrie Knight “Merry Christmas to All”



Thank you to our church family! We had a great response for the Angel Tree and gift cards. We had 31 gift cards bought and raised \$790 for the flood victims in the mountains. Thank you so much for the generosity of each one who contributed a gift card. We appreciate the support of this church family for the needy in our community and those in our state. Thanks so much!
Missions Committee



Kaylee, Kimberly and I would like to thank you all for your well wishes, cards, food, and gifts that we have received from you this Christmas season. We are so appreciative of your hospitality and love. We continue to love being in ministry with you and wish you the very best for the new year.
Pastor Dan Money



I enjoy the Wesley Messenger, more that I can ever tell you. We loved attending Wesley Memorial from 1989 to 2000 when we moved to Greenville, SC, with my husband’s job. My son grew up in the church and our daughter was baptized at Wesley and also loved attending there until we moved when she completed the 5th grade. We have never found another church like Wesley Memorial. We still keep in touch with some of the members and WMUMC will always hold a place in our hearts. Thank you for all you do to keep us out-of –state folks updated by sending us the monthly newsletter.
Nancy Reynolds