

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH

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Circle Meetings
Mary Martha - Tuesday, Mar. 11th @ 10:00 parlor
Bass Beck - Tuesday, Mar. 11th @1:00 parlor
Wesley Friendship - Monday, March 17th @ 5:00 FH
(All women of the church are invited to attend.)



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March 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5 Wesley Adult Fellowship @ 12:00 FH Ash Wed. 6:00pm	6 Book Study 1:30 PM	7	8
9 youth 4 to 7	10	11 Bass Beck 1:00 Parlor Mary Martha 10:00 Parlor	12	13 Book Study 1:30 PM	14	15
16	17 HAPPY St Patrick's DAY	18 WOW—11:30 FH Soup/Sandwich	19	20 Book Study 1:30 PM	21	22
23/30 youth 4 to 7-23rd	24/31	25	26 Hot Dog Lunch 11:30-1:30	27 Book Study 1:30 PM	28	29



The Wesley Messenger

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
825 Wesley Drive, Statesville, NC
Dan Money, Pastor

March 2025

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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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Greetings in the name of our Lord who is able to keep us in all of our ways. Recently, I have heard more people expressing the emotion of fear than I can remember in my life. What are we afraid of? This is a question that sociologist from Chapman University of Orange California asks every year. According to Sara Kuta of the Smithsonian Magazine, Chapman University surveys 1000 Americans each year and asks the participants what they fear the most. In Sara’s October 25, 2024 article, “These Are Americans’ Biggest Fears in 2024, as the Country Is ‘Becoming More Afraid’”, The 2024 results released right before the November election were discussed. Sara argues that from this survey, fear is up across the land. Americans are more fearful today than in the past. Some of the top fears revealed were corrupt government officials, nuclear war with Russia, cyberterrorism, loved ones getting sick and dying, and not having enough money for the future. I have to admit, it has been a scary time. However, I try to quickly turn to my faith and remember some of the things God has gotten me through in my past.

I am reminded of what Paul wrote to the early Christians living in Rome. He wrote in chapter eight, “What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:31, 38, 39 NIV). This is one of the most amazing proclamations of God’s love for us in the Bible. Paul pretty much covers anything and everything that could possibly happen to a person and concludes that a person will never be without God’s love. At the time this letter was written, the early Christians were facing horrors that we can’t even imagine - imprisonment, separation from their children, being hunted down like wild animals, and in many instances being executed for their faith. We can assume that those early Christians found comfort and strength in their faith in Jesus Christ during these terrible times. They found a way to persevere in the face of grave uncertainties. The Apostle Paul would encourage us in the same way today.

The good news for us today is that we can choose faith over fear. We can choose faith because Paul tells us that we can count on God no matter what we face in life and no matter what is going on in the world. I know that a lot of us are facing serious trials and tribulations. Many things we face in life like cancer, heart disease, the loss of a loved one, financial stress, politics, or family problems can send us into a tailspin of sorry and despair. That’s when we need to be reminded of Paul’s strong proclamation again. God is for us! God will keep us! God knows exactly what we need! God never lets us go! God loves us and nothing in all the world will ever change that!

Pastor Dan



March

1-Elizabeth Chambers, Lillian Owens, Mary Sigmon
3-Joe Coleman
5-Kathy Reed
7-Mark Stevenson
8-Danny Stafford
15-Joe Nicks
17-John Cloer
21-Michael Fox
23-Claryce Sinclair
29- Kay Miller



Serving the Month of March

Head Usher -
Greeter Coordinator - Renee Mauney
Acolyte Coordinator - Linda Stikeleather
Paraments - Barbara Phillips & Janice Powell
Nursery Coordinator - Eileen Fowler
Trustee –Tim Thompson

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, 2025 - February 16, 2025
Contributions Year To Date - \$33,739.96
Total Expenses YTD thru Dec. - \$49,633.52

March & Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Members: Leslie Prichard, Angela Lackey, Susan Brooks, Robert Moore, Jean Wilson, Barbara Anthony, Judy Hope, Bill Willett, Carolyn Lamberth, Amy Snoddy, Janet Acker, Sylvia Day, Peggy Dagenhart, Peggy Sanford, Diane Benno, Kay Miller, Laura Snoddy
Non-members: Jerry Adkins, Kay Edwards, Kim Hutchens, Harold Wilson, David Keller, Renee Matetzschk, Roger Anderson, Maleek Dixen, John Francisco, Kay Holshouser, Shirley Cowan, George Ashley, Gay Park, Blanca Motta, Cheryl Moon, Gustin Family, Jim Stikeleather, Howard Benno

- ### Gifts given in honor of:

 - Ronny Hawkins:** Neil & Karen Furr
 - Congregation of WMUMC:** Cornelia Lokey



- ### Gifts given in memory of:

 - Norma Dearman:** David & Pam Aman, Tim & Mary Thompson, Neil & Karen Furr
 - Martha Hawkins:** Neil & Karen Furr, Donna Thomas

The **Missions Committee** will be sponsoring a food drive to support Matthew 25 Ministries in Harmony. They serve over 100 people weekly. They need donations! It will begin on March 9th and ends on March 30th. Here are items most needed. Canned meats including tuna, chicken, spam, corned beef, Beanie Weenies, Vienna sausage, Mac & Cheese, Minute Rice, Instant potatoes, pasta, canned fruits especially peaches, canned vegetables, cereals especially corn flakes, instant oatmeal, instant grits, Pop Tarts, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers.

Thank you from the Missions Committee

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

Sympathy

Please pray for Ronny Hawkins and family at the loss of his mother, Martha Hawkins, who passed away Mon. Feb. 10th.

Thank you

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.

Mar. 2	Linda Lindenberg
Mar. 9	Dan Money
Mar. 16	Available
Mar. 23	Mary & Tim Thompson
Mar. 30	Available



Thank you Notes

Dear Friends,

I cannot begin to tell you how much you have meant to me as I have gone through surgery. Your support through prayers, visits, texts, and phone calls, cards, food, fruit, and gift cards has been overwhelming. I want to especially thank Pastor Dan and special friends who sat with Joe during the surgery. This has been a humbling experience. I feel very blessed to have you as my dear church family.

Love,

Claryce Sinclair



Dear Members of Wesley Memorial UMC,

You were so thoughtful to remember me with the beautiful poinsettia at Christmas. It means so much at the Christmas season. I do appreciate all the nice things the church members do for me. The phone calls and visits are so special.

Sincerely,

Marth Grant



Dear Friends at Wesley,

We appreciate and thank all of you for the many cards, messages and condolences during the recent loss of Mom. She enjoyed her time at Wesley and made many friends. As she struggled during the last months, she continued to enjoy the newsletter, visits and flowers. Thank you again and we pray God continues to bless Wesley.

Chuck and Debbie Dearman



Hi,

The closest I have for the “Ground Hog Forecaster”: We have been shown what winter looks like and have enjoyed the melting and the previews of nice sunshine.

Sincerely,

Edna D. Laver



Save the Date!

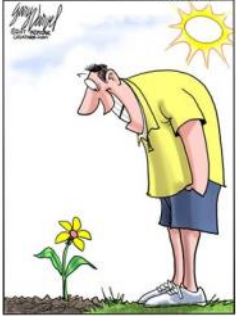
May 10, 2025

3:00 – 5:00

BOSTON BUTT SALE

\$45

Sandwiches will be available in the fellowship hall from 12:00 – 2:00 \$4 each



On Sunday, Jan. 26, Amelia Snipes was recognized during the 11:00 worship service for her years of service as our 3rd - 5th grade Sunday School teacher. She has been such a blessing to the children of Wesley! Amelia shared some of her most memorable moments with the congregation. She was joined by her husband, Tommy and their daughter, Fatima. Amelia was presented an arrangement of red roses as an expression of our appreciation. We will miss Amelia as a part of our Sunday School team, and wish her well as God leads her to new opportunities.