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MAY 2025

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



The Wesley Messenger

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

825 Wesley Drive, Statesville, NC

Dan Money, Pastor

May 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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Happy Easter, Wesley Memorial! I wanted you all to know what a privilege it has been for me and my family to have shared Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday with you this year. We have had some very meaningful services over the last couple of weeks. The music and worship have been amazing. The services have blessed me and I have been happy to be your pastor. I hope that your life has been enriched by our celebration of Easter as well.

However, did you know that Easter is not over? Easter is actually a season that we will continue to celebrate until Pentecost on June 8th. Traditionally, the church has celebrated this 50-day period that starts on Easter Sunday, leading up to the Ascension of Christ and concluding with the giving of the Holy Spirit by God on the day of Pentecost. This is the most joyous time of the year for Christians but I'm not sure we take it seriously. In our fast-paced culture, we tend to compartmentalize the special Sundays in our church. When that particular Sunday is over, our minds start to anticipate the next holiday or special Sunday and we forget about what we just celebrated. We see this in our consumer world as well. If you go into the grocery store, drug store, or department store you will notice that as soon as Easter Sunday is over the candy, stuffed bunnies, Easter baskets, etc. are all gone. By this time, the shelves have been restocked with Mother's Day or summer fun items. And then, before summer is over, they will start stocking items for autumn.

At my previous church, we planned a tubing trip on the New River for the first Saturday in August. Because we were having some guests going that had never been tubing before, I went to Walmart to buy a few extra lifejackets and blow-up tubes just in case someone needed one. I went to the sporting goods section of the West Jefferson store and there was not a life jacket or floatation device to be found. A Walmart worker told me that had already changed over to the fall season and hunting supplies were the priority. I said, "but it's the first week of August!" His reply was, "Not at Walmart!"

I think it is healthy for Christians to push back against our fast-paced world and try to savor the seasons of the church. Easter is a celebration of new life. The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:18, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" Through the resurrection of Jesus we have been given new life, eternal life. I believe that is worth more than a one-day celebration. Instead of being done with Easter, I invite you to rejoice with me for the entire 50 days of Easter as we give thanks for the great salvific work of Jesus on the cross, focus on the doctrines of our faith, do good works, pray, and make room in our hearts for the Spirit of God to come.

Blessings,
Pastor Dan

May



1-Sam Fox
2- Mary Monheim
4-Chuck Dearman, Tim Thompson,
Chloe Owens, Ron Case
5-Polly Burwell
6-Ena Stevenson
8-Wesley White
9-Richard Reavis
11-Linda Lindenberg
16-Nancy Campbell, Janice Powell
18-Janet Acker
19-Carolyn Lamberth
21-Phil Fowler, Diane Howren,
Steve Ervin
22-Sherri Keath, Gail Nellis
24-Linda Ervin
25-Olivia Lamb, Dina Little
26-Whitney Mauney, Kathy Ward
27-Suzee Fox
28-Linda Gladden
29-John Grier Stikeleather, Joseph
Peters
30-Mark Bailey, Haylee Lackey

Serving the Month of May

Head Usher - Johnny Stikeleather
Greeter Coordinator - Renee Mauney
Acolyte Coordinator - Linda Stikeleather
Paraments - Donna Thomas & Jim & Kathy Reed
Nursery Coordinator - Eileen Fowler
Trustee -Barbara Phillips

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 - April 20, 2025
Contributions Year To Date - \$81,190.14
Total Expenses YTD thru Apr. - \$96,115.02

May & Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Members: Leslie Prichard, Angela Lackey, Susan Brooks, Robert Moore, Barbara Anthony, Bill Willett, Carolyn Lamberth, Amy Snoddy, Janet Acker, Peggy Dagenhart, Ann Campbell, Bill Wilson, Peggy Sanford, Rita Karn, Tammy Olson, Edna Laver

Non-members: Jerry Adkins, Kay Edwards, Kim Hutchens, Harold Wilson, Max Kennedy, Roger Anderson, Michael Dyer, John Francisco, Kay Holshouser, Shirley Cowan, George Ashley, Gay Park, Blanca Motta, Cheryl Moon, Tay Clodfelter, Brent, Rob Hall

Gifts given in honor of:

- **Wesley Congregation:** Cornelia Lokey
- **Pastor Dan Money:** Bass Beck Circle

Gifts given in memory of:

- **Norma Dearman:** Barbara Phillips, Jim & Kathy Reed, Ken & Leslie Pritchard, Donna Thomas
- **Martha Hawkins:** Jim & Kathy Reed
- **Judy Hope:** Joe Miller, Kevin & Neva Miller
- **Key Miller:** Karen Najjar, Irving & Martha Boyles, Mary George, Francis P & Barbara Rasberry, John & Linda Stikeleather, Jim & Kathy Reed, Susanne & Harry Byrd, Ken & Leslie Pritchard, Edna Laver
- **Larry Sane:** Ken & Leslie Pritchard



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.

YOUTH

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

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.

May 4	Wesley Adult Fellowship
May 11	Danny & Nancy Campbell
May 18	Neil & Karen Furr
May 25	Paul Blackwell, Sr.



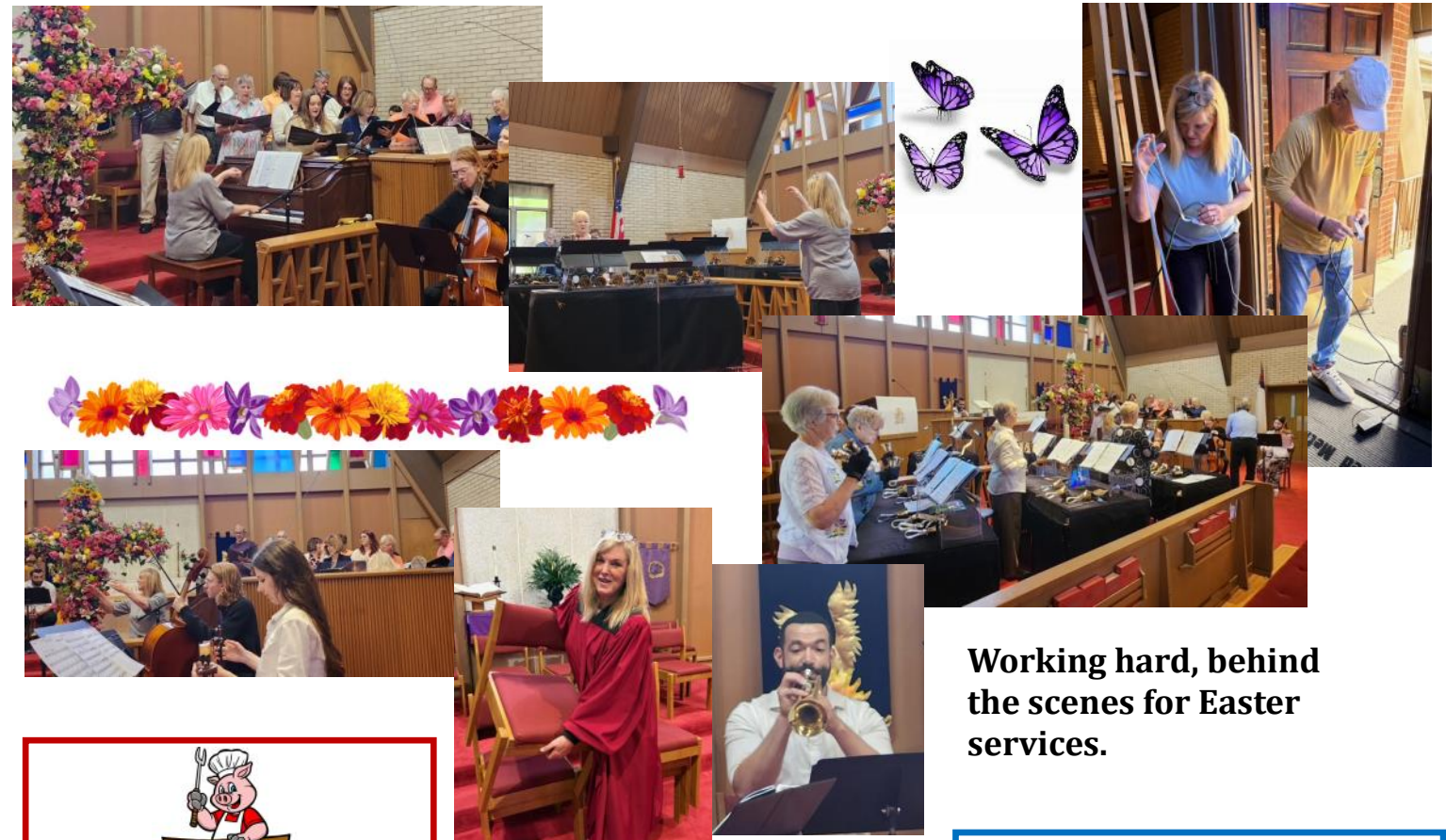
Thank you Notes

On behalf of the Education Committee, I'd like to express our sincere appreciation to all of you who donated candy for our Easter Egg Hunt held on April 13th. We had a good turnout for the event and a fun time was had by all! We also want to thank Nancy Campbell for providing temporary tattoos for the children, Bill Benfield for his balloon sculptures, Linda Stikeleather and Kim Cloer for registering our guests, and Karen Luther, Cheryl Pierce, Danny Campbell and Tim Thompson for support. Our special thanks to all the youth who helped in numerous ways - we couldn't have done this without them! We offer our gratitude to Debbie Lackey for providing the awesome decorations for our front lawn. The committee is very grateful for Pastor Dan's presence and support. Thanks again to each of you who made this event possible!

Love in Christ,
Mary Thompson, Committee Chair



Hi Everyone,
Still enjoying the services on Sunday and so delighted with the many kindness and notes. Blessings this holiday season,
Love,
Edna D. Laver



Working hard, behind the scenes for Easter services.

Graduate Sunday

We will be celebrating our graduates on Sunday, June 1st at the 11:00 service followed by a lunch in their honor. Thank you!



May 10, 2025

3:00 - 5:00

**BOSTON BUTT & BAKE SALE
\$45**

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



The **Missions Committee** is sponsoring a bake sale to go along with the Boston Butt sale. The proceeds will go to Missions. We are asking for bake sale items to be donated. We need whole items and individually wrapped items. We will be selling from 12:00 to 5:00 on May 10th alongside the sandwich sale and Boston Butt Pickup schedule.