

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH

Homebound/Care Facility

Brookdale Peachtree, 2806 Peachtree Road., 28625
***Edrie Knight**
***Martha Grant**

***Chester Middlesworth**

Susan Brooks
 The Greens at Maple Leaf
 1101 Maple Care Ln.
 Statesville, NC 28625

Bonnie Fowler
 Arbor Ridge/Huntersville
 10200 Hampton Pk Dr
 Apt. 206
 Huntersville, NC 28078

Janet Acker
 1101 Maple Care Ln.
 Statesville, NC 28625

Suzanne Bland-Davis,
 Autumn Care of
 Statesville

Ron Case
 Brookdale Clarebridge
 2806 Peachtree Rd.
 Statesville, NC 28625

2001 Van Haven Dr.
 Statesville, 28625



Leslie Pritchard
 Abernathy Laurels
 Unity Court Rm 1032
 102 Leonard Ave.
 Newton, NC 28658

Barbara Johnson
 Brookdale East Broad
 2441 E. Broad St,
 Statesville, NC 28625

Edna Laver
 2407 Wimbledon Rd.
 Columbus, OH 43220

Cornelia Lokey
 612 Oakdale Dr.
 Statesville, NC 28677

Mary Sigmon
 1025 N. Chipley Ford Rd.
 Statesville, NC 28625
 704-500-1038

Pat Williams
 Mocksville Nursing Home
 498 Madison Rd.
 Mocksville, NC 27028

The Kellers
 810 Ferndale Dr.
 Statesville, NC 28677

Circle Meetings

Bass Beck Circle - Tuesday, 1/13/26 1:00 in the Parlor
Mary Martha Circle - Tuesday, 1/13/26 10:00 Fellowship Hall



College Students

Chloe Owens 223 W. Main St. P.O. Box 298 Salem, WV 26426	Noah Owens 1823 Caves Mill Rd. Dobson, NC 27017	Dalton Melillo 165 Doe Trail Ln. Statesville, NC 28625 (UNC Charlotte)	Kaylee Money 3761 S. Lail Ave. Morganton, NC 28655 (Appalachian)
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JANUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Office closed 	2	3
4	5	6	7 Wesley Adult Fellowship @ Trustees @ 6:30 pm, FH	8 Book Study 1:30 PM	9	10
11  4 to 6	12	13 Mary Martha 10:00 FH Bass Beck 1:00 Parlor	14	15 Book Study 1:30 PM	16 Rook Night 6:30 to 9	17
18  4 to 6	19 Office closed 	20	21	22 Book Study 1:30 PM	23	24
25	26	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

January 2026

Volume 17, Issue 1

*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! In our culture, we associate the flipping of the calendar to 2026 as a chance to change and it is. We all will have the opportunity to make a New Year's resolution. Making a New Year's resolutions brings us the feeling that we have a chance to do things better, to make a fresh start and to anticipate good things to come. I do hope you will take the time to be reflective about your own life and give thanks for 2025 while looking forward to 2026.

In the Methodist church, the new year brings a change of leadership in our church. The Nominations Committee and Church Council Committee work hard to ensure that the mission of the church is accomplished through good leadership. Currently, we are set to approve a new slate of officers with our first Church Council meeting in January. Some of you will serve Wesley by continuing in your current role and some of you will have new shoes to wear as you have agreed to take on new leadership jobs for 2026. But before I get too carried away with the new year's slate of officers, I want to stop and acknowledge the great leadership we have had for the 2025 year. To all those people that stepped up last year and agreed to serve on a committee or lead a committee by being it's chairperson or recording secretary I want to say thank you! We have accomplished much in the past year. Our church remains strong and our focus is on sharing Jesus' love with our community. So, if you have served to make our programs, ministries and special events successful, please know that your commitment to Wesley Memorial has made a huge difference. We could not do it without you!

Looking forward to 2026, I also want to say I appreciate all of you that have agreed to serve in the new year to come. We will have training soon and get you all acclimated to what I think could be one of the best years at Wesley in a long time. With your dedication, leadership and support we will strive for a great year together!

Blessings,
Pastor Dan

January



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



Serving the Month of January

Head Usher –Bill Thompson
Greeter Coordinator - Renee Mauney
Acolyte Coordinator - Pat Snider & Linda Stikeleather
Paraments - Donna Thomas & Kathy Lawson
Nursery Coordinator - Eileen Fowler
Trustee – Danny Campbell

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

As of Dec. 28, 2025
Contributions Year to Date - \$290,954.70
Total collected for Ramp - \$12,1655.18
Total Apportionments Due for 2025 - \$25,133.00
Total Apportionments Paid YTD - \$16,484.87
Expected Expenses thru Dec. 2025 - \$283,541.22

December & Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Members: Leslie Pritchard, Angela Lackey, Susan Brooks, Robert Moore, Rita Karn, Peggy Dagenhart, Bill Wilson, Janet Acker, Amy Snoddy, Ann Campbell, Carolyn Lamberth, Paul Blackwell, Gail Smith, Katie Barker, Edrie Knight, Richard Reavis, Beth Reavis, Patti Bass, Martha Grant, Deborah Cross, Ron Case

Non-members: Lorena Burcher, Jerry Adkins, Scott Holshouser, Harold Wilson, Veronica Waters , Donna Arnett, Cheryl Moon, Michael Dyer, Shirley Cowan, George Ashley, Angie Sullins, Blanca Motta, Kay Edwards, Randy Dabbs, Nena Holshouser, Tony Pendleton, Tracy Robert, Lonnie Diedering

Gifts given in honor of:

- **Eileen & Phil Fowler:** Edna Laver
- **Music Program:** Bob Clanton, Pat Snider, Bill & Sara Thompson
- **Kay Peeler:** Bill & Sara Thompson
- **Dan Money:** Tim & Mary Thompson
- **Linda & Johnny Stikeleather:** Leslie & Ken Pritchard
- **Bill Willett (11/28/25):** Margaret Willett

Gifts given in memory of:

- **Rob Reid:** Bill & Nancy Benfield, Family Ties S.S. Class, Neil & Karen Furr, Donna Thomas, Bill & Sara Thompson, Stuart & Anita Hawver, Ann Campbell, Tronia Gibson, James & Cherry Johnson, Kathy Lawson, Linda Lindenberg, Joe & Barbara Phillips, Steve Stovall, Denise Sherrill, Ken & Leslie Pritchard, Phil & Eileen Fowler, John & Linda Stikeleather, Tim & Mary Thompson, Bass-Beck Circle, Gretcen Pope Payne, Women Investors of Statesville
- **Isla Wren Johnson:** Neil & Karen Furr, John & Linda Stikeleather
- **Neil Martin:** Neil & Karen Furr, Bill & Sara Thompson, Phi & Eileen Fowler, Denise Sherrill
- **Bill Willett:** Bill & Sara Thompson, Martha Hazelton, David & Pam Aman, Ann Campbell, Linda Lindenberg, Joe & Barbara Phillips, Steve Stovall, Denise Sherrill, Ken & Leslie Pritchard, Kathy Lawson, Iredell Extension Master Gardener, Phil & Eileen Fowler, John & Linda Stikeleather, Tim & Mary Thompson, Bill & Nancy Benfield, Donna Thomas, Neil & Karen Furr
- **Jim Frederick:** Bill & Sara Thompson, Ann Campbell, Ken & Leslie Pritchard, Tim & Mary Thompson, Lynn & Mike Noble
- **Doris Burton:** Bill & Sara Thompson, Ann Campbell, Phil & Eileen Fowler, Neil & Karen Furr
- **Kay Miller:** Steve Stovall
- **Barbara Anthony:** Steve Stovall
- **Marion Grant:** Keith & Patti Bollinger, Paul & Megan Kelly

The Ladies Book Study will begin in January with a new book. The book is “The Women” by Kristin Hannah. We invite any lady to join us every Thursday at 1:30 to 2:30. We will begin on Jan. 8th. Come join this Fun Group.

If any questions, contact Cheryl Pierce (704) 224-5187

Kitchen Korner

This is a friendly reminder that the Kitchen Committee cleans the kitchen and tables in the fellowship hall once a month. In between time, it’s the responsibility of the group using these facilities to clean up after their event.

Kitchen Korner

In order to help us keep the kitchen and pantry neat and organized, please do not drop off any type of kitchen items (containers, utensils, etc.) before checking with the Kitchen Committee. Thank you.
Claryce Sinclair and Linda Lindenberg - Co-Chairs

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 2026

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. 4 Missy Keller
Jan. 11 Available
Jan. 18 Available
Jan. 25 Available

Thank you Notes

My dearest friends,
I would like to thank the Family Ties Class for the wonderful gift. This congregation means so much to me. I can’t tell you how much I appreciate all the love you show me time and again.

God Bless you all,
Cornelia Lokey



Greetings from Ohio,
I am thrilled to see the ramp and how it will be so helpful!
Sincerely,
Edna D. Laver



I want to thank all the nursery ambassadors for 2025. You have made it possible for Wesley Memorial to comply with the Safe Sanctuary rules. The program is working well. We just need more individuals to sign up. Please see the signup sheet in the commons area. Call Eileen Fowler if you have questions. The number is (704) 881-1818. (Duties include relaxing in a chair and watching children play or ambassadors can play too.)



Everyone at Wesley Memorial,
Here’s to a warm and merry holiday season.
The crew at United Remodeling



Thank you so much to everyone for participating in the Angel Food Tree. We are so excited to announce we had 509lbs of food and non food items. Thank you so much. Iredell Christian Ministries was very appreciative!

Thank You
Mission Committee



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

WOW, what a year we have had. Thanks to all our church family for a great 2025 year of Mission projects. We have made a difference in so many lives. This church family always steps up to bat when any need arises. The Mission Committee would like to say Thanks so much for a great year. We look forward to next year and see how we can help others. We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ, and we thank you! (Below is a list of what our year looked like.



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

Message for volunteers feeding the Youth:

Before bringing drinks and chips for youth on Sunday evenings, please check the hallway kitchenette for any leftover drinks from the previous meals.

Thank you!

2025 Mission Year in Review

Lent- Food drive for Matthew 25 Ministries
May- Bake sale with Boston Butt Sale
July/Aug.- School Supply Drive for East Iredell Middle School
Aug.- Youth Sponsored Bingo
Sept.- Food drive to fill East Middle School Food Pantry
Fall- Drive to fill Homeless Bags, delivered to Homeless
Fall- Youth Sponsored Bingo
Nov.- Gospel Sing A Long with canned items going to Iredell Christian Ministries
Dec.- Angel Food Tree with food items going to Iredell Christian Ministries
Dec.- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Year Long-Feeding Youth Suppers

From Gervase December 29, 2025

Since I retired from Wesley Memorial in 2010 it has been my high honor and privilege to be asked by families of Wesley members to participate in the memorial services of their loved ones.

I have officiated or helped officiate at approximately 400 memorial services. While the preparation for what I share at such a service has always been a challenge, it has currently become more so as I deal with certain health issues that need attention.

Therefore, with a few exceptions, I will no longer participate in memorial services at Wesley Memorial. Those exceptions are the handful of people to whom I have promised that I will share remarks at their services when the time comes.

I know, as my friends, you understand that as we age, we just can’t do things we once did at the level we demand of ourselves. Thank you for your love and for your understanding of this difficult decision.

