

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH

Homebound/Care Facility

Brookdale Peachtree, 2806 Peachtree Road., 28625

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Circle Meetings

Bass Beck Circle - Tuesday, 3/10/26 1:00 in the Parlor

Mary Martha Circle - Tuesday, 3/10/26 10:00 Fellowship Hall

Wesley Friendship Circle - Monday, 3/16/26 5:00 FH



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MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Evangelism 12:00, FH	2 SPRC 3:30, Seekers Education 5:00FH	3	4 Wesley Adult Fellowship @ 12:00 FH	5 Book Study 1:30 PM	6	7
8  2:00 Trampoline Park, Mrsvl	9	10 Mary Martha 10:00 FH Bass Beck 1:00 Parlor	11	12 Book Study 1:30 PM	13	14
15  4 to 6	16 Wesley Friendship 5:00 pm, FH	17  WOW 11:30 FH	18	19 Book Study 1:30 PM	20 Rook Night 6:30 to 9	21
22	23	24	25  Hot Dog Lunch 11:30-1:30	26 Book Study 1:30 PM	27	28  Easter Egg Hunt 2:00-4:00
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The Wesley Messenger

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

825 Wesley Drive, Statesville, NC

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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Hello friends. Are you as ready for Spring as I am? I remember watching a meteorologist not long ago say something like, "Trust me! These cold temperatures and wind will soon give way to warmer weather." Well, I for one am ready for that warmer weather, but I'm not sure I can trust a weather forecast because Mother Nature will do her own thing and leave all of us guessing, especially in North Carolina.

I guess trust doesn't always come easy for us. You may have heard your parents or others instruct you by saying, "You can't trust anyone!" We've all had a person to promise us something, tell us to trust them and then let us down. To be honest, sometimes we are that person. It may not be intentional, but we are all very capable of forgetting or putting our own interest first. Then we find ourselves apologizing and trying to earn trust back.

The great message of the Bible and of our faith is that there is a person that we can put our full and complete trust in. That person is God, our creator. According to Google, which is pulling from many sources, the phrase, *Trust in the Lord*, only appears about 15 times depending on the translation. However, the concept of putting our trust in God is a prime teaching point of the Bible and can be found as many as 150 times. My favorite example of this is in Proverbs 3:5-6 that reads, "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*" I think the key to trusting is in actually in verse 6 with the word, "Submit." We do not like to give up control to someone else, but in God's case we are far better off when we find the courage to do so.

Have you ever been a part of, or seen the demonstration on trust where a leader stands a person up blind-folded and instructs the person to fall backwards assuring them that someone will catch them? While on a spiritual retreat, I got to be the blind-folded person that fell backwards. I've got to say that it was not easy relinquishing control of my body and trusting someone else to catch me. And to make matters worse, the leader underestimated how big of a person I was. He chose a small lady named Erika to stand behind me and catch me. It did not go well. Erika kind of just broke my fall as the leader quickly stepped in to try and help her catch me. All three of us wound up on the ground. After much laughter from the group the leader said, "Don't worry God is stronger than Erika!" That is the simple truth of God. God is bigger and stronger than any of us. God is trustworthy because God is omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient. No matter how much our problems weigh, God can carry them. No matter how anxious we are about our health, God can help us. No matter how dark our path is, God walks with us and shines light into our world. God will never leave us. God will always work for us. God will always love us. Trust God today!

Blessings,
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

March & Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Members: Leslie Pritchard, Angela Lackey, Susan Brooks, Robert Moore, Rita Karn, Peggy Dagenhart, Deborah Cross, Bill Wilson, Amy Snoddy, Ann Campbell, Gail Smith, Paul Blackwell, Katie Barker, Janet Acker, Patti Bass, Martha Grant, Ron Case, Claryce Sinclair, Kay Holshouser, Paul Blackwell, Jr., Phyllis Hadley, Carl Moore

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 Diederling, Gloria Acosta, Miranda Ebert, Phoenix Lee

Gifts given in honor of:

- **Joe Nicks:** Bill & Sara Thompson

Gifts given in memory of:

- **Edrie Knight:** Donna Thomas, Bill & Sara Thompson, Bill & Nancy Benfield, Sylvia Day, John & Linda Stikeleather
- **Rob Reid:** Edna Laver
- **Bill Willett:** Edna Laver



What a Night!

The Moonglows entertained 90+ members and guests on Valentine's Day. A sincere thank you to Kay and Kent for their hard work and detailed planning to provide this memorable evening for Wesley!

Serving the Month of March

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

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.



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.

Mar. 1 Linda Lindenberg
Mar. 8 Available
Mar. 15 Cornelia Lokey
Mar. 22 Kevin & Neva Miller
Mar. 29 Palm Sunday-Worship



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

Thank you Notes

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and memorials in memory of Carolyn. We would also like to thank Pastor Dan for his beautiful service. Thank you for your continued prayers for our family.

Lawrence & Teresa Lamberth



Dear Friends,

I sincerely appreciate you! You are a wonderful group of caring people! Your caring and expressions of concern have helped me in so many ways. You have made calls, sent texts, emails, and cards. You have brought food that helped so much when I wasn't able to prepare it. Flowers have been sent that brightened my days. And finally, your visits have meant so much! I just don't have words to describe how I feel. Thank you for everything.

Love,
Claryce Sinclair



Dear Youth S.S. Class,

I wish I could express how much your recent cards have meant to me. I love this church and its people so much. I know that you all will have a bright future. Thanks again for remembering me with your thoughts, prayers, and cards.

Love,
Cornelia Lokey



On behalf of Yokefellow Ministries, I want to sincerely thank you for your church's generosity and partnership. Your support allows us to serve over 225 families each week through our food pantry and assistance programs. Because of churches like yours, families receive nourishment, support, and hope. Your generosity is a powerful expression of God's love in action, and we are deeply grateful.

Pam S. Fox,
Helping Center Manager



Greetings from Ohio,

It was my observation that you are experiencing our same type of winter. It will be spring soon!

Edna Laver



Upcoming Missions Project

Start collecting your change at home and on April 12 we will begin collecting change to give to World Vision for Clean Water in other countries. We will collect each Sunday from April 12- May 10.

The **Mission Committee** has decided to collect canned goods and non perishable items on a continual basis. There will be boxes available in two places to bring your items every Sunday. At the end of each month we will deliver the items to a nonprofit organization. Please start bringing your items and put in the boxes. Thanks.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Education Committee is having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th from 2:00 to 4:00 on the front lawn. They are asking for donations of small and individual pieces of candy and trinkets like bracelets, necklaces, bunnies, etc. anything that will fit in a goody bag.



Inclement Weather Plan

If you don't get a phone tree message, please call the church at 704-873-8701 for a message regarding the church. If you don't get the phone tree, please call the church office to have your number put in the system. If the church is closed, you can call or text the church cell phone at 704-832-4841.



This is Veda Bafford, former early worship musician. She played Irish and Scottish folk music for the Feb. meeting of the Bass-Beck Circle. She explained the history and differences between them. The group, also, enjoyed several selections of the music from the isle of Shetland. The Bass-Beck Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month in the parlor. For additional information, call the church office at 704-873-8701.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

As of Feb. 22, 2026
Contributions Year to Date - \$49,599.05
Total Apportionments Due for 2026 - \$25,026.00
Total Apportionments Paid YTD - \$0
Expected Expenses thru Feb. 2026 - \$50,925.64