

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH

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Circle Meetings

Bass Beck Circle - Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1:00, Parlor

Mary Martha Circle - Tuesday, Oct. 13, 10:00, fellowship hall

Wesley Friendship Circle - Wednesday, Oct. 14, 5:30, fellowship hall
(All ladies welcome)

WOW Tuesday, Oct. 27, 11:30, Village Inn Pizza, Hwy 90



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OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Book Study 1:30 PM	2	3
4 Gervase's 80th Birthday Party 2:30-4:00	5	6	7 Wesley Adult Fellowship @ 12:00 FH	8 Book Study 1:30 PM	9	10
11	12	13 Mary Martha 10:00 FH Bass Beck 1:00 Parlor	14 Wesley Friendship 5:30 Fellowship	15 Book Study 1:30 PM	16 Rook Night 6:30 to 9	17
18 BINGO 3 to 5:30	19	20	21	22 Book Study 1:30 PM	23	24
25	26	27 WOW, 11:30 Village Inn, Hwy 90	28 Hot Dog Lunch 11:30-1:30	29 Book Study 1:30 PM Finance Comm. 3:00, Seekers	30	31 Trunk or Treat 5:00 to 7:30



The Wesley Messenger

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

825 Wesley Drive, Statesville, NC

Laurie Knoespel, Pastor

October 2026

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Welcome to Worship
at Wesley Memorial!

10:55 Traditional Worship

(also find our worship service
online)

Newsletter Contact:

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Treasures from Downstairs

There is an entire world downstairs at Wesley Memorial.

When I first arrived, I was told that the downstairs had flooded several times over the years, including one particularly significant flood. After the most recent one, everything was professionally cleaned and dried. Then, rather than moving everything back, the church moved the staff offices upstairs. The music department followed, along with a bell room and the chapel where the choir now rehearses.

And downstairs was simply... left.

I have to admit, the first time I walked through it, I found it a little eerie.

There are empty rooms, bits of furniture, shelves, cabinets and odds and ends that offer glimpses of what this space once was: staff offices, a youth room, a children's room, a nursery, storage—and a beautiful Conference Room.

It feels a little like walking through a house after everyone has moved out.

And yet, the longer I spend down there, the more I realize that it isn't empty at all.

It is full of stories.

A room that was once filled carries the memory of young people who learned, played, laughed and perhaps heard some of their first stories about Jesus there.

A youth room remembers teenagers who gathered, talked, dreamed and discovered what it meant to belong.

An office remembers conversations that mattered—questions asked, tears shed, decisions made, prayers prayed.

The Conference Room reminds me that churches are built not only in sanctuaries, but around tables. Around tables, people make plans. They wrestle with difficult questions. They imagine what might be possible. They sometimes disagree. They laugh. They listen. They decide to try again.

And there are treasures down there, too. Recently, I've brought a few things upstairs to use with our youth—small crosses, colorful pens and other little pieces of faith-filled goodness that were simply waiting to be useful again.

That has made me wonder about stewardship.

Stewardship isn't only about money. It is also about noticing what God has placed in our hands—and caring enough to ask what it might become.

There are good reasons for the staff offices to be upstairs. This is where people naturally come and go, drop things off, pick things up and work together in the life of the church. There are also good reasons to care about the spaces downstairs. We have rooms, furniture, supplies and resources that still have value.

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October



- 1 - Bryan Lackey
- 5 - Gervase Hitch
- 6 -Tim Edwards
- 12 - Denise Sherrill, Pam Aman
- 14 - Jessie Davidson
- 15 - Deborah Cross. Lincoln & Lucas Dison
- 16 - Richard Karn
- 27 - Debbie Lackey
- 28 - Katie Barker
- 29 - Dwight Keller



October & Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Members: Katie Barker, Patti Bass, Paul Blackwell, Paul Blackwell, Jr., Larry & Susan Brooks, Ann Campbell, Nancy Campbell, Angela Lackey, Cornelia Lokey, Leslie Pritchard, Kathy Reed, Gail Smith, Kathy Bass Trexler, Bill & Jean Wilson, Lawrence Lamberth, Denise Sherrill, Martha Grant

Non-members: George Ashley, Randy Dabbs, Scott Holshouser, Miranda Ebert, Amanda Rogers, Haley DeVito, Shirley S., Sarah Bible, Deborah Greenwald



Gifts given in memory of:

- Ron Case:** Bill & Nancy Benfield, Steve & Linda Ervin, Phil & Eileen Fowler, Martha Hazelton, Karen Luther, Michael & Kimberly Brown, Paul & Gloria Lacey, Joe & Barbara Phillips, Seekers’ Class, Wesley Adult Fellowship, Garland & Janice Pardue, Jim & Peggy Bullard, Kathy Lawson, Richard & Brenda West
- Peggy Dagenhart:** Wesley Adult Fellowship, Jane Frederick
- Edna Laver:** Kathy Lawson
- Bailey Rogers:** Kathy Lawson

Gifts given in honor of:

- Gervase Hitch:** Tim & Mary Thompson
- Pam Case:** Jim & Peggy Bullard



Serving the Month of October

Head Usher – Johnny Stikeleather
Greeter Coordinator - Renee Mauney
Acolyte Coordinator - Pat Snider & Linda Stikeleather
Paraments - Kathy Lawson & Donna Thomas
Nursery Coordinator - Eileen Fowler
Trustee of the Month - Tim Thompson

Rook Night - Friday, Oct.16th
@ 6:30 pm till 9:00 pm. Please bring Rook cards, snacks and a drink to share. Contact Gervase for more information.

(704) 928-6940 or (704) 380-2845.



The Music Dept. would like to thank Pam Case for her donation of Ron’s piano. It is a great addition in the fellowship hall.



THANKS SO MUCH!!!! Thank you for all the school supplies donated to East Middle School. And thanks for the food pantry items. All the items will be used for students that don't have these available to them. We appreciate everyone in the church family for donating these. We appreciate your support of East Middle School. Thanks so much!!!!
Sincerely, East Middle School & Mission Committee



Sat., Oct. 31, 5:00 to 7:30
We need candy and trunks!



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.

- Oct. 4** Becky Hitch
- Oct. 11** Debbie Lackey
- Oct. 18** Bowman/Laver Families
- Oct. 25** Garland & Janice Pardue



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

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.



From our Finance Committee Report

	Sept.	Year-to-Date
Act. Contributions thru 9/20/26	\$ 18,237.40	\$205,431.75
Expected Exp. thru 9/30/26	27,310.80	228,142.11
Gain (Loss) for Period	\$(9,073.40)	\$(22,710.36)

Apportionments Due for 2026 \$ 25,026.00
Apportionments Paid as of 8/23/26 8,056.50
Apportionments to be Paid 16,969.50

Monthly Statements Available Upon Request

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.

HELP NEEDED

The Congregational Care Committee needs help with the distribution of the altar flowers done every Sunday. Some members of the committee are unable to help right now, so your assistance would be truly appreciated. Please contact Erika Reid at (704) 437-2255.



We have had a donation of yarn and it is available to anyone who wants it. You can call the church office or come by during business hours (8 to 3, M-F). It will available till the end of the month.

Calling All Men. We are looking for men to help with our UMYF. In order to stay in compliance with Safe Sanctuary, we need a male counselor to be available for our youth meetings while Pastor Laurie leads the group during the program. A sign-up sheet will be in the lower commons. Please prayerfully consider this ministry.



The United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) has started. We welcome all middle and high school kids and encourage them to bring a friend.

Schedule:
4:30 - Choir/handbells
5:00 to 6:00 - Supper and program/lesson/activity

UMYF Scheduled dates:
Oct. 11 & 25
Nov. 8 & 22
Dec. 13

There will also be a few special UMYF sponsored activities:
October 18th Fall Bingo (3:00 to 5:30)
November 14th Youth Work Day (Saturday)
December 13th Christmas Shopping and Delivery to Police Station

The UMYF will also be involved with the **Trunk or Treat**, scheduled on **Sat., Oct. 31 from 5:00 to 7:30**, sponsored by the Education Committee.

