



Wesley United Methodist Church
Grand Forks, ND

September 3, 2017

Our purpose is to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for
the transformation of the world

Welcome to Worship at Wesley

September 3, 2017

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Wesley! If you have questions or special needs, please speak to an usher.

Worship activity bags for children are hanging on a rack at the back of the church.

Our ushers have large-print hymnals available.

Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers in Room 202.

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Gathering for Praise

Gathering Music

It is Well with My Soul

P. P. Bliss, arr. C. Kohlmann

Yen Lee Loh

Greetings of Christian Fellowship

***Call to Worship:**

In mutual compassion and authentic love,
we gather as the family of God.

**We offer our gifts, our hope, and our lives,
to build up this community of faith.**

We bring our songs of gratitude and joy
to bless God with our worship and praise.

***Opening Hymn**

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Red Hymnal 552

***Opening Prayer:**

Loving God,
we come in search of you and your loving wisdom.

Come to us and gather us in your love.

Mold us into a community of compassion
that is strengthened by the unity and power
of your Holy Spirit.

In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer*

Litany of Labor

Projected

Prayer Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be

Red Hymnal 399

Offering

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
W. J. Kirkpatrick, arr. C. Kohlmann

Yen Lee Loh

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication:**

**Creator God, in remembrance of your wonderful works
and your overflowing abundance,
we bring gifts that we have received from your hand.
Generous One, in gratitude for your miraculous deeds,
we bring these offerings of praise.
Loving Spirit, in joyous trust, we place these blessings
in your keeping to bless a world in need of your love.**

Opening Ourselves to God's Word

Children's Conversation

Scripture Readings

Psalm 105
Romans 12: 9-21

Red Hymnal 828
New Testament, pg. 151, 152

Sermon

Love and Serve

Bill Kerzman

Going Forth to Serve

***Closing Hymn**

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Red Hymnal 433

***Responsive Benediction**

Love, as Jesus has loved you.
We go to serve, as Jesus served.

Go with the peace that passes all understanding.
We go to heal the world, as Jesus healed.

***Musical Response**

Go Now in Peace (2x's)

***Closing Song**

Holy, Holy, Holy
J. B. Dykes, arr. C. Kohlmann

Yen Lee Loh

Thanks to all who have helped with today's worship service!

Welcome Team:

Greeter: Jane McDonald
Lay Reader: Patty Reed
Ushers: Tom & Jackie Saddler



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**Prayer
Ministry**

Pastor Jerry has begun a weekly prayer ministry. As he had done when serving as our pastor before retirement, he will send an e-mail each week with scripture, lesson, and prayer, inviting all who receive the message to join their hearts in prayer, even though separated by space and time. His initial message was sent to all persons connected with Wesley for whom we had e-mail addresses. If you did not receive this message last week, send him a message requesting that you be added to his list. If you do not wish to receive future messages, simply reply to this week's mailing with a request to have your name and address removed from the distribution list. Since he will not be including personal information, you are free to forward such messages to others and/or invite family or friends to request that they also be added to future mailings.

Adult Sunday school classes begin September 17

One of the adult classes that is offered meets in the Wesley library on Sunday mornings at 10:10 am and is currently continuing a Bible study based on the book series *Life Lessons* by Max Lucado. This class is currently focusing on the books of Peter 1 and 2. There is no outside reading or preparation required, but books are available. Anyone interested is welcome at any time. This class will be led by Dave Christy and Joel Iiams.

Pastor Jerry will participate in the Chapel Class, leading discussion of issues that arise from his 9:00 sermon, questions from participants, and/or topics from current media.

Beginning Tuesday evening, September 12, Pastor Jerry will lead a study of Rev. Adam Hamilton's recent book about Moses.

This discussion group will meet in the church library at 7:00 p.m.



Following the Ignite worship on Sunday mornings (about noon), Pastor Jerry will join students and other young adults for lunch and discussion based upon the questions raised by participants.

Noisy Buckets to Return



A few years ago, Pastor Jerry brought to Wesley the “Noisy Buckets.” He will be bringing that practice back to our church beginning Sunday, September 10. During the offering time of the 9:00 traditional service, children will take their little metal pails around the sanctuary to collect change (noisy money) from those in attendance. For three Sundays, we will receive such contributions (quiet money also accepted!) with proceeds going to support the support the Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.

This is a great need at this time. You can help by filling our buckets or donating through our offering by noting this purpose on your check. Later in the fall, the noisy buckets will return with a different mission focus.

Sunday School 2017-2018

The fall session of Sunday school is right around the corner! Classes will begin on Sunday, September 17 for preschool through 5th grade as well as for youth and adults. Pre-registration for children and youth will be available on September 10 at the welcome table in the church lobby. Students can also be registered on their first day of attendance.



We are in need of some volunteers to help with this year's Sunday school program. If you are willing to serve as a helper in the Preschool, Kindergarten – Second grade, or in the Third – Fifth grade class, please contact Judy Christy at j.christy86@gmail.com. We also need a couple people to team teach together for the youth (6th -12th grade) class. Contact Judy Christy for more details about that too. Substitute teachers and helpers are always needed, too!

Children, youth and adult classes all meet at 10:10 am until 11:00 am each Sunday morning. Children's music practice will also begin on September 17 as the beginning part of the Sunday school hour.

Homecoming Sunday is September 10.



We will also be honoring those who have been members of Wesley United Methodist Church for 50 years or longer. There will be refreshments after the 9:00 worship service.

United Methodist Women

"Call to Community"

The United Methodist Women Eastern Sunrise District annual meeting and spiritual retreat will be held on September 15-16. UMW members of Evergreen UMC in Wahpeton, ND will host this meeting at their church. All women interested in attending are invited. The theme for the meeting is "Call to Community".

The spiritual retreat, "Being a Supportive Community", begins at 7:00 pm on Friday. On Saturday, registration and refreshments begin at 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. The day will include a presentation from "Family Footprints". Lunch is provided.

If you are interested in attending one or both days, please contact Berniece Holm at 775-7450 or rus_730@msn.com. Wesley UMW will pay the cost of registration and meals.



We need Christmas cookies for our Shoebox celebration on October 1. Please contact Pam Whaley (701-866-0421) if you would be willing to contribute treats for the party.

Wesley UMC Calendar for September 3 – September 10

Sunday, September 3	8:30 a.m.	Coffee fellowship
	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
Monday, September 4		Labor Day – Office Closed
Tuesday, September 5	3:00 p.m.	Coffee Club, Panera
Wednesday, September 6	9:30 a.m.	Quilting, Room 305
	1:30 p.m.	Worship, Parkwood Place
	4:15 p.m.	UMW Executive Meeting
	5:45 p.m.	Kids Bells, grades 2-8
	6:15 p.m.	Adult Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Ignite Rehearsal
Thursday, September 7	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Club, Denny's
Sunday, September 10	8:30 a.m.	Coffee fellowship
	9:00 a.m.	Homecoming Sunday Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Refreshments and celebration of longtime members.



"Come join Choir and Bells", Starts Sept. 6

Pastor Jerry has begun weekly services in The Chapel at Parkwood Place on Wednesdays at 1:30. All Wesley members and friends are invited to be in attendance. Gone for the weekend? Then consider coming to Parkwood on Wednesday.

Last week's attendance: 79

Last week's giving: \$1,248.00

Offering to date: \$163,990.49

We're glad you are here today!

Thank you for your support



School kits

- 1 pair *rounded* scissors
- 1 12" ruler (no advertisements)
- 3 packs of paper (Spiral or loose leaf – 150 pages)
- 1 2" or larger eraser
- 1 pencil sharpener (1" or longer)
- 6 unsharpened pencils (no advertisement, religious, military, patriotic or camouflage symbols)
- 1 *24* count box of crayons - *Please check the package as some have American Flags on them.*

Monetary donations to cover the cost of shipping are also needed. The depot is currently low on this particular kit.

We will be collecting items for school kits until Sunday, September 10. The kits will be delivered to Fargo the week of September 11. All cash donations will be mailed to UMCOR. Thank you for your help with this important project.

Shoebox Christmas gift registries



We will be collecting items until Sunday, September 24.

Target registry: Wesley United Methodist Church (Pamela Whaley)

Walmart registry: Pamela Whaley – Wesley UMC Grand Forks Shoebox List

Amazon registry: Wesley UMC Grand Forks Shoebox

Ch<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2ES4XNUZVN7EK?&sort=default&ref=astore-instant-warehouse>

OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCIPLESHIP: SERVE AS AN USHER OR GREETER

Serving as an usher or greeter is a great way to serve your church. A warm welcome to those who come to worship is needed at every service and special event. If you would like to help, email address, and phone number. Thanks for being willing to serve. Contact Dawn Boyd at 701.772.7969 or email drboydgm@yahoo.com.