



***Wesley United Methodist Church***  
**Grand Forks, ND**

**September 4, 2016**

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

# ***Welcome to Worship at Wesley***

September 4, 2016

16<sup>th</sup> 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 in Fellowship and Praise to God***

**Gathering Music**

Carol Lamberson

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\* Greetings of Christian Fellowship**

**\* Call to Worship**

*God sends light to us this day and invites us to meet one another in this light.*

**Light breaks forth like the dawn, drawing us into relationship with one another.**

*Humble yourselves for the worship of God, that you may be empowered to serve.*

**God calls us to trust with steady hearts and to serve with righteous compassion.**

*Seek not for lofty words of wisdom, but for powerful demonstrations of God's way.*

**God makes us to be the salt of the earth and lights to show God's works to the world.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*What Gift Can We Bring*

Red Hymnal 87

(Birthday for Missions offerings may be brought forward during this song.)

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

“Modern Affirmation”

Red Hymnal 885

## *Coming Before God in Prayer*

Song of Meditation

*How Great Thou Art*

Red Hymnal 77

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

## *Giving Our Tithes and Offerings*

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offering Music

Carol Lamberson

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

O God, our creator, you love each person whom you have made in your image. Thank you for providing for our needs so that we can be generous. We feel joy when we share with others. Direct our thoughts and actions as we seek to work together as brothers and sisters in Christ. We dedicate these offerings in the excellent name of Jesus. Amen.

## *Hearing God's Word*

Children's Time

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

New Testament, pg. 186

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:13-16

New Testament, pg. 4

Message

"The Gospel According to Pixar:  
To Infinity and Beyond"

Rev. Howie Baird

Communion

**\*Closing Hymn**

*This Little Light of Mine*

Red Hymnal 585  
Tune: Traditional

**\*Benediction**

**\*Musical Response**

"Go Now in Peace" (2x's)

**\*Closing Song**

Carol Lamberson

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*\* If able, please stand where asterisks appear.*

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

Lay Reader:  
9:00 - Bill Kerzman

Nursery:  
9:00 & 11:15 - Katie Stoley



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Wesley UMC is excited to announce that you can manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet.

Simply scan your QR Code with your smart phone and/or follow these easy steps:

Visit the church website at [www.gfwesley.org](http://www.gfwesley.org)

Click on **Online Giving** then on **Make a Donation.**

Make a one-time donation or follow the instructions to create a profile and schedule recurring contributions.

*Thank you for your support!*

### **Youth Group**

The Wesley Youth Group will have its first meeting on Sunday, September 18, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. The Youth Group is opened to all Youth who are in grades 6 through 12. Friends are welcome to attend and are encouraged to come! Please bring your enthusiasm, energy, and ideas for the coming year. If anyone has questions or concerns, please speak with Kellie Burgess, Marge Myrold, Katie Stoley, Kelsey Tretter, or Pastor Howie.

# Myth or Fact?

## Finance & Stewardship Training

**UPCOMING TRAINING SESSIONS**  
*All sessions from 9 AM - 1 PM, lunch provided.*

**2016**

September 17 - Grand Forks

October 8 - Pierre

**2017**

April 22 - Watertown

April 29 - Bismarck

For more information contact:  
[info@dakotasumf.org](mailto:info@dakotasumf.org)  
or 605-990-7790

*Please register by contacting the above email or phone number.*



**LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR**

This Spirit Lake Ministry Center is dedicated to supporting the people of the Spirit Lake nation and to an appropriate cultural education, education to future generations.

### Shoe Box Christmas

Our focus ministry for September will be Shoe Box Christmas. Our goal is to fill 50 boxes to send to Spirit Lake Ministry Center. All items need to be new and age appropriate.

Please do not include clothing other than the hat and gloves.

We have wrapped boxes and put them in the fellowship room.

They need gifts for the following age ranges:

Infant	Toddler
3-5 years	6-8 years
9-12 years	13 and up

*What should I put in the box?*

New toys

Hand held games

Card Games

Makeup / nail polish for older girl

Hat and Gloves/Mittens

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

If you have questions, please contact Megan Baird.

## *Wesley UMC Calendar for September 4 – September 11*

<b>Sunday, September 4</b>	8:15 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	11:15 a.m.	ignite Contemporary Worship
<b>Tuesday, September 6</b>	3:00 p.m.	Coffee Club, Panera Bread
	7:00 p.m.	Endowment Foundation
<b>Wednesday, September 7</b>	9:30 a.m.	Quilting, Room 305
	4:15 p.m.	UMW Executive meeting
<b>Thursday, September 8</b>	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Club, Denny's
<b>Sunday, September 11</b>	8:15 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	10:10 a.m.	Homecoming Sunday Celebration
	11:15 a.m.	ignite Contemporary Worship

Homecoming Sunday is September 11.

There will be dessert after each service. We will also be honoring those who have been members of Wesley United Methodist Church for 50 years or longer, as well as honoring Sunday School teachers for the 2016 - 2017 year.

Tuesday night study begins  
September 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the library.

Last week's attendance: 67

Last week's giving: \$1,619.00

Offering to date: \$186,328.78    2016 Annual Expense Budget Goal: \$325,146.00

We're glad you are here today!  
Thank you for your support!

Thank you for your generous donations to various ministries. In the last month, we have donated to the Northland's Rescue Mission, Red River Valley Community Action, Spirit Lake Mission, the Bakken Oil Rush Ministry, and other local agencies. Many people will be helped with these gifts.

Thank you to Anne Bryson who has arranged to have Dakota Supply Group (DSG) deliver donations to Devil's Lake for the Spirit Lake Ministry Center. Also, thank you to the Tretter's for continuing to transport items to the Bakken Oil Rush Ministry.

Wesley is not currently collecting items for the Northland's Rescue Mission, as the Mission is going through the reorganization and decluttering process. If you would like to donate to the Mission, they need monetary gifts and volunteers hours at this time. You can also contact them directly at 772-6609.

The New Generation of Women Circle will continue to coordinate donations for the Spirit Lake ministry. As of this writing, their storage is full. However, Mike Flowers shared with us that they can always use jeans of any size. In October, they will begin accepting donations of jackets, coats, sweatshirts and hoodies.

The Bakken Oil Rush Ministry is just moving into their "new" thrift store location. They are working to reduce the items that have been donated that do not meet the needs of those they serve. "Please give items that are clean and not torn or have broken zippers. Our desire is to help people by giving them items to get them to the next level, not reinforce where they are." (<https://oilrushministry.com/needs/>). Please be mindful of their needs list when purchasing items for this ministry. Primarily, they need winter wear in all sizes. T-shirts are a staple for layering. Please do not send sweaters or dress clothes. Their current needs list can be found at <https://oilrushministry.com/needs>.

A new project for the New Generation of Women Circle is to provide in-kind donations for the local domestic violence group, CVIC. They work for and with families who have experienced domestic violence. They too have storage issues. When they need clothes, they have an arrangement with the local thrift stores to provide these for their clients. They always need tampons and toilet paper. For a complete list of needs see <http://cviconline.org/donate>.

NGW has set up collection bins in the North closet for each of these ministries. The needs lists will be on the bins and will be updated monthly. If you have questions about any of these outreach programs please contact the following people:

CVIC – Danielle Holm at 701-215-1770  
Spirit Lake Mission – Megan Baird at 605-593-3526  
Bakken Oil Rush Ministry – Pam Whaley at 701-866-0421

All of these organizations have ongoing needs. You can contact these organizations directly if you would like to donate at times when it is not a focus ministry for the church. Monetary donations are always appreciated.

Thank you so much for your generosity.



"UMCOR has an urgent need for school kits. Please bring items for these kits by Sunday, September 11. New Generation of Women will be assembling kits to send to Sager Brown. Monetary donations are also needed to cover shipping costs. If you have questions, please contact Megan Baird."

**September 4, 2016  
11:15 am  
ignite Contemporary  
Worship**

**Today's Music**  
Days of Elijah  
Revelation Song  
Here I Am to Worship  
Open Up Our Eyes

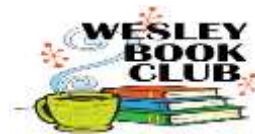
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Matthew 5:13-16

**Today's Message**  
"The Gospel According to Pixar:  
To Infinity and Beyond"  
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**2016 Potato Bowl USA**  
**North Dakota vs South Dakota Sept. 17!**

Wesley will again be participating in the Grand Forks Potato Bowl Parade on Saturday, September 17. We need a few people to help decorate our float for the parade and also to either ride on the float or walk along with the float and hand out candy. Please call or email the church.



Wesley Book Club will meet  
September 20, 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship room  
Hostess: Mary Faircloth.  
Contact: Natalie Meier @  
701.775.9177

*Bring ideas for this year's reading list.*



**Every Sunday morning this summer!**