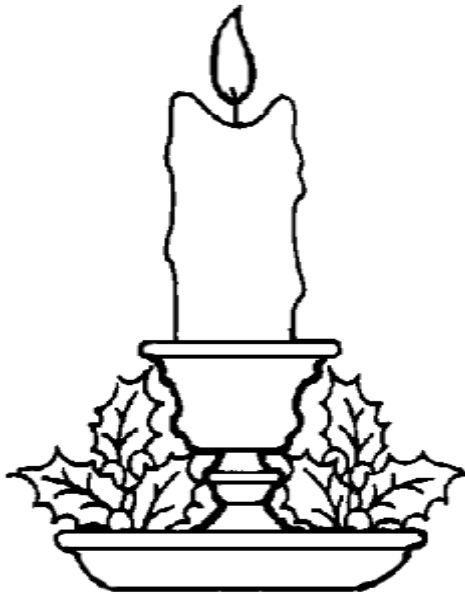


Wesley United Methodist Church

Grand Forks, ND

December 10, 2017



The Candle of Love

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

Welcome to Worship at Wesley

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

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

One Small Child
Arr. by Tim Doran

Marge Myrold

Greetings of Christian Fellowship

***Call to Worship:**

We gather in preparation
for good news is about to be proclaimed.

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou-Long Expected Jesus

Red Hymnal 196

***Opening Prayer:**

Gracious God,
keep us from growing weary of waiting.
lest we miss the glory of your appearing.
Amen.

Lighting the Advent Candle

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 2)

Red Hymnal 211

Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer

Choir Anthem

Peace, Peace

Chancel Choir

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer*

Children's Conversation

Mark Guy

Offering

Gesu Bambino (The Infant Jesus)
Arr. by Dan Coates

Marge Myrold

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Merciful God, always with us, always coming:
We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent.
We have forgotten how to hope in miracles.
We have ignored the promise of your kingdom.
We get distracted by all the busyness of this season.
Forgive us, O God.
Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,
the intelligent courage of the Magi,
and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,
that we may journey with them to Bethlehem
and find the good news of a child born for us.
Now in the quiet of our hearts,
we ask you make us ready for his coming. Amen.

Opening Ourselves to God's Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 1: 26-45

New Testament, pg. 53

Scripture Hymn

Joy to the World

Red Hymnal 246

Sermon

Preparation

Rev. Jerry Bass

Going Forth to Serve

***Closing Hymn**

Go Forth for God

Red Hymnal 670

***Benediction**

***Musical Response**

Go Now in Peace (sing twice)

***Closing Song**

I Wonder as I Wander
Arr. by Tim Doran

Marge Myrold

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

Welcome Team:	9:00	John & Pam Galegher, Dave Kiefel & Ron Elliott
	11:15	Karl & Jeanette Lindquist
Acolyte:	9:00	Eli Zerr
Lay Reader:	9:00	Pat Henry

YOUTH NEWS

The Youth leaders will be meeting later this month to determine a schedule for the remainder of the year. If anyone has any questions, concerns, suggestions, please pass them on to Kellie Burgess, Marge Myrold, or Laurie Guy. Thank you for involving your Youth in our program. Have a wonderful, safe and blessed holiday season.

Today		NO YOUTH GROUP
Dec. 17	5:00-7:00	Christmas potluck party at church
Dec. 24		NO YOUTH GROUP
Dec. 31		NO YOUTH GROUP

Please note that the above events are “fluid”; meaning, times and events may change, depending on weather, resources, volunteers, etc.

Wesley's Youth Group is open to all youth in grades 6-12, and friends are welcome at any time! We hope to see you at the above events. If anyone has questions, concerns, suggestions, please see me, Kellie Burgess, or the other leaders – Marge Myrold, Mark Guy, and Laurie Guy.

Adult Sunday school class for Advent

The adult “library” class is continuing an Advent video study based on the book, *The Redemption of Scrooge*, from Matt Rawle's “The Pop in Culture Series.” It shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the life of the present and the resurrection of future, this Advent study will “bless us every one” and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith. This class meets at 10:10 a.m. on Sundays in the Wesley library. [Please join us!](#)



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEXT SUNDAY

The Children's Sunday School Christmas will be presented during our 9:00 worship next Sunday, December 17. **We will practice this Saturday, December 16, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.** we hope that everyone will plan to participate in this celebration of Christmas as we meet Charles Dickens' *Scrooge in Bethlehem*.



United Methodist Women's Cookie Sale

At 10:00 a.m. next Sunday, December 17, our UMW will offer a variety of holiday baking in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Cookies will be priced at \$5.00 per dozen. We welcome donations of cookies, bars, or candy and ask they be put in containers that can be used at the sale. Items may be brought to the Fellowship Hall between 10:00 and noon on Saturday or before the 9:00 service on Sunday.

Charge Conference Rescheduled for December 18

Because of the blizzard conditions this past Monday, the charge conference originally planned for that evening has been rescheduled for Monday, December 18. We will meet in the downstairs Fellowship Hall at 7:00, at which time District Superintendent Randy Cross will call for discussion and a vote on a motion to authorize our Wesley Trustees to purchase a parsonage for our next pastor and family. The motion from the Leadership Team will set a limit of \$350,000 on that purchase. Should the Trustees be approved for such action, a second motion will consider authorization for them to take out a mortgage to add to the approximately \$200,000 we received from the sale of the former parsonage.

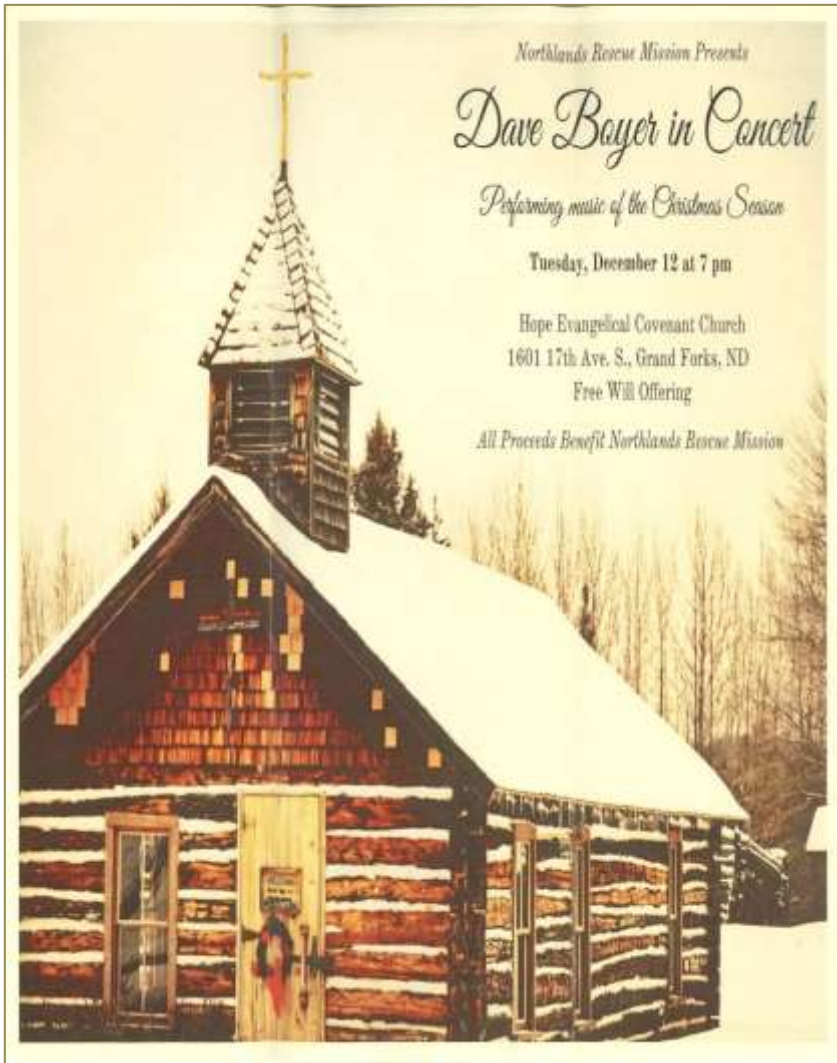
Thank you for contributing so generously to Shoebox Christmas. We collected 133 filled boxes and donated hats, gloves, and other toys to be used to complete boxes. Your gifts are appreciated. You have made a number of children from the Spirit Lake and other Dakotas reservations very happy and have taught them that they are loved by God and by other people.





For the past several years, members of Wesley UMC have donated calendars to Roger Ose Ministries. These calendars were donated to prisoners in MN, and a girls' school in Tanzania. Due to health problems, Roger Ose is no longer engaging the calendar projects.

I have placed a box for collection of 2018 calendars in our reception area, as I could offer the calendars to Northlands Rescue Mission or some other area organization. If anyone has a suggestion for where the calendars could be well used, I would consider transporting the calendars to such an organization. Thank you. Joyce Ann Wicklund



Wesley UMC Calendar for December 10 – December 17

Sunday, December 10	8:30 a.m. Coffee fellowship 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service 10:10 a.m. Sunday school 11:15 a.m. <i>Ignite</i> Praise Service 5:30 p.m. No Youth Group
Tuesday, December 12	No December Martha-Martha Circle 3:00 p.m. Wesley Coffee Club, Panera No Advent Devotion
Wednesday, December 13	No Sarah-Faith Circle 9:30 a.m. Lydia-Ruth-Rachel Circle, Parkwood Place 1:00 p.m. Worship in the Parkwood Place Chapel 1:30 p.m. Quilting 1:30 p.m. Quilting 5:30 p.m. Kids Bells (grades 2-8) 6:15 p.m. Adult Bells 6:15 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Ignite Praise Rehearsal
Thursday, December 14	8:00 a.m. Wesley Breakfast Club, Denny's
Saturday, December 16	10:00 a.m. Christmas program practice, Sanctuary
Sunday, December 17	8:30 a.m. Coffee fellowship 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Christmas Program 10:00 a.m. UMW Cookie Sale, Fellowship Hall 10:10 a.m. Sunday school 11:15 a.m. <i>Ignite</i> Praise Service 12:30 p.m. Nepali Worship Service 5:00 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Party

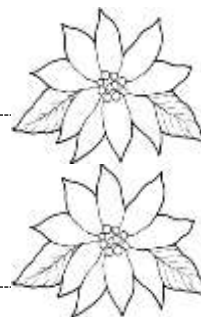
Last week's attendance: 98

Last week's giving: \$6,888.64

Offering to date: \$225,077.29

We're glad you are here today!

Thank you for your support!





Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

*Angels We Have Heard on High
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
All the Poor & Powerless
Noel*

Luke 1: 26-45

Pastor Jerry's Message:
Preparation