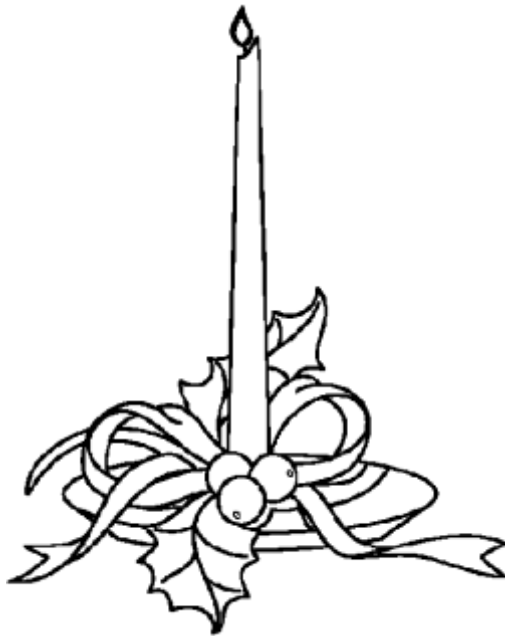


*Wesley United Methodist Church*

Grand Forks, ND

December 17, 2017



The Candle of Joy

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

# Welcome to Worship at Wesley

December 17, 2017

Third 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**

*Christmas Carols*

Little Ringer Dingers

**Greetings of Christian Fellowship**

(Please register your attendance on the pads found in each pew.)

**\*Call to Worship:**

Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages  
a preparation for the kingdom of your Son.

**Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory  
and the fullness of your blessings in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## *A Christmas Carol: Scrooge in Bethlehem*

Adapted and Arranged by Anna Laura Page and Jean Ann Shafferman

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Narrator:              | Laurie Guy  |
| Scrooge:               | Pastor Jerry Bass                                     |
| Gabriel:               | Eli Zerr  |
| Bob and Mrs. Cratchit: | Ryan and Jessica Zerr                                 |
| Tiny Tim:              | Caleb Zerr  |
| Mary:                  | Brittany Peterson                                     |
| Joseph:                | Alex Peterson   |
| Angels:                | Leslie Saulsbury, Avery Whiteside, Jayna Polries      |
| Shepherds:             | Nick Dohlman, Mark Guy, Spencer Ness, Zak Ness        |
| Soloist:               | Madison Myrold  |
| Choir:                 | Wesley Adult Choir and Sunday School Children's Choir |

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

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Costumes/Props: Elise Christy  
Sound: Mark Bjornseth  
Director: Kellie Burgess  
Helpers: Marjorie Myrold, Tiffany Gilberts

***Please stand and join us in singing our last song:***

*Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace; Hail the Son of Righteousness*

*Light and life to all he brings; Ris'n with healing in his wings*

*Mild he lays his glory by; born that we no more may die*

*Born to raise us from the earth; born to give us second birth*

*Hark! The herald angels sing. Glory to the newborn king*

## ***Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer***

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer***

**Offering**

*Sweet, Holy Child*  
Arr. by Marilyn Ham

Marge Myrold

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

**Ever-present God,**

**you taught us that the night is far spent  
and the day is at hand.**

**Grant that we may ever be found  
watching for the coming of your Son.**

**Save us from undo love of the world.**

**that we may wait with patient hope  
for the day of the Lord,**

**and so abide in him that when he shall appear,  
we may not be ashamed. Amen.**

# *Opening Ourselves to God's Word*

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 1: 46-56

New Testament, pg. 53-54

**Sermon**

*Exultation*

Rev. Jerry Bass

## *Going Forth to Serve*

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Red Hymnal 240

**\*Benediction**

**\*Musical Response**

*Go Now in Peace (sing twice)*

**\*Closing Song**

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*  
by Todd Kendall

Marge Myrold

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

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| Welcome Team: | 9:00  | John & Pam Galegher                        |
|               |       | Chloe & Isabella Whiteside, & Spencer Ness |
|               | 11:15 | Mark Guy, Dustin & Dylan Martin            |
| Acolyte:      | 9:00  | Avery Whiteside                            |
| Lay Reader:   | 9:00  | Bill Kerzman                               |

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## *Charge Conference on Monday*

We will meet in the downstairs Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m., 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.

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## **Alternative Christmas Gifts**

Looking for a present for a special person? Need something for the "hard to please?" Stop by the table in the lobby and purchase a gift of a donation to one of our selected mission projects. Then provide the gift card as your special present.



# YOUTH NEWS

Below is the schedule of activities for the Youth Group for 2018. Please note that the dates are fluid – again meaning that they may change due to volunteer availability, availability of youth participation, etc. Looking forward to spending the upcoming year with our Youth! If anyone has questions, concerns, suggestions, please talk to any Youth leader – Kellie Burgess, Marge Myrold, Laurie Guy or Mark Guy

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|-------------|--|
| January 7   | Sledding at Lincoln Park (weather permitting) – 4:30p.m. to 5:30 p.m. then back to church for meal   |
| January 14  | Lesson (5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)  |
| January 21  | Faith Session at church (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)   |
| January 28  | NO YOUTH   |
| February 4  | Lay reading, ushering and greeting at <u>both</u> services; banging soup pot at both services for fundraiser<br>NO AFTER YOUTH ACTIVITIES AS THIS IS SUPER BOWL SUNDAY |
| February 11 | Make Valentines to be mailed to shut-ins (5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)  |
| February 18 | Lesson (5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)  |
| February 25 | NO YOUTH   |
| March 4     | Pancake breakfast during morning as fundraiser (details to follow)   |
| March 11    | Faith Session at church (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)   |
| March 18    | NO YOUTH-SPRING BREAK  |
| March 25    | Roller skating in Fargo  |
| April 1     | NO YOUTH – EASTER  |
| April 8     | Faith Session at church (5:00 to 7:00 p.m.)  |
| April 13-14 | Laser bowling/lock-in (details to follow)  |
| April 15    | Lay reading, ushering, and greeting at <u>both</u> services; no youth activities in the afternoon  |
| April 22    | TBD  |
| April 29    | TBD  |
| May 6       | Faith session at church (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)   |
| May 13      | NO YOUTH-MOTHER’S DAY  |
| May 20      | End of year swin party at Canad  |

## 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!



## Head Start Gifts

Staff members of The Grand Forks Head Start Program loaded nearly 170 family games into their van on Tuesday, enough to provide for every family being served. This will help them in their goal of encouraging family time activities. We-and they-thank all who brought games and/or contributed to our noisy buckets. Thank also to those who wrapped all of the packages on Sunday morning and to K-Mart for generous support.

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## Christmas Eve Offering



As Christmas time draws near, we think of others and our spirits are lifted as we give gifts to others. This is a response to the gift of Jesus we were given by our heavenly Father. Once again this year, Wesley United Methodist Church will extend our reach beyond our church walls by sharing our Christmas Eve offering with others. We will share the Christmas Eve offering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and the Northlands Rescue Mission. The dollars collected will have a global impact with UMCOR and a local benefit with Northlands Mission. UMCOR is the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church. UMCOR focuses on helping communities recover from natural disasters and provides humanitarian relief. For more information about UMCOR visit <http://www.umcor.org>. Northlands Rescue Mission, based here in Grand Forks, is a Christian-based nonprofit ministry serving homeless men and women in 21 counties of North Dakota and Minnesota with shelter, meals, clothing, spiritual guidance and case management. For more information about the Rescue Mission visit <https://northlandsrescuemission.org>. Let's continue our mission of transforming the world by providing a generous Christmas Eve offering.

**Merry Christmas to All!**

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## Holmes UMC Live Nativity

For the 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the congregation of Holmes United Methodist Church will be presenting a live Nativity program. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. this Friday and Saturday (Dec. 22-23), the Nativity scene will include live performers as well as animals. In addition, there will be sleigh rides, campfire, and hot cider to enjoy along with the inspiration and joy of this program. All are invited to Ollmans Arena, 221 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE, Reynolds, ND (County Road 13).

# *Wesley UMC Calendar for December 17 – December 24*

**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. *Ignite* Praise Service  
 5:00 p.m. Youth Group potluck and Christmas party

**Monday, December 18** 7:00 p.m. Charge Conference, Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, December 19**

3:00 p.m. Wesley Coffee Club, Panera  
 7:00 p.m. Advent Devotional

**Wednesday, December 20**

**No Worship in the Parkwood Place Chapel**  
**No Quilting**  
**No Music Rehearsals**  
**No Confirmation**

**Thursday, December 21** 8:00 a.m. Wesley Breakfast Club, Denny's

**Sunday, December 24**

8:30 a.m. Coffee fellowship  
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
 10:10 a.m. Sunday school  
 11:15 a.m. *Ignite* Praise Service  
 12:30 p.m. Nepali Worship Service  
 5:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Service**  
**of Lessons and Carols**  
**No Youth Group**

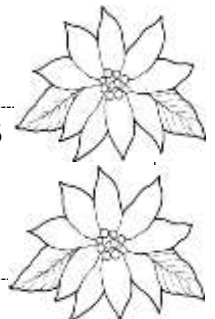
Last week's attendance: 104

Last week's giving: \$3,353.75

Offering to date: \$228,431.04

*We're glad you are here today!*

*Thank you for your support!*





Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

*He Has Come For Us (God, Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)*

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*Silent Night (Heaven Draws Close)*

Luke 1: 46-56

Pastor Jerry's Message:

*Exultation*