

# *Wesley United Methodist Church*

Grand Forks, ND

February 11, 2018



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

# Welcome to Worship at Wesley

February 11, 2018

Transfiguration Sunday

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**

*Led by Thy Gracious Hand*  
by James Southbridge

Marge Myrold

**Greetings of Christian Fellowship**

(Please register your attendance in the folders in each pew)

\* **Call to Worship:**

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

**so God seeks and saves the lost.**

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

**so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**

As a father receives a returning wayward son,

**so God welcomes us and lets the past be the past.**

**Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another  
in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**Opening Hymn**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (vv. 1,2,6)

Red Hymnal 117

\* **Opening Prayer:**

**O God our Father,**

**by you the meek are guided in judgment,**

**and light rises up in darkness for the godly.**

**Grant us, in all doubts and uncertainties,  
the grace to ask what you would have us do,  
that we may be saved from all false choices,  
that in your light we may see light,  
and that we may return always to your straight path,  
through your welcoming and guiding presence.  
Amen.**

## *Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer*

**Choral Anthem**

*Here I Am, Lord*  
Arr. by Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

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

**Offering**

*Home Where I Belong*  
by Pat Terry

Marge Myrold

**\* Doxology**

**\* Prayer of Dedication:**

**God of grace and glory,  
we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions  
but by our readiness to return to your loving embrace.  
Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to live boldly by faith,  
to live faithfully through trust in your Word.  
and to follow your Word wherever it may lead us,  
that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth.  
Amen.**

## *Opening Ourselves to God's Word*

**Children's Conversation**

Jessica Zerr

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 23

Old Testament, p. 474

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 15: 11-24

New Testament, p. 73

Scripture Hymn

*Amazing Grace (Our Chains Are Gone)*

Projected

Sermon

*We Are All Coming Home*

Dr. Robert Boyd

## *Going Forth to Serve*

\* Closing Hymn

*Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (vv. 1,4,5)

Red Hymnal 57

\* Benediction

\* Musical Response

*Go Now in Peace* (sing twice)

\* Closing Song

*When I Get Where I'm Going*  
by Rivers Rutherford & George Teren

Marge Myrold

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

Welcome Team: 9:00 Tracy Wicken, Irene Wagner

Dave Kiefel

Acolyte: 9:00 Jayna Polries



### **CHANGE IN YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

**Today**, we will have a potluck **for parents and youth**. This will take place in the downstairs Fellowship Hall, **from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** We will work on Valentines to be mailed to the shut-ins, which we would like the parents to participate in as well. We want to use this time as an opportunity to discuss with youth and parents on how we can move the group forward.

**The remaining activities previously announced are canceled for now.**

## **Grace, Grace, God's Grace**

Our Wesley Journey of Faith will continue in February as we look at the topic of grace. Our special event for this month will take place **today**. Alex Peterson is planning a great supper that will be served in the main floor Fellowship Room at 5:00. Then, Bob Boyd will moderate a conversation about grace with Fr. Gerard Braun of St. Michael's Catholic Church and Rev. John Fick of Sharon Lutheran Church. This will be an extraordinary opportunity for you to hear this ecumenical discussion of an important topic of faith. We encourage you to invite others to join our evening of good food, good fellowship, and good faith lessons.

## **Special Speaker Today**

Dr. Robert (Bob) Boyd, retired Vice-President of Student Affairs at UND and long-time member of Wesley United Methodist Church will be the guest speaker during the 9:00 service today. During his college days at Minot State, Bob served as a student pastor for area churches and conducted many services during that time. After college, he served in the military as a chaplain's assistant. As he and Dawn prepare to move this spring from Grand Forks to Stillwater, MN, he and Pastor Jerry visited about the possibility that he might return to his early service in the church and preach one more time. Pastor Jerry readily agreed that this would be a wonderful opportunity for our congregation. He will be talking about the familiar story of the prodigal son, bringing us new insights and understandings of one of the best-loved parables of Jesus. So, plan to join us that Sunday and celebrate the years of service to Wesley that both Bob and Dawn have offered to the betterment of our congregation.

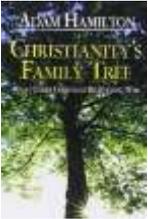
## **Lenten Services**

We will begin the season of Lent at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, with a special joint service at Zion UMC. Pastors Chang Yi and Jerry Bass are planning a meaningful worship experience to begin this special part of the liturgical year. We hope that you will include participation in this service in your Valentine's Day plans.

Then beginning next Sunday evening, February 18, we will gather at 6:00 in the main floor Fellowship Room for a soup supper and time for friendly banter. About 6:30 we will join together for a weekly time of prayer, music, scripture, and discussion about "Making a Difference in Our World." If you would be willing to assist by providing a portion of the evening meal, a sign-up sheet is being circulated during our worship services this morning. But we want to emphasize that everyone is invited to participate - so bring a friend (or two - or three).

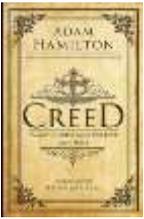
## *Opportunities for Faith Development at Wesley*

We provide a variety of options for your involvement in faith development. We urge everyone to consider participating in the following activities.



If you would like to know more about *Christianity's Family Tree*, plan to join us in the library at 7:00 on Tuesday evenings. Each week, we will watch a video of Rev. Adam Hamilton as he offers a brief historical and religious perspective on one of the Christian denominations, and then we will engage in discussion about that group of churches. This week, we will look at Roman Catholicism and then continue through Lutheran, Presbyterian, and other denominations.

At 10:10 each Sunday morning, our church offers Sunday school classes for all ages. For adults, there two options. The “Library Class” members are discussing Adam Hamilton’s book, *Creed*. Plan to join this group for an insightful look and discussion of the Apostles Creed. Pastor Jerry will participate in the other adult Sunday school class that will meet in the chapel. Each week, participants will bring questions that will serve to focus that morning’s discussion, so think about the ponderings that you have and plan to bring them as topics to that group.



Would you willing to join a new book study group at Wesley? Pastor Jerry would love to start another group that could meet sometime during the day, either morning or afternoon, to read and discuss books with a religious perspective. If you would like to participate in such an activity, please visit with him and offer suggestions for the kind of topics that would most interest you.



We want to thank all of the persons who have been serving as ushers and greeters at Wesley and hope that they continue in this form of service. But we also are always looking for additional persons to fill this role. If you would be willing to be added to the list of ushers and greeters, you may sign up on a sheet on the table at the Welcome Center in the church lobby. Dawn Boyd is willing to answer any questions or provide additional information about this ministry for our church. You may contact her at 701-772-7969 or

[drboydgf@yahoo.com](mailto:drboydgf@yahoo.com).

# Wesley UMC Calendar for February 11 – February 18

<b>Sunday, February 11</b>	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
	1:00 p.m.	Nepali Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Youth & Parents Potluck
	5:00 p.m.	Journey of Faith Meal & Program
<b>Tuesday, February 13</b>	1:00 p.m.	Mary-Martha Circle, Church Library
	3:00 p.m.	Wesley Coffee Club, Panera
	6:00 p.m.	Miriam Circle, Mexican Village
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Christianity's Family Tree</i> , Library
<b>Wednesday, February 14</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Valentine's Day</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sarah-Faith Circle, Wesley UMC <u>Bring an item for UMCOR kits</u>
	1:00 p.m.	Lydia-Ruth-Rachel Circle, Parkwood Place
	1:30 p.m.	Worship in the Parkwood Place Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	Quilting, Room 305
	6:00 p.m.	Joint Choir Rehearsal, Zion UMC
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service, Zion UMC
<b>Thursday, February 15</b>	8:00 a.m.	Wesley Breakfast Club, Denny's
	5:30 p.m.	New Generation of Women, Panera
<b>Sunday, February 18</b>	8:30 a.m.	Coffee fellowship
	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service (Children sing)
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday school
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Ignite</i> Praise Service
	1:00 p.m.	Nepali Worship Service
		No Youth Group



Last week's attendance: 83

Last week's giving: \$3,033.

Offering to date: \$24,244.31

*We're glad you are here today!*

*Thank you for your support!*

You should have received our February newsletter in your inbox or mailbox this week.

To get this by e-mail, send your request to [gfwesley@midconetwork.com](mailto:gfwesley@midconetwork.com).

If you did not get a newsletter, please let us know so that we can make sure you are on our distribution list.





Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

*At The Cross*

*How Deep the Father's Love*

*Oceans (Where My Feet May Fail)*

*Chain Breaker*

Mark 9: 2-9

Pastor Jerry's Message:

*To The Mountaintop*