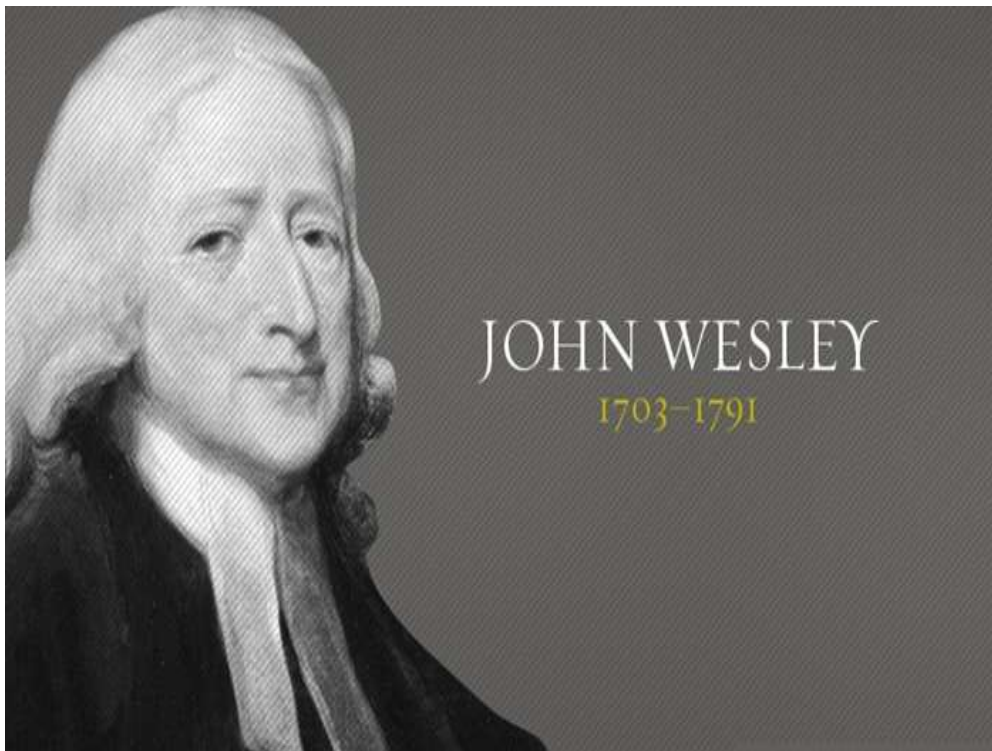


Wesley United Methodist Church

Grand Forks, ND

February 18, 2018



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

Welcome to Worship at Wesley

February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

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

The Gift Divine
by Coin Curtis

Marge Myrold

Greetings of Christian Fellowship

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

* **Call to Worship:**

In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.

God is with us, even in the midst of our loneliness.

On the treacherous paths, God's guidance is ours.

We will walk in God's ways of wisdom and truth.

We come to hear; we come to learn.

Here we find grace; here we find love;

here we will worship and pray.

Opening Hymn

Where He Leads Me

Red Hymnal 338

* **Opening Prayer:**

Our ever-present strength and help,

we come this morning in response to a call

we have felt in the marrow of our bones.

We may not be sure; we may even be full of doubts

and not fully understand how we got here,

but we are here.

**Help us listen with new ears and open hearts and minds.
Touch us during this time of worship,
that we may know your unconditional love –
not just for the world as a whole but for us individually.
It is for this that we long
and for which we search. Amen.**

Choral Anthem with Children

The Family of Faith
by Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

Our Children Sing

Amazing Grace
by John Newton, Arr. by Jay Althouse

Soloists Lily & Amelia Snortland

Ride the Chariot
by Sally K. Albrecht

Children's Conversation

Mark Guy

Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer

Extinguishing a Lenten Candle

What Wondrous Love Is This (v. 1)

Red Hymnal 292

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer*

Offering

Footsteps of Jesus
Arr. by Harold DeCou

Marge Myrold

*** Doxology**

*** Prayer of Dedication:**

**We acknowledge, O God, that, although we do not live by bread alone,
we do need food to sustain us.**

**Although we do not yearn for injury or illness,
they do come our way, and we do need healing.**

Bless these gifts to be sustenance and healing for those in need.

**Bless us to be sustenance and healing for your world,
for it is in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Opening Ourselves to God's Word

First Scripture Reading	John 1: 14, 16-17	New Testament, p. 86
Second Scripture Reading	Ephesians 2: 1-10	New Testament, p. 181
Scripture Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i> (vv. 1-3)	Red Hymnal 378
Sermon	<i>Wesley's Grace</i>	Pastor Jerry Bass

Going Forth to Serve

* Closing Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i> (vv. 4-6)	Red Hymnal 378
* Benediction		
* Musical Response	<i>Go Now in Peace</i> (sing twice)	
* Closing Song	<i>Light of Lights, Lord of Lords</i> by Tom Birchwood	Marge Myrold

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

Welcome Team:	9:00	Kyle Whitcomb Tom & Jackie Saddler
Acolyte:	9:00	Lily Snortland
Lay Reader:		Bill Kerzman



CHANGE IN YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

The remaining activities previously announced are canceled for now.

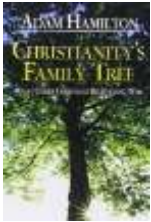
Lenten Services



Beginning today, 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 for future Sundays, a sign-up sheet is being circulated during our worship services this morning. We want to emphasize that everyone is invited to participate - so bring a friend (or two - or three).

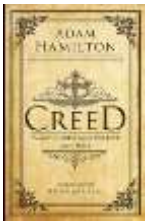
Opportunities for Faith Development at Wesley

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.

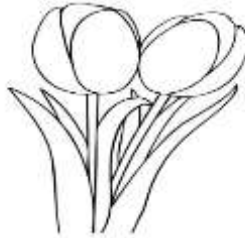


You should have received our February newsletter in your inbox or mailbox this week. If you did not get a newsletter, please let us know so that we can make sure you are on our distribution list. To get this by e-mail, send your request to gfwesley@midconetwork.com.





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.



Please help us beautify the Sanctuary for Easter!

If you wish to purchase a flower in honor or in memory of a loved one to decoratate the Sanctuary, please fill out the form and place in the offering plate.

Your order must be received by Monday, February 26.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!!



Stop by the tables in the Fellowship Room (behind the Sanctuary) and take home a memory of the Boyds!



Doug Williams' new address:

4440 37th Ave S #219

Fargo, ND 58104

Wesley UMC Calendar for February 18 – February 25

Sunday, February 18	8:30 a.m. Coffee fellowship 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (Children sing) 10:10 a.m. Sunday school for all ages 11:15 a.m. <i>Ignite</i> Praise Service 1:00 p.m. Nepali Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper 6:30 p.m. Lenten Devotional (No Youth Group)
Monday, February 19	President's Holiday – Office Closed
Tuesday, February 20	3:00 p.m. Wesley Coffee Club, Panera 7:00 p.m. <i>Christianity's Family Tree</i> , Library
Wednesday, February 21	1:30 p.m. Worship in the Parkwood Place Chapel 1:30 p.m. Quilting, Room 305 5:30 p.m. Kids Bells (grades 2-8) 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Zion UMC 6:15 p.m. Adult Bells 6:15 p.m. Confirmation, Library 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Wesley Book Club, Wesley UMC 7:15 p.m. <i>Ignite</i> Praise Rehearsal 7:15 p.m. Wesley Leadership Team, Library
Thursday, February 22	8:00 a.m. Wesley Breakfast Club, Denny's
Friday, February 23	2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Pat Klokstad
Sunday, February 25	8:30 a.m. Coffee fellowship 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service 10:10 a.m. Sunday school for all ages 11:15 a.m. <i>Ignite</i> Praise Service 1:00 p.m. Nepali Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper 6:30 p.m. Lenten Devotional (No Youth Group)

Last week's attendance: 108

Last week's giving: \$6,789.

Offering to date: \$31,033.31

We're glad you are here today!

Thank you for your support!



Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
In the River*

*Open Up Your Eyes
Chain Breaker*

John 1: 14, 16-17

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Pastor Jerry's Message:

Wesley's Grace