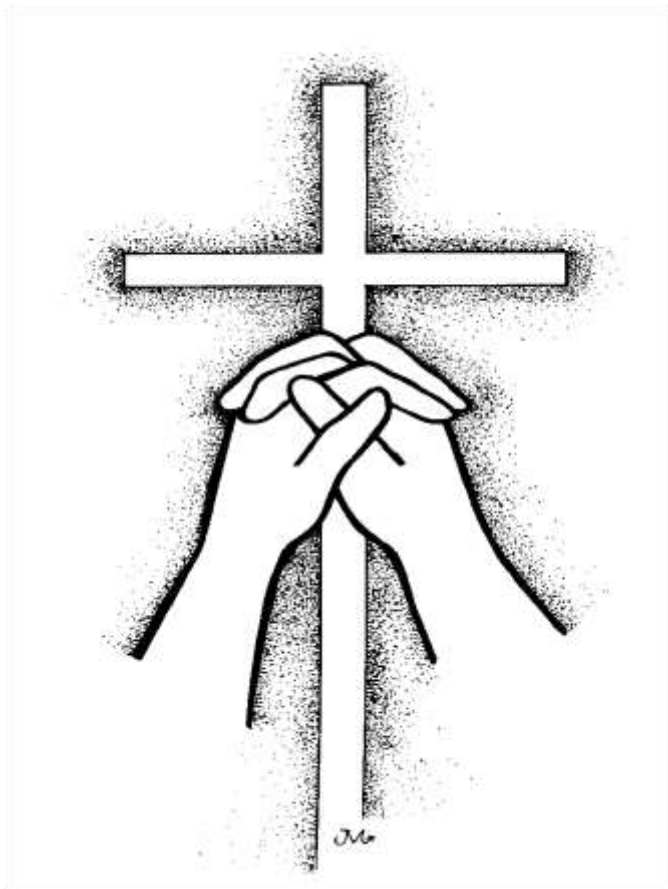


Wesley United Methodist Church

Grand Forks, ND

February 25, 2018



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

Welcome to Worship at Wesley

February 25, 2018

Second 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

Let Mercy Overflow
by Donald Lee Moore

Marge Myrold

Greetings of Christian Fellowship

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

*** Call to Worship:**

We look to the hills for our strength.

Our strength is in God, who always is with us.

Come, let us worship the God who calls us,

who walks beside us throughout our journey of life.

Opening Hymn

Grace Greater than Our Sin

Red Hymnal 365

*** Opening Prayer:**

Faithful God,

strengthen us for the journey of life.

Guide us with your knowledge and your love.

**Send us your Spirit to guide us where we need to go -
ever closer to you and your ways. Amen.**

Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer

Extinguishing the Lenten Candles *What Wondrous Love Is This* (v. 2) Red Hymnal 292

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer*

Offering *Serenity* Marge Myrold
by Carl Simone

*** Doxology**

*** Prayer of Dedication:**

**Ever-present God,
we have been blessed to be a blessing to the world.
May the gifts we dedicate and offer to you this day
 bless a world in need,
not only through our material resources
 but with our very selves. Amen.**

Opening Ourselves to God's Word

Children's Conversation Kelsey Tretter

First Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:3-16 New Testament, p. 218

Second Scripture Reading 1 Peter 4:7-11 New Testament, p. 220

Scripture Hymn *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* Projected

Sermon *Responsible Grace* Pastor Jerry Bass

Going Forth to Serve

- * **Closing Hymn** *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* Black Hymnal 2146
- * **Benediction**
- * **Musical Response** *Go Now in Peace* (sing twice)
- * **Closing Song** *Solemn March* Marge Myrold
Arr. by John Troutman

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

Welcome Team: 9:00 Jerry Griffin, Bob & Dawn Boyd
Acolyte: 9:00 Eli Zerr
Lay Reader: Patty Reed



CHANGE IN YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

The remaining activities previously announced are canceled for now.



Greetings Wesleyans, Mary-Martha Circle has decided to make birthday bags for the mission residents. There are 76 residents of which 12 are women. We thought it would be good if we all did a scavenger hunt through our homes for toiletries (razors, deodorants, hotel soaps & shampoos, etc) that are new & unopened to fill out the initial donation of socks. Mary-Martha Circle will have a basket by the welcome table in the narthex for any donations you wish to make for this mission. Thank you.

Helen DeMaster, Mary-Martha coordinator

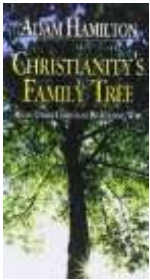
Lenten Services



Please join us tonight 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 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 on the table at our Welcome Center. We want to emphasize that everyone is invited to participate - so bring a friend (or two - or three).

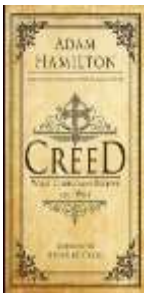
Opportunities for Faith Development at Wesley

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 Pentecostal groups and then conclude with Methodists next week. Through the remainder of Lent, we will discuss other world religions.

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.



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 drboydgm@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 decorate the Sanctuary, please fill out the form and place in the offering plate.

Your order must be received by Monday, February 26.



Free for the Taking!!

There are items on tables against the north wall of the Fellowship Hall on the main level that are free for anyone wanting them. Feel free to take what you can use.



Doug Williams' new address:

4440 37th Ave S #219

Fargo, ND 58104

Wesley UMC Calendar for February 25 – March 4

Sunday, February 25	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.	Lenten Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Devotional (No Youth Group)
Monday, February 26	7:00 p.m.	Endowment Trustees, Library
Tuesday, February 27	3:00 p.m.	Wesley Coffee Club, Panera
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Christianity's Family Tree</i> , Library
Wednesday, February 28	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
	7:15 p.m.	<i>Ignite</i> Praise Rehearsal
Thursday, March 1	8:00 a.m.	Wesley Breakfast Club, Denny's
Sunday, March 4	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.	Lenten Supper
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Last week's attendance: 59

Last week's giving: \$5,230.00

Offering to date: \$36,263.31

We're glad you are here today!

Thank you for your support!



Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

Sing a Song
Open the Eyes of My Heart
Chain Breaker
Lord, I Need You

1 Peter 1:3-16

1 Peter 4:7-11

Pastor Jerry's Message:
Responsible Grace