

# *Wesley United Methodist Church*

Grand Forks, ND

February 4, 2018



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

# Welcome to Worship at Wesley

February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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**

*O Lord, Our Refuge*  
by Lani Smith

Marge Myrold

**Greetings of Christian Fellowship**

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

**\* Call to Worship:**

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

**A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**Opening Hymn**

*Gather Us In*

Black Hymnal 2236

(Birthday for Missions offerings may be brought forward during this song)

**\* Opening Prayer:**

**Almighty God,**

**in a world of change you placed eternity in our hearts  
and gave us power to discern good from evil.**

**Grant us sincerity, that we persistently seek the things that endure,  
refusing those which perish,  
and that, amid things vanishing and deceptive,**

we may see the truth steadily,  
follow the light faithfully,  
and grow ever richer in that love  
which is the life of all people. Amen.

## *Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer*

**Choral Anthem**

*Lord, Make Us Worthy*  
by Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

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

**Offering**

*At Calvary*  
by Lucy Ann Warriner

Marge Myrold

**\* Prayer of Dedication:**

All things come from you, O God,  
and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.  
You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image.  
When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.  
You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.  
All that we are, and all that we have,  
is a trust from you.  
And so, in gratitude for all your gifts,  
we offer you ourselves, and all that we have,  
in union with Christ's offering for us. Amen.

## *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

**Invitation, Confession, and Pardon**

Red Hymnal 12

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Red Hymnal 13

**Receiving the Elements of Communion**

## *Opening Ourselves to God's Word*

<b>Children's Conversation</b>		Kellie Burgess
<b>First Scripture Reading</b>	Romans 12: 1-18	New Testament, p. 151
<b>Second Scripture Reading</b>	Matthew 28: 16-20	New Testament, p. 32
<b>Scripture Hymn</b>	<i>Lord, You Give the Great Commission</i>	Red Hymnal 584
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Why? Being a Witness for Christ</i>	Rev. Jerry Bass

## *Going Forth to Serve*

* <b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	Red Hymnal 585
* <b>Benediction</b>		
* <b>Musical Response</b>	<i>Go Now in Peace</i> (sing twice)	
* <b>Closing Song</b>	<i>Down at the Cross</i> by Mercy Bartlett	Marge Myrold

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

Welcome Team:	9:00	Dustin Ringuette, Ryan Machart, Dustin Martin & Dylan Martin
	11:15	Skylar Gilberts, Emma Jackson
Acolyte:	9:00	Lily Snortland
Lay Reader:	9:00	Kellie Burgess



## **CHANGE IN YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

**Today, February 4**, the Youth are helping at both services with lay reading, ushering and greeting. We also are hosting a “bang the soup pot” (in honor of Super Bowl Sunday) as a fundraiser, with all funds collected to be given to The Lamberson family to help cover costs of medical care for Susan.

**For Sunday, February 11**, we will have a potluck for parents and youth. This will take place at the church, **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.**

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## **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 on Sunday, February 11. 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.

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## **Special Speaker on February 11**

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 on February 11. 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.

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## **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.

## *Fun in the Son Valentine's Party*



Wesley and Zion UMCs will be hosting a Valentine's party for Fun in the Son kids next Saturday, February 10, here at Wesley from 11am - 1pm. We are planning to have the kids decorate Valentine's cookies, play some games, listen to a bible story, sing a few songs, and have lunch together. You can help us celebrate this day with the kids by volunteering in one of several areas -- help serve lunch, help with games, help with cookie decorating, help set up before and clean up after, or supervise and interact with kids. Monetary donations are also welcome.

If you are able to help, please talk to Judy Christy or contact her at [j.christy86@gmail.com](mailto:j.christy86@gmail.com). Thank you!

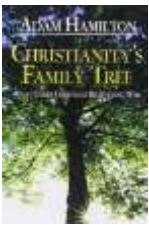
Fun in the Son is a cooperative program between Wesley and Zion UMCs with children and families living in the Richards West Park area.



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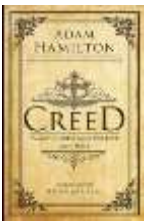
## *Opportunities for Faith Development at Wesley*

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 are 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 be 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.

# Wesley UMC Calendar for February 4 – February 11

<b>Sunday, February 4</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 Youth Group helping with both services
<b>Tuesday, February 6</b>	3:00 p.m.	Wesley Coffee Club, Panera
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Christianity's Family Tree</i> , Library
<b>Wednesday, February 7</b>	1:30 p.m.	Worship in the Parkwood Place Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	Quilting, Room 305
	4:15 p.m.	UMW Executive Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	UMW General Membership Meeting
	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.	<i>Ignite</i> Praise Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, February 8</b>	8:00 a.m.	Wesley Breakfast Club, Denny's
<b>Saturday, February 10</b>	11:00 a.m.	Fun in the Sun Valentines' Day Party, Wesley UMC
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	5:00 p.m.	Youth & Parents Potluck Journey of Faith Meal & Program

Last week's attendance: 80

Last week's giving: \$8,050.81

Offering to date: \$21,211.31

*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*

*Everlasting Arms (Leaning)*

*Holy Spirit*

*Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)*

Romans 12: 1-18

Matthew 28: 16-20

Pastor Jerry's Message:

*Why? Being a Witness for Christ*