

Wesley United Methodist Church

Grand Forks, ND

January 14, 2018



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

Welcome to Worship at Wesley

January 14, 2018

Second 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

Marge Myrold

Greetings of Christian Fellowship

*** Call to Worship:**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Opening Hymn

Forward Through the Ages

Red Hymnal 555

*** Opening Prayer:**

**One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you,
we are the body of Christ.**

**One goal, one vision: to see you exalted, O God.
We are the body of Christ.**

**And to this we give our lives: to see you glorified.
We are the body of Christ.**

Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer*

Choir Anthem

Offering

Marge Myrold

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication:

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
With grateful joy and holy fear, true charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.
Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.
Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.
Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.
Amen.

Opening Ourselves to God's Word

Children's Conversation

Kelsey Tretter

First Scripture Reading

Acts 2: 43-47

New Testament, p. 112

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 12-26

New Testament, p. 163, 164

Scripture Hymn

We Are God's People

Black Hymnal 2220

Sermon

Why? Being Present in the Church

Rev. Jerry Bass

Going Forth to Serve

* Closing Hymn

In Unity We Lift Our Song

Black Hymnal 2221

* Benediction

* Musical Response

Go Now in Peace (sing twice)

* Closing Song

Marge Myrold

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

Welcome Team: 9:00 Kyle Whitcomb
Jerry Griffin
Acolyte: 9:00 Lily Snortland
Lay Reader: 9:00 Pat Henry



Please pick up your 2017 year-end giving statements.
This will help us save on postage costs.
Thank you for your continued financial support of
Wesley UMC and its mission and ministry.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY



United Methodists celebrate Human Relations Day (HRD) on the Sunday before the national observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. HRD encourages us to recognize the rights of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. This special offering benefits such ministries at Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. For information go to www.umcgiving.org/giveHRD.

January Sermon Series

Through his messages on Sunday mornings in the coming weeks, Pastor Jerry will be exploring our call to discipleship at Wesley by continually asking “Why?”

January 7	<i>Why? Our Covenant with God</i>	Psalm 29; Mark 1:4-11
January 14	<i>Why? Being Present in the Church</i>	Acts 2:43-47; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26
January 21	<i>Why? Offering Our Gifts to the Church</i>	Deuteronomy 8; 1 Timothy 6:6-19
January 28	<i>Why? Serving in and for the Church</i>	James 2:14-17; John 13:1-15
February 4	<i>Why? Being a Witness for Christ</i>	Romans 12; Matthew 28:16-20

Children's Sunday school update

Children's Sunday school begins with kids of all ages, gathered together for a few minutes of music practice at 10:10 am and then we break into class time until 11:00 am. All children age 3 through 5th grade are welcome and can begin attending at any time. We would love to have your child or grandchild join us if they haven't already been attending. Friends are always welcome too!

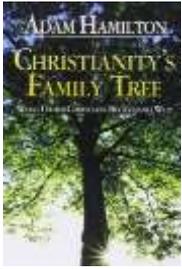
Judy Christy, Sunday school coordinator



Opportunities for Faith Development at Wesley

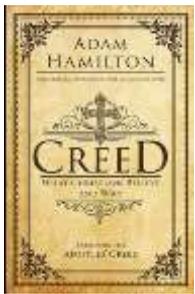
We provide a variety of options for your involvement in faith development. We urge everyone to consider participating in the following activities.

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. We will begin with a look at the Orthodox churches and then continue through Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and other denominations.



Next Sunday, January 21, Mark Guy (assisted by Jessica Zerr) will lead our next *Journey of Faith*. They will be guiding us through a further understanding of our church's mission statement and call to *make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*. On Sunday mornings from now until the beginning of Lent, Pastor Jerry will explore a similar theme by asking us **why** we should participate in the ministries of our church and providing answers of **how** we can do just that.

At 10:10 each Sunday morning, our church offers Sunday school classes for all ages.



For adults, there two options. Today, the “Library Class” will begin to discuss 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.

Wesley UMC Calendar for January 14 – January 21

Sunday, January 14	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
		No Youth Group
Monday, January 15	7:00 p.m.	Wesley Book Club, Fellowship Room
Tuesday, January 16	3:00 p.m.	Wesley Coffee Club, Panera
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Christianity's Family Tree</i> , Library
Wednesday, January 17	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)
	6:15 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
Thursday, January 18	8:00 a.m.	Wesley Breakfast Club, Denny's
Saturday, January 20	9:00 a.m.	Servant Leadership Team Retreat, Library
Sunday, January 21	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.	Journey of Faith (supper at 5:00, program at 5:30)

Last week's attendance: 87

Last week's giving: \$7,006.00

Offering to date: \$7,006.00

We're glad you are here today!

Thank you for your support!



Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

This Is Amazing Grace
Open the Eyes of My Heart
Your Great Name
It Is Well

Acts 2: 43-47

1 Corinthians 12: 12-26

Pastor Jerry's Message:
Why? Being Present in the Church