

# *Wesley United Methodist Church*

Grand Forks, ND

January 21, 2018



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

# ***Welcome to Worship at Wesley***

January 21, 2018

Third 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**

*Sanctuary*  
by James Southbridge

Marge Myrold

**Greetings of Christian Fellowship**

**\* Call to Worship:**

O Supreme Lord of the universe,  
you fill and sustain everything around us.

**Deep and wonderful are the mysteries of your creation.**

**Opening Hymn**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Red Hymnal 147

**\* Opening Prayer:**

**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,  
teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are,  
that we may praise you, not with our lips only,  
but with our whole lives,  
turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days  
into a living sacrifice to you,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children*  
Arr. by Jack Schrader

# *Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer*

Offering

*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*  
Arr. by Anthony Burger

Marge Myrold

\* Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication:

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;  
bless thou the work our hearts have planned.  
Our is the faith, the will, the thought;  
the rest, O God, is in thy hand. Amen.

## *Opening Ourselves to God's Word*

Children's Conversation

Mark Guy

First Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 8

Old Testament, p. 159

Second Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

New Testament, p. 198

Scripture Hymn

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Red Hymnal 399

Sermon

*Why? Offering Our Gifts to the Church*

Rev. Jerry Bass

## *Going Forth to Serve*

\* Closing Hymn

*You Are Mine*

Black Hymnal 2218

\* Benediction

\* Musical Response

*Go Now in Peace* (sing twice)

\* Closing Song

*Fanfare & March*  
Arr. by George Blake

Marge Myrold

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

Welcome Team: 9:00 Greg & Anne Bryson  
11:15 Sharon Stewart  
Acolyte: 9:00 Eli Zerr  
Lay Reader: 9:00 Bill Kerzman



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

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

The remaining activities scheduled for January are canceled.

**For Sunday, February 4,** the Youth are scheduled to help at both services with lay reading, ushering and greeting. Laurie Guy has already emailed you about signing your Youth up for these service activities. We will also host a “bang the soup pot” (in honor of Super Bowl Sunday) that day as a fundraiser, with any funds collected to be donated to a charity on behalf of our Youth.

**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 following February 11 are canceled.**

## *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 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

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### *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

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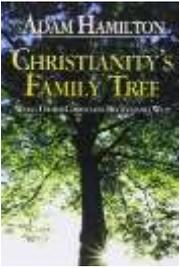


Thank you to all who donated 2018 calendars to Wesley UMC. They have been delivered to Northlands Rescue Mission for distribution to persons who utilize their services.

## *Opportunities for Faith Development at Wesley*

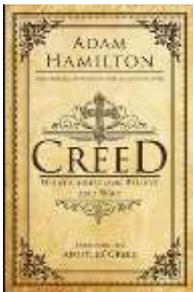
We provide a variety of options for your involvement in faith development. We urge everyone to consider participating in the following activities.

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.



Today, 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. 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.

## *Wesley UMC Calendar for January 21 – January 28*

<b>Sunday, January 21</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.	Journey of Faith (supper at 5:00, program at 5:30)
<b>Tuesday, January 23</b>	3:00 p.m.	Wesley Coffee Club, Panera
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Christianity's Family Tree</i> , Library
<b>Wednesday, January 24</b>	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
<b>Thursday, January 25</b>	8:00 a.m.	Wesley Breakfast Club, Denny's
<b>Sunday, January 28</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 No Youth Group

Last week's attendance: 78

Last week's giving: \$2,713.

Offering to date: \$9,719.

*We're glad you are here today!*

*Thank you for your support!*



Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

*Everlasting God*

*The Wonderful Cross*

*Open Up Our Eyes*

Deuteronomy 8

1Timothy 6: 6-19

Pastor Jerry's Message:

*Why? Offering Our Gifts to the Church*