

Wesley United Methodist Church

Grand Forks, ND

January 7, 2018



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

Welcome to Worship at Wesley

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Epiphany & Baptism of Our Lord

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

Christmas Cheer!

Adult Bells

by Douglas E. Wagner

Greetings of Christian Fellowship

*** Call to Worship:**

God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem
into the darkness of human night.

Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world.

Opening Hymn

We Three Kings

Red Hymnal 254

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

*** Opening Prayer:**

Radiant guiding star, you provide both guidance and mystery.

Call us to venture forth from our ordinary lives

to encounter once more that beloved Babe in a manger.

Show us the way to saving grace and steadfast love,

that we may become ever more faithful disciples of our Messiah,

Emmanuel, God with us.

And, in our journey of life,

grace us with hospitality to open our hearts to visitors

filled with unfamiliar wisdom,

bearing profound and unusual gifts. Amen.

Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer*

Prayer Response

Agate
by Howard F. Starks

Adult Bells

Offering

O Come, All Ye Faithful
by John A. Behnke

Adult Bells

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication:

**Living God,
when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water,
you revealed him as your own beloved Son
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Grant that all who are baptized into his name
may keep the covenant they have made
and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
now and forever. Amen.**

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

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

Children's Conversation

Kellie Burgess

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 29

Red Hymnal 761

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 1: 4-11

Pew Bible New Testament p. 32

Scripture Hymn

I Love You, Lord (sing twice)

Black Hymnal 2069

Sermon

Why?

Rev. Jerry Bass

Going Forth to Serve

* **Closing Hymn**

Baptized in Water

Black Hymnal 2248

* **Benediction**

* **Musical Response**

Go Now in Peace (sing twice)

* **Closing Song**

Hark! The Herald Angel Sing
by Jim Brickman

Marge Myrold

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

Welcome Team:	9:00	Bob & Dawn Boyd
	11:15	
Acolyte:	9:00	Avery Whiteside
Lay Reader:	9:00	Kellie Burgess



UMW is planning a General Meeting on Wednesday, January 10. We will begin with a meal at 5:30 pm and then spend some time planning events and activities for 2018. All UMW members as well as anyone else interested in finding out more about UMW is welcome to join us for this time of food & fellowship.

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

Calendar of Youth Activities

Below is the schedule of activities for the Youth Group for 2018. Please note that the dates are fluid – again meaning that they may change due to volunteer availability, availability of youth participation, etc. Looking forward to spending the upcoming year with our Youth! If anyone has questions, concerns, suggestions, please talk to any Youth leader – Kellie Burgess, Marge Myrold, Laurie Guy or Mark Guy



January 7	Sledding at Lincoln Park (weather permitting) – 4:30p.m. to 5:30 p.m. then back to church for meal
January 14	Lesson (5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
January 21	Participate in the <i>Journey of Faith</i> at the church (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
January 28	NO YOUTH
February 4	Lay reading, ushering and greeting at <u>both</u> services; banging soup pot at both services for fundraiser NO EVENING YOUTH ACTIVITIES AS THIS IS SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
February 11	Make Valentines to be mailed to shut-ins (5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
February 18	Lesson (5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
February 25	NO YOUTH
March 4	Pancake breakfast during morning as fundraiser (details to follow)
March 11	Participate in the <i>Journey of Faith</i> at the church (5:00-7:00 p.m.)
March 18	NO YOUTH-SPRING BREAK
March 25	Roller skating in Fargo
April 1	NO YOUTH – EASTER
April 8	Participate in the <i>Journey of Faith</i> at the church (5:00 to 7:00 p.m.)
April 13-14	Laser bowling/lock-in (details to follow)
April 15	Lay reading, ushering, and greeting at <u>both</u> services; no youth activities in the afternoon
April 22	TBD
April 29	TBD
May 6	Participate in the <i>Journey of Faith</i> at the church (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
May 13	NO YOUTH-MOTHER'S DAY
May 20	End of year swim party at Canad Inn.

Opportunities for Faith Development at Wesley

During the month of January, we will be providing 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, beginning January 9. 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.

On 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, resuming today, our church offers Sunday school classes for all ages. For adults, there will be two options. Today, the "Library Class" will finish their look at *Scrooge* and the lessons that it can offer not just for the season of Christmas but throughout the year – and throughout our lives. They will then begin a new series of lessons yet to be determined: "stay tuned." 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.

Children's Sunday school update



Children's Sunday school resumes today. We begin with kids of all ages together for a few minutes of music practice at 10:10 am and then 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!

Thank you to Kellie Burgess for leading the Christmas program on December 17, as well as all the children, youth, and adults who participated. It was a fun yet meaningful way to present the Christmas story to the congregation.

Judy Christy, Sunday school coordinator

Wesley UMC Calendar for January 7 – January 14

Sunday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Coffee fellowship
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 10:10 a.m. Sunday school
 11:15 a.m. *Ignite* Praise Service
 12:30 p.m. Nepali Worship Service
 4:30 p.m. Youth Group – Sledding at Lincoln Park

Tuesday, January 9

No Mary-Martha Circle, attend meeting on Jan. 10
 3:00 p.m. Wesley Coffee Club, Panera
 7:00 p.m. Christianity's Family Tree, Library

Wednesday, January 10

No Sarah-Faith Circle, attend meeting at 5:30 p.m.
 1:00 p.m. Lydia-Ruth-Rachel Circle, Parkwood Place
 1:30 p.m. Worship in the Parkwood Place Chapel
 1:30 p.m. Quilting, Room 305
 4:30 p.m. UMW Executive meeting
 5:30 p.m. UMW Membership Potluck
 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. Ignite Praise Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

8:00 a.m. Wesley Breakfast Club, Denny's

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. *Ignite* Praise Service
 12:30 p.m. Nepali Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. Youth Group

*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.*

Last week's attendance: 40

Last week's giving: \$13,385.00

Offering to date: \$

We're glad you are here today!

Thank you for your support!



Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

Go Tell It on the Mountain

God Rest Ye Merry

What a Beautiful Name

Noel

Psalm 29

Mark 1: 4-11

Pastor Jerry's Message:

Why?