

Wesley United Methodist Church

Grand Forks, ND

March 11, 2018



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

Welcome to Worship at Wesley

March 11, 2018

Fourth 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

Inward Heart (A Meditation for Lent)
by Gilbert M. Martin

Marge Myrold

Greetings of Christian Fellowship

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

* **Call to Worship:**

All who are lying in darkness and despair,

come out into the light.

All who feel separated and alone,

come to the presence of God.

Opening Hymn

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Red Hymnal 662

* **Opening Prayer:**

Come, Holy Spirit.

Breathe new life into our lives and our worship.

Create new possibilities, in our dreams and in our lives.

Send the promise of your hope into our depression and despair.

Expand our hearts and our minds

as we enter your presence this day. Amen.

Choral Anthem

I Surrender All to You

Arr. by Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer

Extinguishing the Lenten Candles

What Wondrous Love Is This (v. 1)

Red Hymnal 292

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer*

Offering

Meditation on Songs of the Cross

by Robert J. Hughes

Marge Myrold

*** Doxology**

*** Prayer of Dedication:**

With these gifts, mighty God,

bring forth new life and renewed hope.

Work in and through us that our lives and our gifts

may become signs of life and hope for all to see.

Amen.

Opening Ourselves to God's Word

Children's Conversation

Kellie Burgess

Scripture Reading

Luke 15: 11-30

New Testament, p. 73

Scripture Hymn

Change My Heart, O God

Black Hymnal 2152

Sermon

The Other Son: Why Forgive?

Pastor Jerry Bass

Going Forth to Serve

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| * Closing Hymn | <i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i> | Black Hymnal 381 |
| * Benediction | | |
| * Musical Response | <i>Go Now in Peace</i> (sing twice) | |
| * Closing Song | <i>The March to Calvary</i>
Arr. by George Blake | Marge Myrold |

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

Welcome Team:	9:00	Kyle Whitcomb Duane & Aileen Sandwick
Acolyte:	9:00	Caleb Zerr
Lay Reader:		Pat Henry



Help Fill Birthday Bags For Mission Residents



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

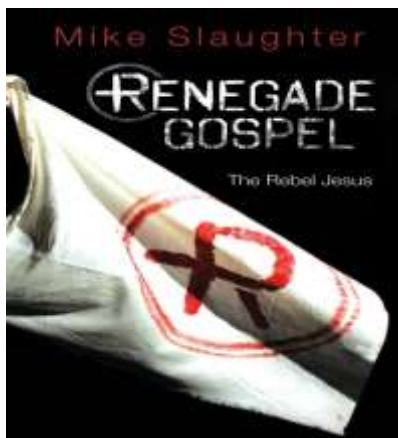
Sunday Evening Events

This evening we will continue our *Journey of Faith* with supper at **5:00** and a program on *Forgiveness* at 5:30. Our presenter will be Rev. Dale Emery, who serves the Hillsboro United Parish and is a well-known pastor throughout eastern North Dakota and resident of Grand Forks. He will be assisted by Brittany Peterson, one of the newest members of Wesley's Leadership Team.



A New Opportunity for Faith Development at Wesley

Renegade Gospel



The Rebel Jesus; Be a renegade for the true Jesus.

The adult Sunday school "Library" class is beginning a six-session video Lenten series from the book "Renegade Gospel" by Rev. Mike Slaughter. The following description is provided by Cokesbury Publishing:

Who was Jesus, really? Wasn't the central figure to the Christian faith a man who denied all preconceived notions about what God should look like? Wouldn't associating with him have meant joining a rebel movement? Doesn't it still? *Renegade Gospel* is a study that challenges believers to come to terms with the real Jesus—the rebel Jesus.

Topics include:

- Discovering the Rebel Jesus
- Revolutionary Lifestyle
- The Most Important Question You Will Ever Have to Answer
- Seeing Jesus Today
- The Way of the Cross
- Resurrection

The class meets at 10:10 am each Sunday morning in the church library and is open to anyone.

Pastor Jerry Gone this Week

Pastor Jerry will be at our Dakotas United Methodist Camp at Lake Poinsetta, SD, Tuesday through Thursday. He will continue his work as a mentor to younger, provisional clergy as they gather for a semi-annual training session. You may still contact him by e-mail or cell (701-775-5696).

New Generation of Women (one of our Wesley United Methodist Women groups) is focusing this year on connecting with, and supporting our neighborhood school Winship Elementary. We will be collecting items of need through Sunday March 25th. All items donated will go directly to Winship. Please consider donating the follow items, or if you prefer to donate funds we will purchase items for you.

- Peanut-free prepackaged snacks
- Gift cards for groceries
- Underwear (all sizes)
- Sweats (sizes 6-7 and 11-12)
- Socks



We appreciate your support and please watch for future opportunities of helping our neighborhood school.

The annual youth lock-in activities at Wesley will take place March 23-24.



More than likely we will meet at Red Ray Lanes Friday night (March 23) for laser light bowling, then back to the church for snacks, lessons, games, and other overnight fun activities! We will conclude everything at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, March 24.

Detailed information will be sent out as the date gets closer. Friends are welcome and encouraged to attend!! I'm going to be extending the invitation to the youth at our sister church, Zion. The more, the merrier, I always say.

Keep watching your emails. If anyone has questions, concerns, suggestions, please let me or the other leaders know.

Thank you for your continued commitment -

Kellie Burgess

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.



Wesley UMC Calendar for March 11 – March 18

Sunday, March 11

	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
	5:00 p.m.	Journey of Faith, Meal & Program (No Youth Group)

Tuesday, March 13

	1:00 p.m.	Mary-Martha Circle, Room 304 Bible Word: Mystery
	3:00 p.m.	Wesley Coffee Club, Panera No Tuesday Night Class this week
	6:00 p.m.	Miriam Circle, Culvers

Pastor Jerry at Lake Poinsett (SD) Camp with Provisional Clergy

Wednesday, March 14

	9:30 a.m.	Sarah-Faith Circle, Wesley UMC
	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
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 p.m.	<i>Ignite</i> Praise Rehearsal

Thursday, March 15 8:00 a.m. Wesley Breakfast Club, Denny's

Saturday, March 17 **St. Patrick's Day**

Sunday, March 18

	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
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Devotional (No Youth Group)

Last week's attendance: 117

Last week's giving: \$5,722.

Offering to date: \$44,776.32

We're glad you are here today!

Thank you for your support!



Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

Forever

My Story

What a Beautiful Name

Revelation Song

Luke 15: 11-30

Pastor Jerry's Message:

The Other Son: Why Forgive?