

Wesley United Methodist Church

Grand Forks, ND

March 18, 2018



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

Welcome to Worship at Wesley

March 18, 2018

Fifth 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

Throned upon the Awful Tree
Arr. by Garrett Parker

Marge Myrold

Greetings of Christian Fellowship

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

*** Call to Worship:**

The Holy One shows us the way,
even when we do not know where to go.

**The Holy One shows us the paths of peace,
comforting us in times of trouble.**

Opening Hymn

He Touched Me

Red Hymnal 367

*** Opening Prayer:**

**O God our Father,
we come to you as children.**

**Be with us as we learn to see one another with new eyes,
hear one another with new hearts,
and treat one another in new ways. Amen.**

Choral Anthem

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
by Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

Going Forth to Serve

- * **Closing Hymn** *Victory in Jesus* Red Hymnal 370
 - * **Benediction**
 - * **Musical Response** *Go Now in Peace* (sing twice)
 - * **Closing Song** *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain* Marge Myrold
Setting by Benjamin M. Culli
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Thanks to all who have helped with today's worship service!

Welcome Team:	9:00	John & Pam Galegher Jerry Griffin
Acolyte:	9:00	Avery Whiteside
Lay Reader:		Bill Kerzman



Lamberson Family Update

For those of you who don't know – Carol and Lonnie Lamberson's house was broken into while they were in Fargo last week dealing with Susie's most recent round of chemotherapy. They came home to find their house in disarray, with jewelry, laptop computer, pain meds, and money stolen.

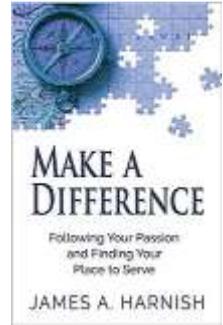
Carol's sister has set up a "Go Fund Me" page to help with the costs of Susie's care and the loss from the theft. If you would like to help, you can use this site:

<https://www.gofundme.com/58pb488>

However, you also can provide them with more direct assistance by purchasing and mailing or dropping off gift cards (for example from Hugo's, Walmart, or Simonson's). You also could write a check to Wesley, indicating "for Lambersons" on the memo line, and we will then provide a check to Carol from our church for such "anonymous" contributions.

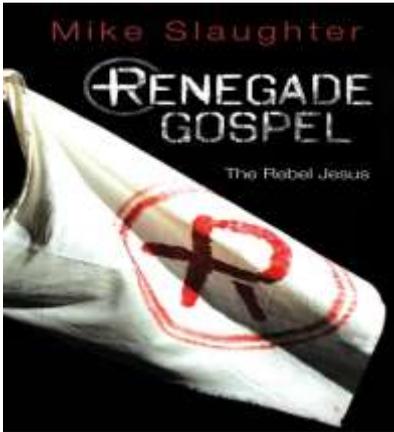
Sunday Evening Supper and Devotional

This evening, we will continue our *Lenten devotionals* with supper at 6:00 in the main floor Fellowship Room. At 6:30, Pastor Jerry will lead us in a devotional time of prayer, music, and message as we explore the topic of “Make a Difference; Go Together.”



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 has been 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. It's never too late to join the conversation.

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 to help our neighborhood school.

The annual youth lock-in activities at Wesley will take place next weekend.



The time has arrived for the annual lock-in!! The dates are March 23-24. We will start at the church Friday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. with science fun led by our illustrious Mark Guy. We will head over to Red Ray Lanes around 9:00 p.m. for Cosmic Bowling. Cost for bowling will be covered by the church. We will return to the church around 11:00 p.m. for late night snacks and break-out sessions led by Laurie Guy to help us explore our Christian faith. After that, we will play late night games, perhaps watch a movie, maybe sleep a little (??), to conclude with donuts, muffins, and hot chocolate at 6:00 a.m. The event will be over at 7:00 a.m.

The event is open to all youth in grades 6 through 12, and friends are invited and encouraged to come!!! A separate email containing the above information, more details, and permission slips will be sent to parents early in the week. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please see Kellie Burgess or Marge Myrold.

Learn About World Religions

Beginning this Tuesday evening, Pastor Jerry will begin a new series of lessons and discussions on "World Religions." We will learn about Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam in the coming weeks. Class begins at 7:00 p.m. in the church library and all are invited to participate.

Help Fill Birthday Bags for Northlands Rescue Mission Residents

Thank you all for the great response to Mary-Martha Circle's birthday bag mission project. We are looking to wrap it up this week. If you still have items to donate please bring them in by Sunday, March 25. Mary-Martha Circle will be taking the bags to the Northlands Mission the following week.

Helen DeMaster, Mary-Martha Circle coordinator

Wesley UMC Calendar for March 18 – March 25

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)
Tuesday, March 20	3:00 p.m.	Wesley Coffee Club, Panera
	7:00 p.m.	World Religions, Library
	7:00 p.m.	Wesley Book Club, Hostess: Jan Braun
Wednesday, March 21	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
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 p.m.	<i>Ignite</i> Praise Rehearsal
7:15 p.m.	Wesley Leadership Team	
Thursday, March 22	8:00 a.m.	Wesley Breakfast Club, Denny's
Friday – Saturday, March 23-24		Youth Group Lock-In, Wesley UMC
Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday	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
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Good Friday, March 30	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Tenebrae Service, at Wesley (with Zion)

Last week's attendance: 109

Last week's giving: \$3,427.

Offering to date: \$48,203.32

We're glad you are here today!

Thank you for your support!



Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

My Story
This Is Amazing Grace
How Great Is Our God
Forever Reign

Luke 15: 11-32

Pastor Jerry's Message:
The Father: I Forgive