

# *Wesley United Methodist Church*

Grand Forks, ND

March 4, 2018



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

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

March 4, 2018

Third 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**

*O Worship the King*  
Arr. by Anna Laura Page

Adult Bells

**Greetings of Christian Fellowship**

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

**\* Call to Worship:**

In returning and rest you shall be saved.

**In quietness and trust shall we know God's forgiveness.**

**Opening Hymn**

*How Can We Sinners Know?*

Red Hymnal 372

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

**\* Opening Prayer:**

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,**

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins,**

**nor requite us according to our iniquities.**

**Amen.**

## *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***

**Prayer Response**     *Lenten Meditation*     Adult Bells  
by Paul A. McKlveen

**Offering**     *As with Gladness, Men of Old*     Adult Bells  
Arr. by Jeffrey Honore

**\* Doxology**

**\* Prayer of Dedication:**

**O God, your glory is always to have mercy.**

**Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways.**

**Bring us with penitent hearts and steadfast faith**

**to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word.**

**Amen.**

## *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*

**Scripture Hymn**     *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*     Black Hymnal 2158

**Children's Conversation**

**First Scripture Reading**     Psalm 86: 1-7     Old Testament, p. 514

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 15: 11-20a

New Testament, p. 73

Sermon

*The Son: Forgive Me*

Pastor Jerry Bass

## *Going Forth to Serve*

\* Closing Hymn

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Black Hymnal 377

\* Benediction

\* Musical Response

*Go Now in Peace* (sing twice)

\* Closing Song

*Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven*  
by George Blake

Marge Myrold

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

Welcome Team: 9:00 Andrea, Lily & Amelia Snortland & Pat Henry

Acolyte: 9:00 Jayna Polries

Lay Reader: Kellie Burgess



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

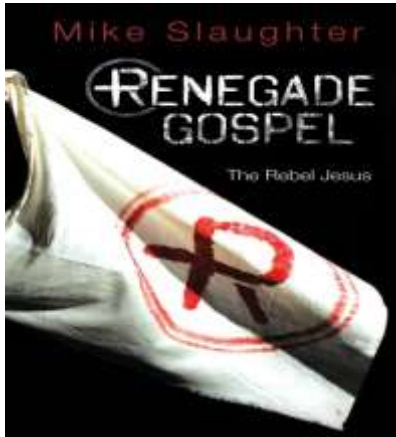
## Lenten Services

Please join us tonight at 6:00 in the main floor Fellowship Room for a soup supper and time for friendly banter. About 6:30, we will join together for a time of prayer, music, scripture, and discussion about "Making a Difference in Our World." If you would be willing to assist by providing a portion of the evening meal for future Sundays, a sign-up sheet is on the table at our Welcome Center. We want to emphasize that everyone is invited to participate - so bring a friend (or two - or three).

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### *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

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

## Sunday Evening Events

On Sunday evening, March 11, 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.



We want to thank all of the persons who have been serving as ushers and greeters at Wesley and hope that they continue in this form of service. But we also are always looking for additional persons to fill this role. If you would be willing to be added to the list of ushers and greeters, you may sign up on a sheet on the table at the Welcome Center in the church lobby. Dawn Boyd is willing to answer any questions or provide additional information about this ministry for our church. You may contact her at 701-772-7969 or drboydgf@yahoo.com.

### 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 4 – March 11*

**Sunday, March 4**

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. *Ignite* 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 6**

3:00 p.m. Wesley Coffee Club, Panera  
 7:00 p.m. *Christianity's Family Tree*, Library

**Wednesday, March 7**

1:30 p.m. Worship in the Parkwood Place Chapel  
 1:30 p.m. Quilting, Room 305  
 4:15 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting, Library  
 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, Library  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 7:15 p.m. *Ignite* Praise Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 8**

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

**Sunday, March 11  
Daylight-Savings Time Begins**

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. *Ignite* Praise Service  
 1:00 p.m. Nepali Worship Service  
 5:00 p.m. Journey of Faith, Meal & Program  
 (No Youth Group)

Last week's attendance: 96

Last week's giving: \$2,791.01

Offering to date: \$39,054.32

*We're glad you are here today!*

*Thank you for your support!*



Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

*My Story*

*The Wonderful Cross*

*Peace Be Still*

Psalm 86: 1-7

Luke 15: 11-20a

Pastor Jerry's Message:

*The Son: Forgive Me*