



Wesley United Methodist Church

Grand Forks, ND

November 12, 2017

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

Welcome to Worship at Wesley

November 12, 2017

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
by Robert Robinson

Laurie Guy

Greetings of Christian Fellowship

***Call to Worship:**

Let us thank God! And why?

Because God is good, God's love is steadfast and everlasting!

Opening Hymn

Seek Ye First

Red Hymnal 405

***Opening Prayer:**

**Holy God of unconditional love and unlimited presence,
we come to make ourselves fully available to you,
your will, and your way.**

**Speak to us gently and clearly, for we are yours
and desire to hear, understand and obedient
to your slightest whisper.**

Speak, for we are listening. Amen.

Wesley Endowment Foundation Presentation

Rex Huss

Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer*

Projected

Offering

Be Thou My Vision
by Eleanor Hull

Laurie Guy

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Almighty God,

you gave us your commandments

and asked us to live according to your holy will.

As part of your design for honorable living,

we participate in this simple act of giving

and dedicate ourselves to living lives of honesty and peace,

love and gratitude, praise and prayer.

Amen.

Opening Ourselves to God's Word

Children's Conversation

Kelsey Tretter

Scripture Reading

2 Chronicles 6: 12, 14-19, 40

Old Testament, pg. 373, 374

Matthew 6: 5-13

New Testament, pg. 5

Scripture Hymn

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Red Hymnal 453

Sermon

Moving Upward Through Prayer

Rev. Jerry Bass

Going Forth to Serve

***Closing Hymn**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Red Hymnal 431

***Benediction**

***Musical Response**

Go Now in Peace (sing twice)

***Closing Song**

God Be with You
by Jeremiah Rankin

Laurie Guy

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

Welcome Team:	9:00	Jerry Griffin Jackie & Tom Saddler
	11:15	Karl & Jeanette Lindquist
Acolyte:	9:00	Markus Lunski
Lay Reader:	9:00	Pat Henry

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH NEWS: The Youth raised \$260 from their Fall yard raking/spook insurance fundraising campaign. Thank you to all those who contributed, and a special thank you to the Youth who came out and helped with the raking activities. Below is the schedule of events planned through Christmas.

Nov. 12	5:30-7:00	Christmas craft activity at church for shut ins
Nov. 19	TBD	Viewing of movie "Wonder" then back at church for meal & discussion
Nov. 26		NO YOUTH GROUP
Dec. 3	3:30-7:00	Deliver crafts to shut ins; back at church to attend faith session on the Meaning of Christmas session
Dec. 10	5:30-7:00	Lesson at church
Dec. 17	5:00-7:00	Christmas potluck party at church
Dec. 24		NO YOUTH GROUP
Dec. 31		NO YOUTH GROUP

Please note that the above events are "fluid;" meaning, times and events may change, depending on weather, resources, volunteers, etc.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THE CHANGES MADE TO ACTIVITIES TODAY AND NOVEMBER 19.

Wesley's Youth Group is open to all youth in grades 6-12, and friends are welcome at any time! We hope to see you at the above events. If anyone has questions, concerns, suggestions, please see me, Kellie Burgess, or the other leaders – Marge Myrold, Mark Guy, and Laurie Guy.

November 17-19: Be sure to pre-order your Thanksgiving lefse! United Methodist Women will be making lefse on November 17 & 18 for pick up on Sunday, November 19. Orders will be taken today through November 15. Packages of 3 can be purchased for \$6.00 with a limit of 3 packages. You are welcome to come and help make lefse. Please contact Pam Galegher at 599-2376 or pamelynjg@hotmail.com to sign up or for more information.



Thanksgiving Worship



Continuing a long tradition of joint services, persons from Wesley and Zion United Methodist churches will gather at Zion on Tuesday evening, November 21, to offer thanks and praise to God as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday. Interested individuals are invited to join the choirs at 6:00 for a rehearsal of worship music. The joint service will begin at 7:00, with Pastor Chang leading worship and Pastor Jerry delivering the message.

Holiday Decorating

We would like to invite families and individuals of all ages to join us at Wesley at 7:00 on Monday evening, November 27, as we decorate the sanctuary and other parts of the building for the holiday season. Cookies and beverages will be served.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC:

Parents – the annual Wesley Sunday School Christmas program will take place during the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 10th. We will practice Saturday, December 9th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Please mark these dates on your calendar!** Also – we are now practicing for the Christmas program during Sunday School music. Please be consistent in attendance so that parts and music are learned.

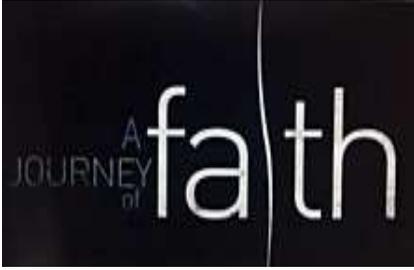


Continued Partnership with Head Start

For a number of years, Wesley UMC members shopped each holiday season to provide Christmas gifts for Grand Forks Head Start children and their siblings. Due to a variety of factors, Head Start leaders have decided to end that cooperative activity. However, we still want to maintain a partnership to provide for children's needs. Therefore, during the month of November, we will be accepting new and like-new children's winter wear (coats, jackets, caps, mittens, scarves, and boots), particularly those sizes for ages 3-6.

We also would like to collect enough board games and other family-oriented games appropriate for children 3-6 years of age to give one to every Head Start family. That means we would need to receive over 150 games by the end of November. Pastor Jerry is confident that we can do this, so watch for the early season toy sales and bring newly purchased (not used) games to church (wrapped or unwrapped).

Our Journey of Faith Continues



After focusing on *Our Wesleyan Roots* in September and *The Sacred Word* in October, Wesley's *Journey of Faith* continues in November with an emphasis on *Prayer*. Pastor Jerry provided a segue by preaching on October 29 on how we use the Bible, including its role as a focus for prayer and devotional life.

Today, we will host the third special event in our *Journey*. As with past gatherings, a light supper will be served at 5:00, this

time in the Fellowship Room on the main floor alongside the sanctuary. Rev. Mark Ellingson, lead chaplain at Altru, then will present a program of interest on the month's topic of *Prayer*.

An interesting guide to our topic of prayer has been mailed to leaders of our congregation for use in the various classes and other gatherings in our church. Additional copies of the guide are available for any interested persons at the Welcome Center table in the church lobby. Also as part of our *Journey of Faith*, the Wesley Endowment trustees granted funding to provide *Upper Room* devotional booklets for all persons in the church. If you did not receive a copy in worship, please take one from the table at the Welcome Center – and feel free to take additional copies to give to family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

During November worship services, Pastor Jerry will be preaching about some of the different ways we can pray to God, focusing on inward prayers (today), upward prayers (Nov. 12), and outward prayers (Nov. 19).

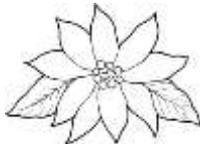
Charge Conference – Sunday, November 19

Next Sunday, Nov. 19, Wesley will be the site for a charge conference meeting for all of the United Methodist Churches from Hillsboro to the Canadian border. Beginning at 2:00, our District Superintendent Randy Cross will lead us in devotion and instruction. We will hear some news from each of our regional churches. Then, each congregation's participants will gather together to transact the charge conference business for their church.

Wesley members who are present that day will elect officers for 2018, receive a number of written (not oral) reports, and engage in some discussion regarding the status of our congregation and what our goals ought to be for 2018. This will include an opportunity for questions directed to our Leadership Team Chair Jessica Zerr and/or Pastor Jerry.

Wesley UMC Calendar for November 12 – November 19

Sunday, November 12	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
	12:30 p.m.	Nepali Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	“Prayer”, Fellowship Room
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday, November 13	6:30 p.m.	Servant Leadership Team Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Memorial Committee Meeting, Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Wesley Book Club, Fellowship Room
Tuesday, November 14	3:00 p.m.	Coffee Club, Panera
	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Class: Moses
Wednesday, November 15	1:30 p.m.	Worship, Parkwood Place
	1:30 p.m.	Quilting
	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> Rehearsal
Thursday, November 16	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Club, Denny's
Friday & Saturday, November 17 & 18		UMW - Iefse making
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Beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas

Look for the insert in today's bulletin!



Last week's attendance: 113

Last week's giving: \$4,104.00

Offering to date: \$206,113.05

We're glad you are here today!

Thank you for your support!



Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

10,000 Reasons

Days of Elijah

Holy Spirit

It Is Well

2 Chronicles 6: 12, 14-19, 40 & Matthew 6: 5-13

Pastor Jerry's Message:

Moving Upward Through Prayer