

Wesley United Methodist Church

Grand Forks, ND

November 19, 2017

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

Welcome to Worship at Wesley

November 19, 2017

Twenty-fourth 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

Give Thanks
by Henry Smith

Laurie Guy

Greetings of Christian Fellowship

***Call to Worship:**

God, listen!

Hear our prayers and songs of praise.

Opening Hymn

This Is My Song

Red Hymnal 437

***Opening Prayer:**

Lover of all who are lost, uncertain, and alone:

all who are confused and frightened,

arrogant and disrespectful, anxious and fearful;

all who are seeking a safe and secure home;

and all who are at peace in your eternal rest:

come to us now and make yourself known to us

as we seek to quiet the noise of the world around us,

the anxiety of our hearts and minds,

and the call of unfinished tasks.

May we recognize and welcome your voice,

embrace your presence, understand your call,

and invite you to change us more and more

into that wonderful image you have of us

as your faithful, loving, and obedient children.

Amen.

Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer*

Children's Conversation

Offering

Be Still, My Soul
Jean Sibelius, Arr. by Jay Rouse

Laurie Guy

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication:

God of grace and glory,
we offer these gifts as a testimony of our faith.
Use this offering so that we may see one another as you envision us –
as faithful followers of your Word.
As we continue in this time of worship,
we seek now the sanctuary of your comforting peace,
in the name of Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

Opening Ourselves to God's Word

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 12: 19-24
John 17: 1-26

Old Testament, pg. 243
New Testament, pg. 105

Scripture Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations

Red Hymnal 428

Sermon

Moving Outward Through Prayer

Rev. Jerry Bass

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Projected

Going Forth to Serve

*Closing Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Black Hymnal 2241

*Benediction

*Musical Response

Go Now in Peace (sing twice)

*Closing Song

Simple Gifts - Traditional Shaker Hymn
Arr. by Phillip Keveren

Laurie Guy

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

Welcome Team:	9:00	Tim & Jeanette Ringuette Andrea, Lily & Amelia Snortland
	11:15	John Martin Family
Acolyte:	9:00	Avery Whiteside
Lay Reader:	9:00	Bill Kerzman

YOUTH NEWS

The Youth raised \$260 from their fall yard raking and spook insurance fundraising. 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.

Today	3:10	Meet at church, go to view the movie "Wonder," then back to 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 event on "The Meaning of Christmas"
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.



United Methodist Women lefse orders are ready for pick up today. If you did not place an order, please check at the table in the lobby to see if any extras are available.

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:

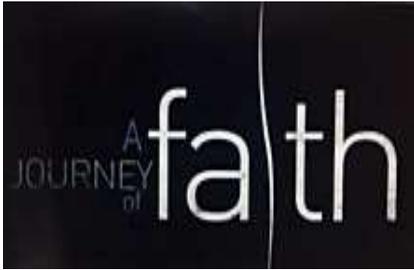
Parents – the annual Wesley Sunday School Christmas program will take place during the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 10th. We will practice Saturday, December 9th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Please mark these dates on your calendar!** Also – we are now practicing for the Christmas program 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 through our Stargivers project. Due to a variety of factors, Head Start leaders decided to end that particular 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.

An interesting guide to our topic of prayer was 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.

Our theme for next month is “The meaning of Christmas.” We hope you will be present in worship to hear Pastor Jerry’s messages on that topic and plan to attend December special event, when Pastor Raenelle Sorenson will provide a wonderful talk about Christmas.

Charge Conference – Today

Today, 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.

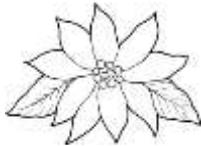
Wesley members who are present this afternoon will elect officers for 2018, receive a number of written (not oral) reports, and engage in some discussion regarding the status of our congregation and what our goals ought to be for 2018. This will include an opportunity for questions directed to our Leadership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

Charge Conference – Next Month

On Monday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m., District Superintendent Randy Cross will chair a Wesley charge conference for the purpose of authorizing our Trustees to purchase a parsonage and to assume indebtedness therefor. Authorizing motions will set limits both on purchase price and amount of debt.

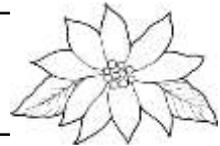
Wesley UMC Calendar for November 19 – November 26

Sunday, November 19	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
	2:00 p.m.	Charge Conference
	3:10 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday, November 21	3:00 p.m.	Coffee Club, Panera
	6:00 p.m.	Joint Choir Rehearsal, Zion UMC
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service, Zion UMC
Wednesday, November 22	1:30 p.m.	No Worship at Parkwood Place
	1:30 p.m.	No Quilting
	5:30 p.m.	No Music Rehearsals
	6:15 p.m.	No Confirmation
Thursday, November 23		Thanksgiving Day
		Office Closed
Sunday, November 26	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
		No Youth Group
Monday, November 27	7:00 p.m.	Seasonal decorating of the sanctuary



Beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas

Look for the insert in today's bulletin!



Last week's attendance: 106

Last week's giving: \$4,561.00

Offering to date: \$210,674.05

We're glad you are here today!

Thank you for your support!



Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

*Everlasting God
Have I Am to Worship
How Deep the Father's Love
Peace –Be Still*

1 Samuel 12: 19-24 & John 17: 1-26

Pastor Jerry's Message:
Moving Outward Through Prayer