



# The Wesley Message

Our Mission is to Love God and Our Neighbors

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The Rev. Clair Sauer, Pastor

## From the Pastor

### Celebrating 75 Years

On Easter Sunday, April 9, 1944, a committee met at the residence that once sat on the property of 6314 East Brainerd Road. They began preparations for the church's first worship service. On that same day, the new church's first pastor was appointed, the Rev. Dr. W.H. Morrell. Just a few days later, on April 12, the young church had its name: Wesley Memorial Methodist. And on April 16, 1944, Wesley Memorial held its first worship service. "The first song was 'Faith of our Fathers.' The scripture was appropriately II Chronicles 7: 11-22. And the sermon topic was taken from Ezra 3: 3 'And They Set the Altar.' The offering was \$18.46" (DeFriese, 1984, p. 2).

In 2019, we mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our amazing church! What a joy it is to think back through these long years and all the wonderful ways this church has shined the light of God in East Brainerd and around the world. Indeed, a lot has changed. The old house is gone and in its place now stands a beautiful church with educational space and a fellowship wing with an incredible gym. We have housed a kindergarten and a preschool. Now we house Holston Family Services, the Holston Conference Camping office, an Orange Grove satellite campus and Kids on the Block puppetry. We have sponsored countless church league sports teams, now we are home to multiple AAU basketball teams and East Hamilton Special Olympics. We have been a long-time sponsor of scouting and seen significant growth of the Cub Scout troop in the last two years. We have consistently served the underserved through our Helping Hands Food Voucher program, and this year we will once again be a host site for the Family Promise network.

Through mission and ministry, Wesley Memorial has impacted countless lives across the globe in its 75 years. Indeed, a lot has changed, but the foundation of faith in this church has not. So this year, we will celebrate this church's first 75 years, even as we look to the next 75 years and all that God has in store for us. The centerpiece of our celebration will be our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary worship service and luncheon on Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019. The highlights of the service will be a sermon from our own Bishop Dindy Taylor, and special music by Michael Rodgers. There is so much to celebrate! I hope you all will begin now to spread the word about our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and invite all who have ever been impacted by this church to come and worship with us on April 14! The altar is set!

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Clair*

DeFriese, M. (1984) *A history of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church 1944-1984.*



A Souper Bowl Lunch will be served in the gym on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following the morning worship service. Donations will go to the Helping Hands Fund.



# Family Promise<sup>®</sup>

In 2019, Wesley Memorial will once again serve as a host site for Family Promise (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network). Through Family Promise, we will house homeless families in our facilities for one week each quarter. Our first host week is February 17-23. If you are interested in helping out with this important ministry or would like more information, please plan to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, February 3, at 1:00pm in the gym.

## WELCOME new members

We extend a warm Wesley welcome to Pat and Gary Cook who became our newest members on January 13<sup>th</sup>.



Wesley Memorial has entered into an agreement with the Kids on the Block Puppetry, a United Way Agency. As of January 10, the Kids on the Block offices are now housed in our basement. We are pleased to be the new home for the puppets and their staff. At various times throughout the year, they have events or fundraising opportunities requiring volunteers and would welcome members of Wesley to be involved as new volunteers!

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**Prayer Concerns**

**CURRENT CONCERNS:** Paul Levi (Brother of Ken Levi), Pam Brooks, Marcia Lee, Ben Matherly, Pat Matthews (Friend of Lynda Reese's Mom), Brynlee Thomas, Floy Wang (Siskin), Jennifer Trent, Suzanne Burnett, Casey Minnick (Sister of Kelsey Shaver), Marjorie Webb, Betty Ellington (Mother of Phil Ellington), Eduardo Mendez (Nephew of Joy Billings), Susan Lavan (Friend of Pam Varnell)

**ONGOING MEDICAL CONDITIONS:** Ann Anderson, Dot & Gene Arnold, Deane Barker, Sarah Porter Bigelow (Friend of Joy Billings), Don Bowers (Father of D. J. {Valorie} Bowers), Betty Brickman, Steve Brothers, Pete Bryant, Malinda Cawthorne (Cousin of Brenda Fields), Janice Coleman, Steve & Susan Cox (Uncle & Aunt of Pastor Clair), Margaret Ellington, Inez Ernst, Sara Feely, Jeanette Fults, Hazel Garner, Katie Grigsby (Niece of Stephen Walker), Will Hagaman (Nephew of Debbie Hackney), Gail Hathaway (Sister of Joy Billings), Patsy Herren (Daughter of Steve Brothers), Chris Holder (Brother-in-law of Jackie Ernst), Freda C. Johnson (Sister-in-law of Bonnie Colquitt), Eleanor Jones, Joyce (Friend of Ken Levi), Christopher Ledford (Friend of Rick Mansfield), Mike Lynn (Friend of Pam Brooks), Kathy Mansfield, Mike McAfee, Robin & David Minnick (Parents of Kelsey Shaver), Russell Pickett (Uncle of Starr Alexander), Chuck Poole (Friend of Hendrixsons), Marcia Rehman, Floy Strickland, Paul Strickland, Fred Thomas (Friend of Pam Brooks), Barbara Uren, J. Dan Weeks (Friend of Pam Varnell)

**MILITARY:** MC/MM Scott Gamble – US Navy (Goose Creek, SC)

**ASSISTED LIVING and NURSING HOMES:** Betty Brown – Standifer Place (Room 236), Joyce Durham – Elmcroft of Shallowford Road (Mother of Starr Alexander), Dorothy Orr-Lifecare of Collegedale (Mother of Sue Steffner), Becky Teague–Southern Oaks (Room 210)



**February Birthdays**

- 01 Pat Royal
- 02 Harold Hendrixson
- 04 Lynda Reese
- 12 Amanda Burnett
- 17 Dan Coleman  
Marcia Brown
- 22 Louise Barton
- 25 Leon Alexander
- 27 Barbara Uren
- 28 Owen Sauer  
Tom Steffner
- 29 Sonia Pagan

**IN MINISTRY FOR THE MONTH OF February 2019**

<b>USHERS/GREETERS</b>	Eric Burnett & Karen Mansfield
<b>LAY LEADERS:</b>	Rick Mansfield & David Smith
<b>PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:</b>	Eric Burnett
	02/03 Naomi & Connie Hay
	02/10 David Smith
	02/17 Tom Steffner
	02/24
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Marcia Brown & Suzanne Rogers
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS:</b>	The Church
<b>AUDIO-VIDEO:</b>	Dan Coleman & Kip Smith

**SCOUT SUNDAY**  
On Sunday, February 10, we will celebrate Scout Sunday. This is an opportunity to get to know the many Scouts who meet here weekly and to worship with them in celebration. Be sure to come and show your support for our Scouts!

**Attendance & Offerings for January 2019**

OFFERINGS (For Month of January) \$ 20,784,86

Sunday School (Average)	32
Morning Worship (Average)	53

**This 'N That**

The Giving Statements for 2018 are now available. If you would like a copy of your statement, you can log in at [onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org) and print it off or call the church office and we will be happy to mail you a copy.

A 2019 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to provide altar flowers during the year.

The Sisters Bible Study Group has just begun a new study by Jen Wilkins entitled "God of Creation." See Pam Varnell if you would like to participate or would like more information.

WiFi is available throughout the building. Login information is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the church office.

Give online! You can support the ministries of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church by Credit Card, Debit Card, or E-check. Visit [wesleymemorial-chatt.org](http://wesleymemorial-chatt.org) to give!