



# The Wesley Message

Our Mission is to Love God and Our Neighbors

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**The Rev. Clair Sauer, Pastor**

## From the Pastor

### 75 Years Past – 75 Years Ahead

In a lot of ways it is mind-blowing to think that Wesley Memorial UMC has now been in existence for 75 years. A lot has happened in our world in that time. World War II ended, then there was the Vietnam War, the Korean War, the Cold War, Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. We have put a man on the moon and struggled through the seemingly more complicated task of integration and Civil Rights for all. The technical age has dawned and with it computers, the internet, and now even virtual reality. Through these turbulent and rapidly changing years, Wesley Memorial has been the spiritual home of thousands.

The 75 years ahead of our world will likely be equally turbulent. It is entirely possible that 75 years from now we will communicate with one another through holograms and move around on hovercraft or flying cars. Through it all, whatever may come, Wesley Memorial may yet be the spiritual home for thousands more.

It is this rich history and exciting future that we will celebrate together April 14, on our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. For all who have found their “home” in this place through the years, this is a “can’t miss” event, which will include worship together at 10:30am and a catered Fellowship Luncheon following at noon. We will be blessed with a message from our own Bishop Dindy Taylor, who served Wesley Memorial in the 1990s, as well as singing by the very talented Michael Rodgers.

I look forward to worshipping and celebrating with all who make Wesley Memorial such a tremendous church this month—not only as we celebrate Easter, but also as we celebrate Wesley Memorial’s first 75 years of ministry!

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Clair*



*Worship Service*  
**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 PM**

We will gather in observance of Jesus’ final days as we remember the Last Supper. Join us for worship in the sanctuary as we share communion and then hear the reading of the Passion Story.



The Hope Garden 2019 season has begun! Our second planting day will be this Sunday, March 31, at 1:00pm, which will take less than an hour.

We are all looking forward to a year of fun, growth, and hope in our garden!

### *Please Note. . . .*

- Join us for a Journey to New Life during Lent. As we gather in worship through the season of preparation leading up to Easter, we will consider what it takes to experience new life in all its fullness. The journey will take us from the challenges of surrender, to the necessity of change, to the sacrifice of discipleship, to new life in Christ! Invite your friends and family to join you in this journey each Sunday morning at 10:30am!
- Please come prepared to give generously to the Fifth Sunday Offering for Holston Home for Children on March 31<sup>st</sup>
- On Sunday afternoon, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 4:00pm, we have an opportunity to gather in worship with United Methodists and others from all around the eastern parts of Chattanooga and Hamilton Co. This special joint worship service is being held at Eastdale Village Community UMC (1403 Tunnel Blvd.) and includes leadership by Willie Kitchens and the Gospel Praise Team, the St. Elmo UMC Choir, and a sermon by Rev. Charlotte Williams. This is a great opportunity to get to know our fellow Christians and to celebrate unity in diversity as we worship our great God. Make plans to be there!
- We are taking orders for Easter Lilies to be used in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You can order by filling out the form in the Sunday bulletin or calling the church office. The cost is \$8.00
- We continue to encourage you to invite past members and friends of Wesley Memorial UMC to attend our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to a catered lunch in the gym immediately following the morning worship service for a time of renewing old friendships, reminiscing and fellowship.
- The Sisters will be continuing their study of Genesis with “God of Covenant” by Jen Wilkens. This 10 week study will begin on Monday, April 15 at 7:00pm. Please see Pam Varnell if you are interested.

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*Prayer Concerns*

**CURRENT CONCERNS:** Allan Johnson (friend of Rick Mansfield), Mike Mingle, Ken & Susan Levi, The Families of Jim Bowen and Sara Feeley, Harold Hendrixson, Mary Rook, Pat Sauer (Mother of Ken), Dan Coleman, Dave Siklosi, Adna James (Friend of Helen Hendrixson), Floy Wang, Diane Rasor, Summer Cox (Friend of Charlie Hargis), Pam Brooks, Marcia Lee, Ben Matherly, 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, 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), Joyce (Friend of Ken Levi), Christopher Ledford (Friend of Rick Mansfield), Mike Lynn (Friend of Pam Brooks), Kathy Mansfield, Mike McAfee, Casey Minnick (Sister of Kelsey Shaver), 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 252), Joyce Durham – Elmcroft of Shallowford Road (Mother of Starr Alexander), Dorothy Orr – Lifecare of Collegedale (Mother of Sue Steffner), BeckyTeague–Southern Oaks (Room 210)

**Attendance & Offerings for  
March 3 -24, 2019**

OFFERINGS (For March 3- 24 ) \$ 21,623.70

Sunday School (Average) 32  
Morning Worship (Average) 57



**BIRTHDAYS**

05 Billy Hawk  
14 Clair Sauer  
29 Marcella Wooten

*Note of Thanks*

Many, many thanks to all of you for your prayers, acts of kindness, visits to Floy, and providing transportation for me to go visit her during the time of her surgery and rehabilitation.  
*Floy Strickland*

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

**USHERS/GREETERS**

Rick Mansfield & Sue Steffner

**LAY LEADERS:**

Charlie Hargis

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:**

04/07

Jerri & CD Hilliard

04/14

Eric Burnett

04/21

Naomi & Connie Hay

04/28

David Smith

**ALTAR GUILD:**

Charlie, Allison & Caroline Hargis

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

The Church

**AUDIO-VIDEO:**

Dan Coleman & Kip Smith

**Camp Lookout will host Senior Adult Day** on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 2:30pm. They have lined up a great day full of fun and fellowship. There will be music activities, camp tours, and great food! Bishop Richard Looney and the Rev. Charles Maynard will be the guest speakers. Cost for the day, including lunch, is \$15. Please make reservations by calling 706-820-1163.

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