



The Wesley Message

Our Mission is to Love God and Our Neighbors

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The Rev. Clair Sauer, Pastor

From the Pastor

Through the early part of this year, our church built toward our 75th Anniversary celebration, and what a glorious celebration it was! I, personally, am grateful for the hard work of so many who put in extra effort to make the 75th Anniversary a wonderful day of worship and fellowship as we celebrated this beloved church. Then, we got to top that off, by celebrating Christ's resurrection the very next Sunday!

Now, with warming temperatures, we look toward summer. Many times, church activities dwindle some in the summer months due to vacations and less routine schedules. However, we at Wesley Memorial still have a lot going on, especially this month! Our Christian faith is not practiced only in our Sunday worship, it is to be lived every day. So as summer approaches, I hope you will find ways that you can be involved and support the many ministries of Wesley Memorial. You can give of your time by helping with the HOPE Community Garden (next planting day is May 5) or by volunteering to help with Family Promise (June 2-8). There are opportunities to serve meals to the homeless through Mustard Tree Ministries (May 19). Of course, there is the ongoing work of praying for and checking in with one another, as well, especially our shut-ins. You can support mission work by donating toward Home Buckets for Zimbabwe (deadline May 12) and by giving for the 2019 Youth Mission Trip (fundraiser luncheon, June 2). And you can always give to the general budget of the church as well, supporting the "behind the scenes" administrative work that makes all the mission and ministry in the community possible.

Even though summer may shake up your "routine" in small or large ways, I hope you will take the opportunity to explore how Christ is leading you to be in the routine of living out your faith every single day!

Together in Service,

Pastor Clair



Lori Yuzenko
Lori placed her membership with our church on Sunday, April 21st. We are excited to have her join with us in our ministry here at Wesley Memorial.

**Jesus Speaks Today
Sermon Series:**

What would Jesus say to the stories making news today? Though we cannot know for sure, the Bible gives us a lot of clues. Over the next six weeks, come and consider what might be Jesus' perspective on climate change, gun violence, immigration, income inequality, and other important current events. Worship begins at 10:30am.

**YOUTH SUMMER
MISSION PROJECT**

This Summer, the Wesley Memorial Youth will do mission work in and around Chattanooga for a week as part of the Camp Lookout Jr. High Service Week. While spending the week at Camp Lookout, the youth will join other youth in community service projects throughout the Chattanooga area. On Sunday, June 2, immediately following worship, the youth will sponsor a fundraising lunch in support of their trip. We hope you will plan to join us and show your support of our young people!

APPRECIATION DAY FOR CSLA STAFF AND TEACHERS

On Tuesday, May 7, we will join South Bay in expressing gratitude to the teachers and staff at CSLA. As you are able, please bring canned drinks/sodas and/or individually packaged potato chips to church this Sunday so we can share these snacks with the teachers. If you would like to help hand the goodies out at the school, you can meet here at WMUMC at 10:00am on Tuesday.

2019 HANDS ON MISSION PROJECT FOR ZIMBABWE

This year, we have a goal of assembling 24 home buckets for the Hands on Mission project for Zimbabwe. The church will be purchasing all the materials and the youth will be assembling the buckets. If you would like to give in support of this important mission, please contribute by May 12, noting "mission buckets" on your contribution. The cost is \$20 per bucket.

THE HOPE COMMUNITY GARDEN

The HOPE Community Garden is thriving in its fourth season! With some planting and watering changes this year, we will harvest our first produce of the season in the first week of May and hope to harvest all the way through early Fall. This food will be shared with our Helping Hands clients as well as others in need in our area. If you would like to help with the HOPE Garden, our next planting day will be Saturday, May 5, at 1:00pm. All support of this important ministry is greatly appreciated!

BIBLE STUDY GROUP FOR WOMEN

The Sisters' Bible Study Group meets each Monday evening at 7pm. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please see Pam Varnell.

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Prayer Concerns

CURRENT CONCERNS: C. D. Hilliard, Pat Sauer (Mother of Ken), Chris Grudenich (Friend of Joy Billings), Mary Rook, Allison Hargis, Steaven Rogers, Sr., Steve Brothers, Allan Johnson (friend of Rick Mansfield), Mike Mingle, Ken & Susan Levi, Harold Hendrixson, Adna James (Friend of Helen Hendrixson), Floy Wang, Summer Cox (Friend of Charlie Hargis), Ben Matherly, Marjorie Webb, Betty Ellington (Mother of Phil Ellington), Eduardo Mendez (Nephew of Joy Billings)

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, Pete Bryant, Malinda Cawthorne (Cousin of Brenda Fields), Janice & Dan Coleman, Steve & Susan Cox (Uncle & Aunt of Pastor Clair), Margaret Ellington, Inez Ernst, Hazel Garner, Katie Grigsby (Niece of Stephen Walker), Will Hagaman (Nephew of Debbie Hackney), Gail Hathaway (Sister of Joy Billings), 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), Diane Razor, Marcia Rehman, Floy Strickland, Paul Strickland, Jennifer Trent, Barbara Uren, J. Dan Weeks & Susan Lavan (Friends 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), Becky Teague–Southern Oak Oaks (Room 210)

**Attendance & Offerings for
APRIL 2019**

OFFERINGS (For Month of April) \$ 20,727.50

Sunday School (Average)	37
Morning Worship (Average)	81




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07 Lindy Pate
08 Kenneth Levi
09 Todd Wheeler
21 Alicia Anderson
29 Nancy Broom
29 Hector Pagan
30 Amy Hilliard
31 Eleanor Jones

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

USHERS/GREETERS	Rick Mansfield & Sue Steffner
LAY LEADERS:	Charlie Hargis
PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:	Tom Steffner
05/05	Jerri & CD Hilliard
05/12	Eric Burnett
05/19	Connie & Naomi Hay
05/26	Karen & Heather Mansfield
ALTAR GUILD:	Phil & Margaret Ellington
ALTAR FLOWERS:	Brenda Fields
05/05	The Church
05/12	Dan Coleman & Kip Smith
05/19 & 26	
AUDIO-VIDEO:	



COOKOUT FOR
Orange Grove

The Jones Class is sponsoring a cookout for the clients and staff of Orange Grove, who meet in the Fellowship Room during the week, on Friday, May 10th, at 11:30am here at the church. They invite church members who are interested to participate.

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 to give!