



Dear Church Family,

Our recent visit to the Wesleyan Covenant Associate Conference in Chicago was Spirit filled and inspiring. It was a testimony to the unity of our conservative, evangelical leadership in the United Methodist Church. To keep the NUMC congregation informed, we wanted to share some excerpts from the conference that were published in the Good News Perspective Newsletter.

During the first hour of its launch event in Chicago on October 7, leaders of the Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) were scrambling to find more chairs to accommodate the standing-room-only gathering, as well as swaying and clapping to the enthusiastic and impromptu participation of African United Methodists during the opening worship time - a visible reminder of the global nature of the denomination.

The inaugural gathering was a high-energy mixture of affirmative messages on the Lordship of Jesus, the Wesleyan drive to transform the world through Christian discipleship and social holiness, and the centrality of the Scriptures in the life of the Church.

The Chicago event was also a show of solidarity to orthodox clergy and laity in sections of the church that no longer adhere to the global United Methodist views on marriage and sexuality.

"We don't live on the world's wisdom, we do not exist on the world's power," said Bishop Mike Lowry of the Fort Worth Area of the Central Texas Conference, during his communion homily. "You know and I know it is Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God. What is at stake for us in this struggle we are in is not ultimately the issue of human sexuality; what is at stake for us is who is Lord, who rules, who saves us. We preach Christ and Him crucified."

With more than 1,800 participants, the Donald E. Stevens Convention Center near O'Hare Airport in Chicago was flooded with enthusiastic United Methodists from every conference across the denomination in the United States and from ten conferences in Africa.

Through a "Chicago Statement" that was affirmed by a standing ovation and cheers, the group asked the Council of Bishops to "swiftly name the members" of the Commission on the Way Forward and "approve the call for a special General Conference in early 2018 to enable resolution of the

conflict that divides us before further harm is done to United Methodist members, congregations, conferences, and ministries."

"We believe it is imperative for the commission to propose a plan that calls for accountability and integrity to our covenant, and restores the good order of our church's polity," states the Declaration. "If the commission determines no such plan is possible, then we believe it should prepare a plan of separation that honors the consciences of all the people of the church and allows them to go forward in peace and good will."

In the midst of dissension and uncertainty within United Methodism, leaders of the Wesleyan Covenant Association say the group was formed in order to bring a unifying voice of hope and encouragement to evangelicals and traditionalists as they face the future.

"We don't know what the future will bring," said the Rev. Rob Renfroe, pastor of adult discipleship at The Woodlands (Texas) United Methodist Church, during his message to the group. "We are not here to promote schism. But we are not here to be naïve either. Change is coming to the United Methodist Church. We all know that. The bishops know that and many have said so publicly."

The Rev. Dr. Jerry Kulah, the West Africa Central Conference Coordinator of the UMC Africa Initiative, reminded the group about the importance of choosing the right way when two divergent paths are presented at a crossroad. "The only sustainable path to global unity of the people called United Methodist is total submission and loyalty to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and an exclusive obedience to the Word of God as primary authority for faith and Christian living," said Kulah, the dean of the Gbarnga School of Theology (United Methodist) in Liberia. "While we live within diverse cultures and religious worldviews, it is important that we love and embrace everyone, but we must continually live within God's parameter of grace defined by Scripture."

Throughout the day, many of the speakers exhorted United Methodists to live out a vibrant form of Wesleyan Christianity, one that envelopes deep spirituality, passionate worship, and meaningful outreach for people of all walks of life, especially the downtrodden.

"We meet not just to find a way forward, but to remember how we found The Way, the Truth, and the Life in the first place," said the Rev. Jessica LaGrone, Dean of the Chapel at Asbury Theological Seminary. "And to remember that to fully know life is not just to be rescued from something, but to be rescued for something. To become the rescued and transformed means to be those intent on the rescue and transformation of others."

You can stay up-to-date on the happenings within the Wesleyan Covenant Association at WWW.GOODNEWSMAG.ORG.

Grace and His peace,
Pastor Ralph and Pastor Luke

Children & Youth

Children & Youth—Sunday Nights: Children & Youth won't have their regular activities on the 13th due to the Veteran's Day Weekend or on the 27th, due to Hanging of the Greens. All children that are participating in the Christmas Musical should come for a practice on the 27th at 4:30 in Braswell Hall. Everyone is encouraged to stay for Hanging of the Greens at 5:30 in the Sanctuary followed by the Pathfinders' Baked Spaghetti Supper in Braswell Hall.

Pilgrimage: Our youth will be attending Pilgrimage on November 13-15 in Fayetteville. We'll leave on the 11th at 3:45 from the Hilliard St. lot. Final payments are due on the 6th.

Pathfinders' Boston Butt Sale: All money for Boston butt ticket sales should be turned in on November 6. All Pathfinders will be needed on the 20th at 4pm for wrapping and distribution.

Nursery Help Needed: Our nursery is growing and we need more volunteers as we work on a new schedule. If you currently have a child in the nursery or just love children, please consider helping. See Nichole or Ann in the nursery or contact the church office.

Sunday School: Build lasting friendships and explore and learn strong Biblical teachings. In these groups, you'll feel free to join in discussions of Bible topics and share your insights. High School meets in the Basement, Middle School meets upstairs in A201, and Children meet in the classrooms behind Braswell Hall at 10am every Sunday.

Pathfinders' Hanging of the Greens Supper: We'll be preparing and serving the meal following the Hanging of the Greens Service on November 29. Come to Braswell Kitchen at 4:00pm to help out.

Save the Date

Children's Christmas Musical

December 11, 10:00am & 6:00pm, Braswell Hall

Cantata

December 18, 11:00am : Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Services

5:00pm : Braswell Hall & 8:00pm : Sanctuary

Christmas Day Combined Service

10:00am : Sanctuary

Events & Announcements

Revival: Due to hurricane Matthew, Revival has been rescheduled to October 30—November 2. Prayers and publicity are needed now more than ever to let everyone know about the date change. Updated flyers are in the Information Centers. Please let your friends, family and co-workers know about this change.

Emergency Response Training: The United Methodist Conference is offering Emergency Response Team Training on November 12 from 8:30—5:00 at Battleboro UMC. There is a \$30 fee, which includes lunch and a t-shirt. Register at <http://nccumvim.org/ertraining/>

Flood Relief: NUMC is building a team to do flood relief in the Tarboro area. If you can volunteer, contact the church office. You can also visit www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/EVENTS for information on how you can make flood buckets and health kits. Handouts are also in the Gathering Area. Financial offerings can be made online or with an offering through NUMC.

Total Commitment: We are well into our Total Commitment Stewardship Campaign. If you've missed a sermon, visit the website and listen online. We'll have times to submit your commitment to God's work through NUMC during our first two services (both Thursday & Sunday) in November. Bring your completed Total Commitment brochure to a service or submit your commitment online at www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/TOTAL_COMMITMENT.

Outreach Opportunity: Our ladies are joining together on the 2nd Saturday of each month to support La Estrella Mission Outreach by serving lunch. Help out by donating menu items and/or help serve lunch at La Estrella in Stanhope. Contact Meredith Luper at 252-382-7429 for more information.

Methodist Men's Breakfast: All men are invited on November 13 at 7:30am in Cockrell Hall for great food, fellowship and a short meeting to discuss upcoming ministry events.

OCC: Start collecting now for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes and instructions are in the Gathering Area. Boxes are due on November 22.

BBQ Boston Butt Sale: Pathfinders will be selling tickets through the 6th for \$30. Pick up will be on the 20th from 5-6pm at the Collins Street entrance.

S.A.M: Sign-up for our Senior Adult Ministry Holiday Meal on November 15. Cost for the meal is \$6. Sign up with Victoria at 459-2396 by November 6.

Brunswick Stew: Tickets are on sale through November 2 (\$7/quart). Pick up on November 5 from 5-7 at the Bus Garage. Get tickets from Methodist Men or the Church Office.

Costa Rica: Our Costa Rica Mission Team has scheduled their trip for January 19-30. They will be working on construction as the Fuente de Gracia church expands. If you are interested in going, either the entire week or just part of the week, contact Reid Hildreth at 373-1131 or Dennis Coggins at 908-4033.

Angel Tree: We will be sponsoring children from La Estrella through our Angel Tree, which will be located in the Gathering Area beginning the 13th. When you select a tag, be sure to write it on the sign out sheet located beside the tree. Gifts will be due back by Sunday, December 11.

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Christmas Love Tree: The Wesleyan Class will be decorating the Love Tree in honor and memory of loved ones. The tree will be lit at the Hanging of the Greens service. Money collected (\$1 per light) will be used for those in need. Orders are due on the 13th. Forms are in the Gathering Area or submit online at www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/ORDER_LOVE_TREE.

Community Thanksgiving Service: Nashville's Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Nashville Baptist Church on Monday, November 21 at 6:30pm. We hope everyone will come and join other Christians in our community as we worship and thank God for the many blessings He has given us.

Poinsettias: Help decorate our church and honor a loved one with a Christmas Poinsettia. Plants will be foil lined with bows. 6 1/2 pots for \$12 and 7 1/2 pots for \$20. Memorials and Honorariums will be printed for services on the 27th. Order by noon on the 21st. Forms are in the Gathering Area or submit online at www.NASHVILLEUMC.NET/ORDER_POINSETTIAS.

Decorating: We'll be decorating the church for Christmas on Monday the 21st at 9am and Tuesday the 22nd if needed. Everyone who enjoys decorating for Christmas is welcomed to come and help.

Hanging of the Greens: Celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with The Hanging of the Greens Service on Sunday the 27th at 5:30pm. We will decorate our Sanctuary and learn the meaning behind our Christmas traditions. Stay afterwards for our Pathfinders Baked Spaghetti Supper. No sign-up needed - Just Come!

prayers

Do you have a prayer request or want to pray for those in need? Join our **Prayer Chain**.

Contact our office at 459-7178 or info@nashvilleumc.net to be added to the e-mail or phone distribution list.

Send prayer request to info@nashvilleumc.net or call 252-459-7178. Join our Prayer Warriors on Tuesday mornings at 7:00am in the Parlor for Prayers with the Pastor. They'll be praying for our community, country and all known prayer requests in the church.

stay connected

Get schedules for Children, Youth and Adults at our Information Centers located at both entrances.

You will also find brochures on various ministry groups, Church Council Minutes and more.

Save a tree and postage costs by receiving your newsletter via e-mail or view the newsletter anytime at www.NashvilleUMC.net/newsletter.

For Announcement & Communication guidelines, visit the website under *About Us*.



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Facts & Figures

Attendance

Year-to-Date Averages

Contemporary: 253 Traditional: 92

Thursday Nights: 57

Sunday Night Youth Worship: 51

Average of all Services: 432

Includes combined
and special services.

Contact the church office
about getting your newsletter
by e-mail or on the webpage

Also, get prayer requests
on our prayer chain.

E-mail

info@nashvilleumc.net

to get on either or both
distribution list.

Weekly Events

Sunday

- 8:30am Contemporary Worship
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship
- 3:30pm Youth Band Practice : Basement
- 5:00pm Children & Youth
- 6:00pm Small Group : Bus Garage
- 6:15pm Youth Worship : Basement

Monday

- 7:00am WICK Emmaus : Hardee's
- 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study : Basement
- 7:00pm Bells of Praise : Bell Room

Tuesday

- 7:00am Prayers with the Pastor : Parlor
- 8:30am Men's Bible Study : Bus Garage
- 10:00am Ladies Bible Study : Basement
- 6:30pm Disciple III : Library
- 7:00pm Praise & Worship Band Practice
- 7:00pm AA : Bus Garage

Wednesday

- 6:15am Youth Bible Study : Sheetz
- 6:15pm Gospel of Mark Study : Basement
- 6:30pm Choir Practice : Choir Room
- 7:00pm Rockfish Practice : Braswell Hall
- 8:00pm NA : Bus Garage
- 8:00pm NarAnon : Cockrell Hall

Thursday

- 6:30pm Praise & Worship

Saturday

- 10:00am La Estrella Ministry
4118 W Hwy 97, Stanhope

Changes or additions to the bulletin and requests for Sunday morning announcements should be sent to the church office by Mondays at noon.

Newsletter deadline is the 10th. Visit the website under About Us for more info on submitting news & events and reserving rooms.

Special Dates

Nov. 3 & 7 - Compassion Café

11:00am : Bus Garage

Nov. 5 - UMM Stew Pickup

5-7pm : Bus Garage

Nov. 11 - Youth Leave for Pilgrimage

3:45pm : Hilliard Street Lot

Nov. 13 - Methodist Men's Breakfast

7:30am : Cockrell Hall

Stephen Ministry Meeting

5:00pm : B102

Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due

Nov. 15 - S.A.M, 12pm : Cockrell Hall

Nov. 20 - Boston Butt Pickup

4-5pm : Hilliard Street Log

Nov. 21 - NUMC Christmas Decorating

9am : Church wide

Community Thanksgiving Service

6:30pm : Nashville Baptist Church

Nov. 27 - Hanging of the Greens

5:30pm: Sanctuary (followed by
Pathfinders Baked Spaghetti Dinner)

ASP Adults leave for WV mission trip

Team Meetings:

Nov. 7 Leadership Retreat Meeting
6pm : parlor

Nov. 8 SPRC, 6pm : B105
Trustees, 700pm : Parlor

Nov. 9 Theme Team, 5pm : Basement

Nov. 15 Weekday School Board Mtg.,
6:00pm : Chapel

Finance, 7:00pm : Parlor

Nov. 20 Youth Council, 4pm : Library

Nov. 28 Church Council
7pm : Cockrell Hall

Staff

Senior Pastor: Ralph A. Brown

Associate Pastor: Luke Whitehead

Director of Children & Family Ministries : Dr. Nichole Huff

Director of Welcoming Ministries: Wayne Lamm

Receptionist: Jackie Swindell

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Minister of Music & Worship: Gary Rapp

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