



## Firm Foundation Appalachian Wesley Foundation

*For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid;  
that foundation is Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:11)*

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world through campus ministry – that is the mission of the Wesley Foundation at Appalachian State University.

App Wesley is grounded in following its mission and is known throughout the Western NC United Methodist Conference as one of the leading Wesley Foundations to produce church staff and ordained clergy. Many of our alumni have gone into serving professions such as church leadership, teaching, and social work, and are dedicated to App Wesley.

We passionately seek to become Christ-like in the way we love God and others as a community of faith on campus. We accomplish this goal through:

- Weekly meals for students.
- Weekly Prayer and communion service.
- Weekly worship services in the Wesley Student Center.
- Open food pantry and grocery store gift cards for students with food insecurity.
- A constant rotation of spiritual life groups.
- Semester break retreat and mission opportunities.

### **TURNING POINT**

We are a unique campus ministry in that we have our own building on the campus of Appalachian State University. This is important because we do not have to worry about scheduling conflicts, constant rotation of space, or worrying about space consistency. The Wesley Center is open and available to students at all times!

However, in the past, we have not been able to maximize the benefits of having our own facility for ALL students. We have not been able to serve students with mobility limiting conditions. In addition, the age and current state of our space prevents us from offering a welcoming, desirable atmosphere to everyone. Consequently, all students have not been able to benefit from the life-transforming experiences that App Wesley has to offer.

We dream of App Wesley being:

- Able to fulfill its mission to make disciples through a more inviting and open central place for religious and spiritual study.
- A place for ALL students to come as a place that is central to their educational studies, spiritual formation, and collegiate growth while attending Appalachian State University.

- Not just a building, but a hub for activity, study, growth, learning, and a central Student Center that is updated to fit the needs of all students in the present-day.
- A hub for missions on campus - not just for missions given to us through the generosity of local churches and community members - but a place for students to lead missions to those in the community.
- A place to offer physical space for our ministry partners like App Builds A Home (App State's Habitat for Humanity), and Christian counseling and therapy.
- A renovated facility that is relevant and modern; a more inviting place for students to come to on a regular basis and hang out with like-minded people and deepen relationships with one another, and with God.

Ultimately, we dream of how God will use App Wesley to send out alumni to continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ and transform the world beyond their college experience at App State.

Realizing these dreams will require an ongoing commitment to maintaining and expanding App Wesley's excellence in serving the students during their college experience. Let us never say that we failed to dream big about what God can do through the mission of App Wesley. Let us never say that we doubted the urgency or the importance of our mission. Let us never say we hesitated to accomplish what God set out before us at this moment.

App Wesley is at a turning point and we have decided that it is finally time for us to act.

App Wesley is launching a capital campaign in the fall of 2020 to provide the funding to completely renovate and refresh Wesley Center to make it modern, relevant, user friendly for all and ADA compliant in every way.

### **RENOVATING WESLEY CENTER**

Our ministry is currently housed in a 1960s-era building that has had no major renovations or upgrades since its original opening. This means the facility is not meeting current appropriate standards, and is beginning to hinder the ministry that is possible on campus. We are called to be a place that is open to all people; yet, because of its physical limitations, it is not.

The focus of the capital campaign is to renovate, re-work, and reconfigure the space so that it can be accessible and ADA compliant while making all spaces more modern, relevant, and appealing for all students.

The renovation project will provide:

- Reconfigured downstairs bathrooms to be handicap accessible.
- A lift from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor worship area.
- Two new ADA bathrooms near the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor worship area.
- A reconfigured, accessible, and user-friendly kitchen.

The mission of App Wesley is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world through campus ministry. Our facility must be accessible, relevant, and inviting for all students so we can continue to facilitate spiritual and faith formation groups that grow disciples in Christ.

## **COST**

\$350,000 is the goal of the campaign.

\$350,000 is a big goal. We serve a God who provided through the hands of Mr. & Mrs. W.R. Winkler and Mr. & Mrs. G.H. Winkler the resources to donate the current plot of land in 1962 on which the building resides. We serve a God who provided for our current facility to be built. We believe in the God who Paul wrote about in Ephesians 3, who “is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us!”

We are confident that God can use the resources and generosity of our App Wesley alumni and supporters to make this goal a reality.

## **A PIVOTAL OPPORTUNITY**

We are in a unique position at this moment to make this dream a reality. This is the time to take advantage of fewer on-campus students due to the non-traditional fall semester caused by Covid-19.

This project has been on our radar for over 15 years. However, the campus pastors and boards have always been concerned about the disruption of regularly scheduled ministry activities such as worship services and group meetings. This unique season allows us to complete the work with the least amount of disruption to the current campus schedule.

## **PARTNER WITH US**

The Hymn, “How Firm A Foundation,” has five verses telling a story of God’s firm foundation in which we can find peace and rest. Verse one speaks to why we are undertaking this building renovation.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Partner with us to accelerate the ministry of App Wesley.

Partner with us to build on the past 60 years that our current building has been a firm foundation in Christ.

Partner with us to build upon that foundation to open the doors wide to even more students along their spiritual journey.

Partner with us to continue to be a space for all who are seeking to love God and others more deeply and perfectly in their acceptance of God’s grace found in the love of Jesus Christ!