



The Wesley Foundation  
The United Methodist Church at Winthrop University

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Dear Incoming Freshmen,

Grace, peace, and warm greetings to each of you. Most importantly – Welcome to Winthrop!

Can you believe it's finally here? Move in day is quickly approaching and I know that carries with it a wide-range of feelings and emotions. Excitement, apprehension, curiosity, freedom, change, joy, fear, nostalgia, adventure....what will this be like? Our hope is that no matter where you find yourself on the rollercoaster of college life, you will find a community, a home at WESLEY.

WESLEY is the United Methodist Campus Ministry at Winthrop University. All are welcome – whether you have gone to church and youth group every week or if you're someone still checking things out. Students are challenged here, nurtured here, and loved here whether United Methodist or not and no matter your age, race, gender, or any other demographical info.

We have worship every Monday night at 8 pm. This is a great way to get plugged in with a faith community while in school. On Thursday nights we enjoy a free, home-cooked dinner by one of our local churches at 6:30 pm. This is followed by a time of fellowship and small groups. You'll also find at WESLEY a casual welcoming home away from home in the midst of a busy week. There are fellowship events like retreats and rafting and movie nights. Mission and outreach is a big part of WESLEY and we'll do several projects throughout the year including service opportunities in our community, nation and world. There's a lot happening and we hope that you will be a part of it!

Blessings on your journey – may this be a time in your life when you are able to question and search and wrestle, but may it also be a time when you begin to discover the thing(s) that makes you come alive! In the midst of academic rigor and residence life – may you feel the love and presence of God and the joy of a warm and loving faith community. Let me know if there's anything we can do for you prior to your arrival or while you are here. WESLEY is open for you to pray, to study, to watch tv, to relax, to grab a snack, or just be. I look forward to meeting you.

Hope to see you soon!

☺, Narcie

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Hello!

I am so glad that you have chosen Winthrop University for this fall! I am a senior at Winthrop and I absolutely love it! One of the reasons that I have always loved this school is the sense of community I felt especially after I joined different clubs and organizations. I have been a part of the Wesley Foundation, Zeta Tau Alpha, Peer Mentor, and Kappa Delta Pi. By joining these organizations, I established my home away from home at Winthrop. I am originally from Maryland and I have no family in this state, so becoming involved early really helped me enjoy the freshman experience.

The Winthrop Wesley Foundation was one of the first organizations I became a part of at Winthrop. I met the campus minister, Narcie Jeter, at an orientation event and immediately knew that I wanted to test it out. I have continued to go to Wesley since the beginning of freshman year. I love the environment and I have made many close friends through the organization.

This year we have a lot of exciting new things coming up. On Monday nights at 8, we will be having Worship with our own praise band. Once that is over we will be breaking into small groups for anyone that would like to stay. We will also have a free pasta lunch on Tuesdays for anyone to pop in and grab a free meal. Invite your friends to get away from the dining hall every now and then! Then, on Thursday night starting at 6:30, we will have a homemade meal provide by a local church and then a program which entails either a speaker or some fun event like a scavenger hunt, campfire with s'mores, and game nights.

We would love to have you stop by and join us sometime throughout the week. You don't have to feel obligated to come to every activity throughout the week, but choose activities that fit your schedule and your style! Also, feel free to bring a friend any time. Although we are a Methodist group on campus, we accept all denominations. Part of our mission is to be welcoming and loving to everyone.

I hope that you'll consider coming by and joining us sometime this semester, we'd love to meet you! Enjoy your first year at Winthrop University!

Best Wishes to You!

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