

Methodism in America



Francis Asbury was the first Methodist Bishop in America

The World Methodist Museum contains items that span the history of Methodism in America from its beginnings to the present day.

Artifacts range from a trunk belonging to Francis Asbury to portraits of key figures in the establishment of all the major Wesleyan denominations.

The history of American Methodism is a vital and constantly evolving one, and the World Methodist Museum's collection covers the years from the Wesley's brief time in St. Simon's Island, Georgia, to the founding of the African-American Methodist movement, to the present-day expressions of Methodism in North America.

Although international in scope, the World Methodist Museum honors the titans of Methodism who proudly helped establish the church in America, including those who were early circuit riders in the regions of North Carolina, Eastern Tennessee, and Georgia.



The trunk that Francis Asbury traveled with on horseback on display

Plan Your Visit

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Admission: Free - donations are welcome

Groups:

The museum is a great place to bring Confirmation, Sunday School, Fellowship, or other groups. Please call ahead to schedule a time you'd like to visit so that our staff can be prepared to welcome you: 828-456-7242 or email museum@worldmethodistcouncil.org.

Groups are invited to utilize the Susanna Wesley Garden for lunches before or following your visit to the museum. Contact the museum director for more information.

Susanna Wesley Garden

Adjacent to the World Methodist Museum is the Susanna Wesley Garden, a secluded and peaceful setting for group gatherings. The garden is open to the public, and it may also be reserved for special events such as weddings, luncheons, receptions, and parties. Contact the museum director for more information at museum@worldmethodistcouncil.org or 828-456-7242.



*Just a short drive from Waynesville or Asheville
 Come and visit us today!*

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The World Methodist Museum

Wesleyan Heritage ❖ Methodist History
 From 80 Denominations in over 130 Countries

The Story of Early Methodism

From its heartwarming beginnings on Aldersgate Street to the global faith tradition that it is today, Methodism's rich tapestry unfolds at the World Methodist Museum.

Visitors will see and experience how a reform movement spread and touched hundreds of millions of lives throughout the world.

The World Methodist Museum also offers a chance for visitors to get to know the founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, through documents, artifacts and items that he once used or that belonged to him.

Exhibits touch on Wesley's early influences as well as show his importance in England through the early days of the Methodist Movement. Wesley's life, work, and even his death are chronicled through the museum's exhibits.

Get up-close and personal with John Wesley at the World Methodist Museum!



John Wesley preaching at the Market Square



John Wesley's traveling pulpit, used in field preaching

Methodism Around the World



Methodism has spread across the world, touching souls on every continent and in over a hundred countries, and the World Methodist Museum features artifacts from all over the world.

Visitors will see memorabilia from the African continent, the South Pacific Islands, Russia, South America and Australia included alongside items from North America and Europe.

Biblical Artifacts



Widow's Mite from around 100 B.C.

numerous items from the time of Christ, including a coin known as the Widow's Mite, weaponry, and pottery.

The World Methodist Museum contains a collection of artifacts from the Holy Land.

Visitors can view clay pots that were made during the time of King David as well as other artifacts that pre-date the birth of Jesus Christ.

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Become a Friend of the World Methodist Museum

The World Methodist Museum relies on donations from visitors and the Friends of the World Methodist Museum organization to remain operational.

We invite you, your church, or group to consider becoming a Friend of the Museum to ensure its continued legacy to future generations.

All giving levels receive our "SaddlebagE-newsletter," and Friends of the Museum also receive invitations to special events throughout the year.

Levels of Membership:

- Grand Benefactor** \$3,000 +
- Benefactor** \$1,000 +
- Patron** \$ 500 +
- Sponsor** \$ 100 +
- Sustainer** up to \$ 99

All contributions are tax deductible as provided by law. Your membership and gift will be promptly acknowledged.

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In person at: 575 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Junaluska
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Online at: www.methodistmuseum.com/support

Immerse Yourself in The Methodist Movement Throughout the World



Portraits & Artwork
View many portraits of the Pioneers of Methodism by renowned artists.



Objects from John Wesley's Time
Numerous artifacts belonging to or related to John Wesley's life and the founding of the Methodist movement are prominently featured in the World Methodist Museum for visitors to see. The founding of this global movement is no longer confined to history books.



Assorted Wesleyanna
The World Methodist Museum houses one of the largest collection of John Wesley busts in the world as well as the largest collection of Wesley Staffordshire Pottery on the planet.



Wesleyan Macabre
View items related to the death of John Wesley, including his death mask, a commemorative ring and locks of Wesley's hair.