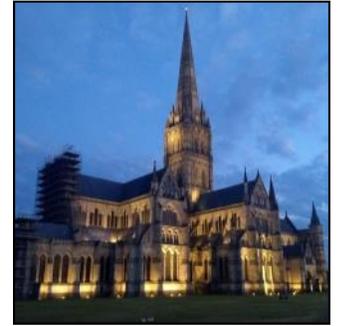


The Pastor's Page



Postings from the Blooming Grove Facebook from JJ and Stefanie Morgan on their Wesley Pilgrimage. See our facebook page for more pictures.

Friends, our Wesley Pilgrimage has begun (July 9). Today we gathered for the first time as pilgrims, in the town of Salisbury. Our stay for much of the time is in the shadow of the Salisbury Cathedral, whose first stones were laid in the year of 1220. (Also, the Magna Carta is housed here.) Tomorrow we travel to Oxford and see where the Wesley's began their "Holy Club."

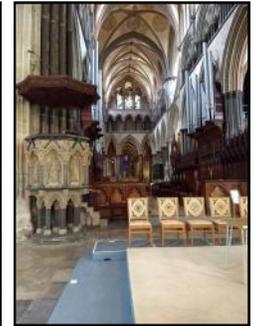


Day two of the Wesley Pilgrimage was at Oxford University where both John and Charles Wesley were educated and where the Methodist movement began to take shape. We visited Christ Church Cathedral/Chapel, it's Great Hall (also of Harry Potter fame), and Lincoln School where John was a fellow and taught. We also saw the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church.



Day 3 of the Wesley Pilgrimage.

We wake in the morning and gather to pray and read Scripture, and have communion together daily. Then today, we stayed in Salisbury and had class time, learning first about Wesleyan leadership and then about connecting with children and youth in our churches. We then spent the afternoon in Salisbury Cathedral. We enjoyed the evensong at the cathedral and got to hear their girls choir lead is through the worship time.



Day 4 of the pilgrimage was a long day on a bus! We traveled to the childhood home of Francis Asbury, the man given most of the credit for the spread of Methodism in America. Then we continued on the Hayes Conference Center in Swanwick, where we had a teaching time with Dr. Phil Meadows. We discussed the rise of Methodism due to small groups and bands, the intimate groups of 3-4 people with whom one could share their faith journey, their struggles, and their joy's and sorrows. And then we discussed why groups like this are so needed now in our churches, as a way to help us be passionate disciples.

Day 5 -

