

Dates to Remember

- Wednesday, June 1
 - Choir..... 7:00 PM
- Sunday, June 5
 - Education Sunday
 - Coffee & ConversationNOON
- Wednesday, June 8
 - Daytime Circle
 - Salad Luncheon.....NOON
 - Choir..... 7:00 PM
- Sunday, June 12
 - Joint Service @WGUMC .. 11:00 AM
 - Pastor Linda Farewell Lunch ..NOON
- Wednesday, June 15
 - Ladies Lunch Out.....NOON
 - Choir..... 7:00 PM
- Friday, June 17
 - Newsletter Deadline.....NOON
- Saturday, June 18
 - Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM
- Sunday, June 19
 - Father's Day Breakfast..... 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, June 22
 - Choir..... 7:00 PM
- Monday, June 27
 - Finance Committee 7:30 PM
- Tuesday, June 28
 - Board of Trustees 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, June 19
 - Bell Choir 7:00 PM

From John's Pulpit

Be Faithful

"Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor."

1 Corinthians 3:8

A man who was doing a house cleaning went up to his attic to throw out old items abandoned and forgotten. While picking up the junk, he came across an old vase that he thought might be worth something. So he took it to an antique dealer for an evaluation. He was shocked when he walked out with a check for \$320. It turns out that the vase was a piece of 15th-century art from the Chinese Ming dynasty. And all that time it had been sitting there in his attic, dusty and forgotten.

As we prepare to go through a pastoral transition, I want us to ponder the words of the Apostle Paul from 1 Corinthians 3:8. There are people who faithfully labor behind the scenes for the Lord of whom we do not know, but their Heavenly Father who sees them in secret will one day reward them openly. In fact, you might be one of those people. No one knows your name, no one knows what you do, but you are faithful in doing what the Lord has asked you to do and strive to do the best with what He has given you.

Continue to be faithful with what God has put before you to do behind the scenes. You may think that what you do for the Lord doesn't have any real value. Remember that God's value system is different from ours. What may not seem valuable here may be priceless in heaven when we stand before the righteous Judge. It is my fervent prayer that the Lord will help us all continue to glorify Him by serving Him faithfully wherever we are, .

Pastor John Ampiah-Addison

June Birthdays

1	Paul Verner	17	Ralph Ketchum
4	Brianna Powell	19	Mehrle Staley Jr.
6	Bob Burke		Danny Wilson
7	Tim Lee	23	Linda Yarrow
12	Scottie Verner	29	Bruce Walter
14	Sam Allman	30	Adam Wilson
15	Ruth Hobbs		

Lectionary Readings

June 5, 2016

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-24

Psalm 146

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7: 11-17

June 12, 2016

4th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 21:1-21a

Psalm 5:1-8

Galatians 2:15-21

Luke 7:36-8:3

June 19, 2016

5th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Psalm 42

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

June 26, 2016

6th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

A Bit of Good News...

Congratulations to Tim and Lauren Horner, who announced on Mother's Day during the worship service that they are expecting! Abby, their two-year old daughter, will become a big sister for the first time this fall. Best wishes to all three of you from all of us here at Wesley Grove!!!

April 2016 Financial Report

Rick Monarch, Treasurer

Expenses	
Apportionments	\$1,413.50
Pastor Salary	\$1,769.70
Associate Pastor Salary	\$215.00
Pastor Benefits	\$887.55
Pastor Professional Expenses	\$0.00
Housing Allowance	\$827.75
Church Secretary	\$727.50
Payroll Taxes	\$56.80
Grass Cutting	\$0.00
Snow Removal	\$0.00
Custodian	\$520.00
Programs	\$1,145.56
Office Expenses	\$0.00
Trustees - Maintenance	\$4,569.33
Total Expenses	\$12,132.69

Income	
Weekly Collections	\$4,093.25
Sunday School Collections	\$48.40
Cell Tower - Sprint	\$1,762.24
Cell Tower - Verizon	\$1,313.46
Grocery eScrips	\$0.00
Church Dinner Proceeds	\$3,800.00
Use of Hall	\$0.00
Housing Allowance Reimbursement	\$827.75
Total Income	\$11,845.10

Office Manager Position Open

We are sorry to announce that Karen Allman, our office manager has submitted her resignation. Her last day will be June 17th. We thank Karen for her years of service as we begin our search for her replacement. Wesley Grove has begun the process of searching for a replacement for Karen. For more information, email SPRC chair Ollie Gray at ob-gray@verizon.net or call her at 301 704-8895.

Wesley Grove Graduate Recognitions

Rebecca Louise Benson: Becca, the daughter of Ron and Debbie Benson, will graduate from Damascus High School with honors on the morning of Friday, June 3. In the fall, she plans to attend Hood College, where she will major in English with a concentration in theater. Eventually, Becca would like to earn her master's degree in education. While attending college, she will continue to work for the Spotlight Theatre in Mt. Airy. Becca, please know that your Wesley Grove church family wishes you all the best in your future!

Olivia Justine Gaither: Olivia, the daughter of Doug Gaither and Scott Iles, graduated from Frostburg State University on May 21 with a bachelor of science degree in education. She will soon hold a Maryland Teaching Certificate for Grades K-8 with an endorsement in middle school science. Currently, she has a long-term substitute position in seventh grade science at Southern Middle School in Garrett County, and she hopes to acquire a permanent teaching position in Garrett County in the fall. Olivia, all of us here at WG are excited for you and your future!

Kathryn Lamb: Katie, the daughter of Kevin and Mary Lamb and the niece of Charlie and Carol Stone, will graduate from Linganore High School in Frederick County on June 1. She plans to attend James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., this fall and major in graphics design. Throughout high school, she has displayed her artwork and received many awards for it. We all wish you the best in college and beyond, Katie!

Andrew Sheetz: Andrew, the son of Andre and Jenny Mirani, just graduated from Hood College with his master in business administration degree. He is planning to enter the marketing field in the near future. Currently, he is working as a solutions manager at the Verizon Wireless store in Bethesda, and he just became a first-time proud homeowner in March. Andrew, we all wish you much success out there in the business world!

Kathleen Ketchum Vitullo: Katie, the daughter of Skip and Sue Ketchum, received her master of public relations in human genetics degree from the University of Pittsburgh on May 1. She will continue to work for another year in the genetics lab at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) before applying for an advanced position in her field. Katie, please know that your family is extremely proud of your accomplishments as is your Wesley Grove Church family!

Finance Committee

Randy Falk, Chair

In order for our church to financially meet our needs and bring in enough money to pay for our budgeted items for 2016, we must average weekly giving of \$1,774. As of May 1, we are running a little more than \$7,500 behind on average weekly giving needed. Every year, in order for our church to operate, we must also do a number of fundraisers to supplement our weekly giving. Please remember that when the church is closed (as happened earlier this year when it snowed), or you are ill, or you are out of town, our church still needs everyone's contributions or it cannot exist and do all that we desire. Please keep our church's needs in mind and in your prayers, that we might all work together to be able to meet our obligations in doing God's work!

Christian Fellowship News

Becky Lewis, Chair

June marks not only the end of the school year, but the end of the church year as well. The Christian Fellowship Committee will mark "year's end" with – what else? – several fellowship meals throughout the month.

You can start the month off on Wednesday, June 8, by bringing a dish to the Daytime Circle's Annual Salad Luncheon, at 12:30 p.m. in the Education Building. The Daytime Circle will then take a break before resuming their Brown Bag Lunches in the fall.

We'll close out the Sunday School year with breakfast on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19. **Everyone** is invited to the Education Building at 9:30 a.m. for a brief program, followed by a breakfast prepared by the women of the church. If you can help with breakfast, please see Becky Lewis. Like the Brown Bag Lunches, Sunday School classes will resume in the fall.

Yet another meal marks our farewell to Pastor Linda, on Sunday, June 12, following an 11 a.m. joint worship service. You need not bring anything to this lunch but yourself; please sign up in the Greeting Room to let us know how many to expect.

We'll welcome Pastor Karen with lunch too, of course, at the Annual Charge Picnic on Sunday, July 17. That joint service starts at **10 a.m.** in the pavilion, followed by, as usual, lots and lots of food, fun, and fellowship. But before that, there's one more meal on the calendar for June, Ladies Lunch Out on Wednesday, June 15.

Although not a meal (but sure to be yummy!), Terri and Mike Sherwood will host Coffee and Conversation on Sunday, June 5, to mark Education Sunday.

And taking a quick look at July, in addition to the picnic, we'll be sponsoring a trip to the Frederick Keys Faith Night on Sunday, July 10. Look for a sign-up sheet coming soon.

Sunday School News

Tammy Monarch, Education Chair

We plan to continue our Sunday School classes through the third Sunday in June, the 19, which is also Father's Day. On this special morning, we will have a shortened lesson and then join together in our annual fellowship breakfast with our fathers and the other men of the church. After this day, we will stop for the summer and then resume Sunday School classes in September when we all return back to school.

On Sunday, June 5, we will celebrate **Education Sunday** by recognizing and honoring our Sunday School students and their teachers during our regular worship service. All of our students will receive their yearly attendance pins and certificates at this time. There will be a fellowship hour after church in honor of all of you. Please make plans now to join us on this very special day!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Sunday School teachers. This year has been a true blessing for all of us! We have seen our Sunday School continue to grow and average about 30 people (ages 0-70) each week. This is fabulous and exciting news, and I know this is due to the special gifts our teachers share weekly with all of our students, both young and old. So, from the bottom of my heart, please know how I appreciate and thank all of you. You make my job both rewarding and easier. I love all of you...

Jaime Crawford

Doug Gaither

Mike Sherwood

Carol Stone

Sally Swearingen

Alicia Wilson

A Huge Welcome to Our Newest Members of Wesley Grove!

Three new families joined our Wesley Grove Church family this spring. Please add their contact information to your church directories ---

Ron and Debbie Benson

Children: *Becca, Kenny, and Tim*

Address: 24224 Log House Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Phone number (301) 253-5243

Debbie Pesce

Address: 6928 Spellman Dr. , Springfield, VA 22153

Phone number (703) 505-3445

Dave and Alicia Wilson

Children: *David, Danny, Adam, and Andrew*

Address: 9920 Colorado Ct., Damascus, MD 20872

Phone number (301) 482-1151

And on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, seven very bold and strong young men joined our church family by confirming their desire to lead Christian lives in front of a packed sanctuary of about 100 friends and family members. They had just completed a nine-month journey exploring Christianity and our denomination of United Methodism, and now, they are ready to share that good news and the joy they have deep in their hearts with others. As a church family, we are extremely proud of these newest members:

Ben Allman	Sam Allman
Tim Benson	Ryan Cooper
Nicko Hull	Michael Mirani
David Wilson	

These young men were mentored throughout their confirmation classes by a group of seven dedicated and respected men in our congregation, and we would like to publicly thank all of them for their support, encouragement, and involvement with our confirmands during this journey. Please know how much we appreciate all you have done and will continue to do

to nurture and strengthen these young men in their lives as Christians...

Bob Burke	Randy Falk
Tim Horner	Scott Iles
Brian Lewis	Josh Park
Allan Walter	

VBS News

Tammy Monarch, Education Chair

This summer's Vacation Bible School is just six weeks away! We will be holding it in the evenings from 5:30-8:30 during the week of Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15, in our Education Building. Please save this week and pass the word on to your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors. Once again this year, we will be offering a special class just for our preschoolers ages 3-5. You can register your children now on our church website, or ask either Office Manager Karen Allman or Education Chair Tammy Monarch for a registration form.

Our theme is "**Cave Quest: Finding God in the Light and in the Dark.**" Since this year's quest to know God (and ourselves!) better will take place in a deep, dark cave, we are asking all of you to go spelunking in your basements, garages, attics, and closets to look for items that we could use to decorate the hall to look like a series of caverns: *black cloth, plastic, or tarps; lanterns, black lights, flashlights, or headlamps; old ropes; old pick axes or shovels; stuffed bats; glow-in-the-dark items; anything that could help us to create rock formations, dripping stalactites, or growing stalagmites, like cardboard, plastic cones, cylinders, candle wax to melt, etc.* Please let Tammy know if you have any of these items that we could borrow and use for the week.

And, of course, we can always use any and all help. So, if you would like to volunteer for the whole week or even just a night or two, please let Tammy (301-253-0044) know. We'd love to have you, your creative ideas, your willingness to help, and of course, your love of kids!

Administrative Council Meeting May 16, 2016

In attendance: Bob Burke, Rick Monarch, Jackie Hottinger, Pastor John Ampiah-Addison, Lewis Burdette, Becky Lewis, Doug Gaither, Andi Brickman, Randy Falk, Tammy Monarch, Judy Hughes.

Devotional: Jackie Hottinger read from "When You Haven't Got A Prayer" by Karen Moore.

Good News Items: Confirmation went very well with 100 in attendance, beautiful Cantata, Easter services were well attended and well received by the community, Mother's Day breakfast was delicious, Special Needs Prom was well attended, Native American Sunday pot luck was delicious, Yard Sale went very well with the new "floor plan," and Sunday School has been very successful.

Action Items: Tammy Monarch made a motion to accept the March 14, 2016 minutes as written and published, Doug Gaither seconded, vote taken and approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Missions - Jackie Hottinger: We have enough volunteers to work the "brown bag" ministry at Grace UMC in June. We will be collecting school supplies again this summer for local needy children.

Christian Education - Tammy Monarch: Sunday School is winding down for the season. Education Sunday is June 5. Will be having a nursery during Sunday service for children age 8 and under.

Finance - Randy Falk: Checked into the church master policy and any employees handling money are bonded for up to \$25,000. Audit is due the end of June. Verizon sent a \$15,000 check for extending the cell tower

contract an additional 25 years over the initial period.

Trustees - Andi Brickman: Working on a list of items to be taken care of by the handyman. Everyone needs to be good stewards of our buildings with heat and lights. The new pastor will be living in the parsonage.

Worship - Doug Gaither: Purchasing a video camera to record services. The outdoor signs need to be changed quickly after events happen.

SPRC - Tammy Monarch: The new Pastor Karen Davis starts on July 1. Will have a joint farewell luncheon for Pastor Linda on June 12.

Pastor's Report- Pastor John: The new confirmands need to become our partners and part of our worship services. Our outreach to the sick and shut-ins is a vital part of part of our ministry that needs to continue to grow.

Old Business: Finance invested CD monies into two new higher yielding funds.

New Business: Becky Lewis presented information on a new application "HOW Safe", for emergency planning under development on the contract on which she works. Doug Gaither made a motion that WGUMC participates in testing of the prototype, Tammy Monarch seconded, vote taken, and motion approved.

Doug Gaither made a motion that the Church purchases two AED devices from the capital improvements funds. Becky Lewis seconded, vote taken, and motion carried.

Devotions for next meeting will be Tammy Monarch.

Next meeting will be "TBD" for an August date.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Pastor John at 9:53 p.m.



FREE Vacation Bible School!

Bible Stories

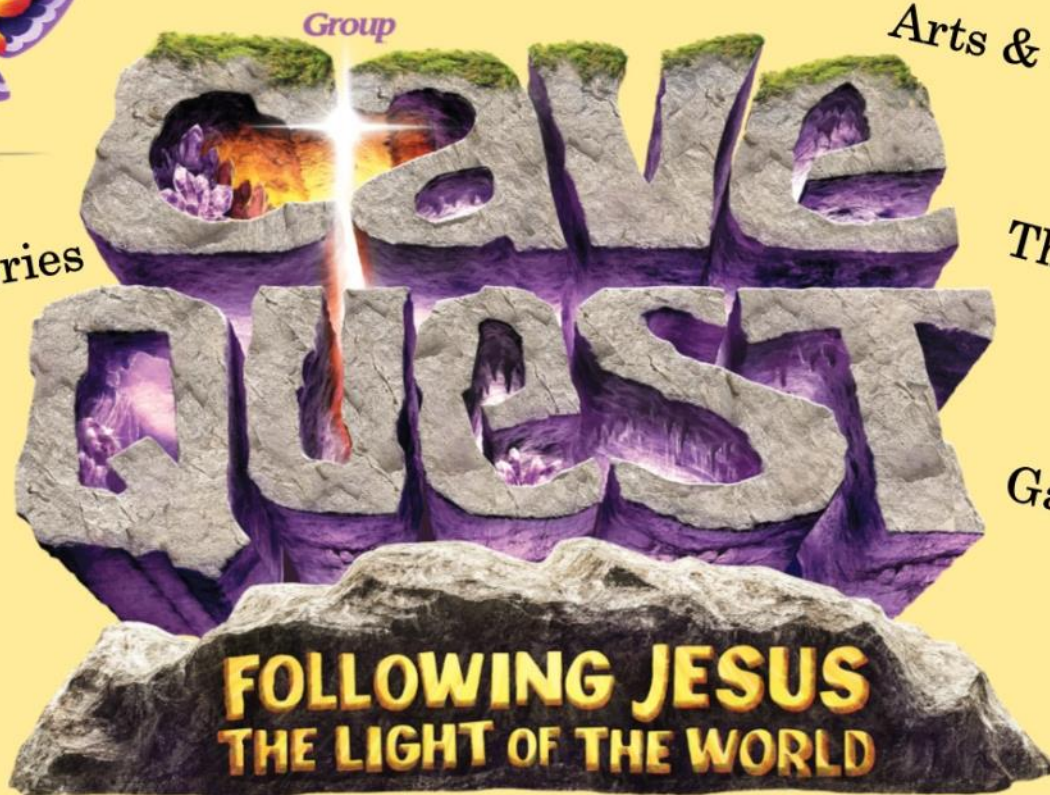
Arts & Crafts

Theater

Music

Games

FUN!



Date: July 11th - July 15th

Time: 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (dinner included)

Location: Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

23614 Woodfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882

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JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 Choir	2	3	4
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26 11:00 AM Worship	27 7:30 PM Finance Committee	28 7:00 PM Board of Trustees	29 7:00 PM Bell Choir	30		



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As a congregation that covenants to walk together in Christ's love, believes that all persons are created equal before God, and affirms the inclusive love of Jesus Christ, we welcome to our work and worship all regardless of race, gender, age, ability, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or economic circumstance.



Vacation Bible School

FREE

July 11 - 15
5:30 - 8:30 pm
Dinner included!

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