

Wesley Grove

October 2016

Messenger

From Pastor John's Pulpit...

You Are Protected

"A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you." Psalm 91:7

These days, reading the newspapers and listening to the news can be very frightening. Almost every news item seems designed to strike fear and terror into our hearts.

This kind of fear creates panic. And pretty soon, that kind of panic makes even reasonable people go crazy. We behave like Chicken Little in the fairy tale. An acorn fell on her head. In this fairy tale, the chicken went round screaming to all who would listen that, "the sky is falling, and some of it fell on my head."

God promises us protection, but his promise of protection does not keep us from hearing and seeing trouble around us. Rather, his promise of protection keeps us safe even through the troubles and turbulence around about us.

God's presence goes with us along the paths of danger and uncertainty. He is our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal hope.

Now, to live a happy life in this turbulent world, we must be constantly aware of God's presence. He is with us everywhere and never leaves us alone. What we need to do is boldly claim God's protection and know the promises of God concerning His protection, and by faith, pray them into reality in our lives

We also need to bypass our fears. When fear knocks on our door, we must let faith answer. And when we are terrified, that is the time we must make an effort to bypass the fear and allow God's promises to rule our hearts.

It is my prayer that in the name of Jesus, we will claim God's promises of safety and protection for ourselves and for our entire families.

Pastor John Ampiah-Addison

Lectionary Readings

October 2, 2016

20th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Lamentations 1:1-6

Psalms 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

October 9, 2016

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalms 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

October 16, 2016

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Laity Sunday

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalms 119:97-104 or Psalm 19

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

October 23, 2016

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32

Psalms 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

October 30, 2016

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-14; 2:1-4

Psalms 119:137-144

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

August 2016 Financial Report

Rick Monarch, Treasurer

Expenses	
Apportionments	\$1,413.50
Pastor Salary	\$1,769.70
Pastor Benefits	\$1,308.75
Pastor Professional Expenses	\$0.00
Church Secretary	\$967.50
Payroll Taxes	\$64.84
Grass Cutting	\$0.00
Snow Removal	\$0.00
Custodian	\$520.00
Programs	\$331.63
Office Expenses	\$0.00
Trustees - Maintenance	\$265.81
Total Expenses	\$6,641.73

Income	
Weekly Collections	\$10,446.93
Sunday School Collections	\$0.00
Cell Tower - Sprint	\$1,815.11
Cell Tower - Verizon	\$1,313.46
Church Dinner Proceeds	\$0.00
Use of Hall	\$350.00
Housing Allowance Reimbursement	\$269.30
Total Income	\$14,194.80

October Birthdays

2	Louise Burdette	20	Joyce King
4	Suzie Diddle	25	Jenny Mirani
9	Allan Walter		Mary Jane Walter
	Donald Hobbs	27	Braden Green
16	Paul Eisenhour	28	Michael Norwood
18	Alicia Wilson	30	Charlie Stone



The Johnson-Gray family would like to thank everyone for all of their prayers, calls, cards, and food during our recent medical crises. We are most grateful for all of you.

Administrative Council Meeting

September 12, 2016

In attendance: Bob Burke, Rick Monarch, Jackie Hottinger, Pastor Karen Davis, Lewis Burdette, Becky Lewis, Andi Brickman, Tammy Monarch, Judy Hughes.

Devotional: Tammy Monarch read Psalm 92.

Good News Items: Sunday School started back with 25 students. Summer dinner was fun and netted about \$1,300 profit.

Action Items: Becky Lewis made a motion to accept the August 8, 2016 minutes as written and published, Judy Hughes seconded, vote taken and approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Missions – Jackie Hottinger: Faith Connections provided more than 280 students in need with new school supplies and backpacks.

Christian Education – Tammy Monarch: Sunday school has started, and in October, the youth group will start back up with a corn maze event.

Finance – Rick Monarch: The committee is still working with Montgomery County on the tax bills.

Trustees – Andi Brickman: New a/c unit in parsonage cost \$6,440. Checking on prices for a new refrigerator for the parsonage. The new oven in the Education Building works well.

Christian Fellowship – Becky Lewis: On October 16 (Laity Sunday), the Christian Fellowship Committee will provide a picnic lunch after the Walk for Hunger. The committee will also give its first Service Award. This award will be based on community service. It replaces the previous Man and Woman of the Year awards.

Communications – Becky Lewis for Scott Iles: Josh Park is still working on the redesign of the church website and on social media. Becky will contact him about updating the website calendar.

Pastor's Report– Pastor Karen: Needs to see if we have enough interested persons to start a new members class, possibly in January. Congregation has been very welcoming, similar to the passage in Leviticus about welcoming the stranger.

Old Business: Still checking on AED prices and working on getting quotes for new cemetery signs.

New Business: Finance needs the Pastor's compensation package numbers for the budget. Pastor Karen will get with Ollie. Council will need to meet to approve the pastor's package before Charge Conference, possibly on October 16 after the Walk for Hunger and luncheon.

Devotions for next meeting will be Ollie Gray.

Next meeting will be Monday, November 14,

Capitol Steps at DHS

The Capitol Steps, a Washington, D.C.-based comedy troupe, will present a show based on songs from their current album, "What to Expect When You're Electing" at the Damascus High School auditorium on Sunday, October 9, at 7 p.m. This troupe has been a Washington, D.C., institution for 35 years, providing a unique blend of musical and political comedy. Each show consists of tasteful lampooning guaranteed to leave both sides of the political spectrum laughing. Come join us for a fun-filled evening while also supporting our community. Tickets are available at bit.ly/29Pc1Fj (\$30 in advance and \$40 at the door). Buy early, and you can choose your own seats! Contact Tammy Monarch for more information.

Christian Fellowship News

Becky Lewis, Chair

How does a lunch of hot dogs, baked beans, and brownies sound on a crisp fall day, after you've just taken a brisk 30-minute walk? Are you hungry yet? Well, you can take care of that hunger on Sunday, October 16, and at the same time, you can help Damascus area families who sometimes may not know where their next meal is coming from. You can do that by participating in the WGUMC Walk for Hunger that will take place immediately after the worship service, followed by the previously mentioned lunch provided by the Christian Fellowship Committee. We need walkers, lap counters, cheerleaders and of course, sponsors! Pick out the role or roles that suit you best and come join your church family in helping Damascus Help take care of some of the community's less fortunate families. During that day's worship service (also Laity Sunday), WGUMC will name the recipient of its first Community Service award. This honor will be given instead of the Man and Woman of the Year awards, and in the spirit of the United Methodist call to go out into the world, recognizes someone from Wesley Grove who has given selflessly to the community in general.

In that same spirit of community outreach, WGUMC will hold its annual Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 29, from 6 until 8 p.m. Costumes are optional, trunk decorations can be minimal...all you really need is lots of candy and a desire to help the community's children have a safe and friendly Halloween experience. The Christian Fellowship Committee will be serving hot dogs and brownies again (gee, we've got a theme going here), and young and old alike will have an opportunity to make s'mores around the fire-pit. Please sign up in the Greeting Room if you plan to "trunk."

Also on the October calendar, the United Methodist Men will mark the Columbus Day holiday on Monday, October 10, by gathering for a fellowship breakfast at 8 a.m. Please see Brian Lewis if you would like to attend, and help him figure out where the group will meet! The Daytime Circle will meet for its monthly brown bag lunch on Wednesday, October 5, at 12:30 p.m. and Ladies Lunch Out will meet on Wednesday, October 19, at noon. A host family is needed for October's Coffee and Conversation, which will take place on Sunday, October 9 (date changed due to Walk for Hunger.) Please let Becky Lewis know if you would like to volunteer.

And looking ahead to November, start making plans to help, eat and/or shop at the Annual Holly Days Craft Bazaar on Saturday, November 19, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Setup will take place on Thursday, November 17 at 7 p.m. and Friday, November 18 at 11 a.m.; please let Tammy Monarch or Becky know if you can help and/or you have craft items to donate. And don't forget the bake table! At the Messenger's deadline, a few vendor spaces remain available, but they're going fast, so please contact Tammy immediately if you want a space, or know someone who does.

Daytime Circle News. The Women's Daytime Circle Group would like to invite everyone to our Annual Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 7, at 12:30 p.m. Please note change of venue to the Golden Bull Restaurant at 7 Dalamar Street in Gaithersburg. Entrée choices are Breast of Chicken Chardonnay, \$19.94; English Cut Prime Rib of Beef, \$23.69 or Crab Cakes, \$26.19. Prices include tax and gratuity, and meals come with a garden salad, vegetable, whipped potatoes, rolls and butter, coffee, tea or soda, and dessert. Choice of entrees and payment are due to Judy Hughes by Wednesday, November 30. The reservation requires a 25-person minimum.

Worship News

Doug Gaither, Chair

Laity Sunday is celebrated by the United Methodist Church each year in October, and this year's date is Sunday, October 16. If you would like to participate in the worship service this year by reading scripture, leading us in prayer, preaching the sermon, etc., please contact Kris Kepner at 240-394-2394 as soon as possible. We would love to have many members of our congregation involved in worship this day. Also, please remember that Sunday, October 30 is "Camouflage Sunday;" dress appropriately!

Missions News

Jackie Hottinger, Chair

Please continue to bring in food for the Damascus Help food pantry if you can help this worthy cause. The pantry is currently out of most food items.

Pastas, sauces, canned tuna, green beans, rice, peanut butter, jelly, and crackers are all items that are needed.

Thank you!

Sunday School News

Tammy Monarch, Education Chair

Our Sunday School started back up three weeks ago after our summer hiatus, with about 30 kids and adults in attendance. It is wonderful that we have continued with a full house on Sunday mornings. We know that this is God's handiwork here at Wesley Grove, and please know that we are open and welcoming to anyone wanting to join us at 9:30 on Sunday mornings, so feel free to come any Sunday!

This fall's theme is "He's Real and Here's the Proof!" We know that God's plan for our salvation through Jesus Christ was created in the beginning. Nothing involving God happens as a coincidence. As Christians, we know that everything he has ever done has been pre-planned, prophesized, and orchestrated to fulfill a need, including Jesus, his son, coming to live on Earth as one of us. Each week, we are reading verses from the Old Testament that directly correlate to Jesus's teachings and actions in the New Testament.

Many of our Sunday School students will participate in our Annual Wesley Grove Walk for Hunger on Sunday, October 16, immediately following the worship service. Please plan on attending, sponsoring one (or more!) of our walkers, and enjoying a few moments of conversation with our friends here at Wesley Grove as you cheer on the younger members of our congregation. **Or** feel free to wear your sneakers and *walk with our children* as they complete as many laps around our church property as they can in 30 minutes! Remember all money raised goes to help fight hunger right here in our community. Our Walk for Hunger will be followed with a fall luncheon in the Education Building. Please make plans to join us on the special Sunday!



Charge Conference
South Damascus Charge

Wednesday,
October 26, 2016
at 7:00 p.m.
at Mt. Tabor UMC

Everyone is encouraged to attend!!

Please have all reports into the office by
Friday, October 7.

All You Can Eat Fall Turkey & Oyster Dinner

Adults \$18

Children ages 5-12 \$9

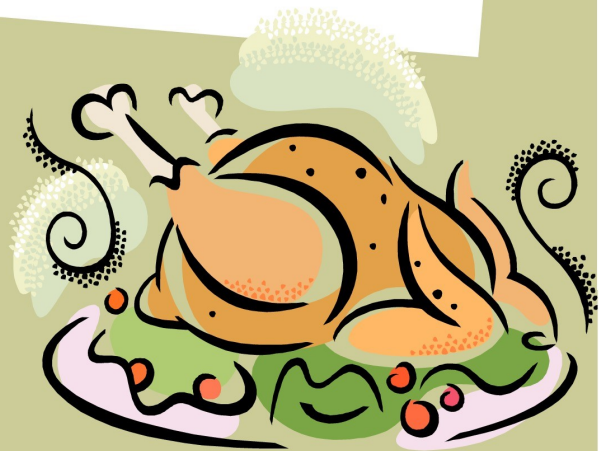
Preschoolers eat free!

*Bake Table and
Carry Out Meals Available*

Time: 1:00 - 5:00

**Date: Saturday
October 22nd**

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Saturday, October 29th
6:00 pm - 8:00pm


Join us for a SAFE and FUN Halloween Event!!!
Wear your favorite costume and join us for Trunk or Treating, candy, hot dogs and s'mores!!

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Free Family Event

We're Growing – Let's Stay Focused on Our Youth!

The pavilion, ball field, and playground are used by the youth in the community. Please support these businesses! All of their donations go to support the maintenance of these facilities.



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October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11:00 AM—4:00 PM Harvest Festival
2 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship (Communion)	3	4 7:30 PM Nominations Committee	5 12:30 PM Daytime Circle Brown Bag Lunch 7:00 PM Choir	6	7 Charge Conference Reports Due	8
9 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship (Coffee & Conversation)	10 8:00 AM UMM Breakfast @ TBD	11	12 7:00 PM Choir	13	14	15
16 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship (Laity Sunday) NOON Walk for HungervLunch	17	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19 Noon Ladies Lunch Out @ J & P's 7:00 PM Choir	20	21	22 1:00—5:00 PM Turkey and Oyster Dinner
23 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	24 7:30 PM Finance Committee	25 7:30 PM Board of Trustees	26 7:00 PM Charge Conference at Mt. Tabor	27 7:00 PM Choir	28	29 6:00—8:00 PM Trunk or Treat
30 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM Worship Committee	31 1:00 PM Soup Kitchen					

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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.

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***Join us for our
Turkey & Fried Oyster
Dinner
Saturday, October 22
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.***

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