

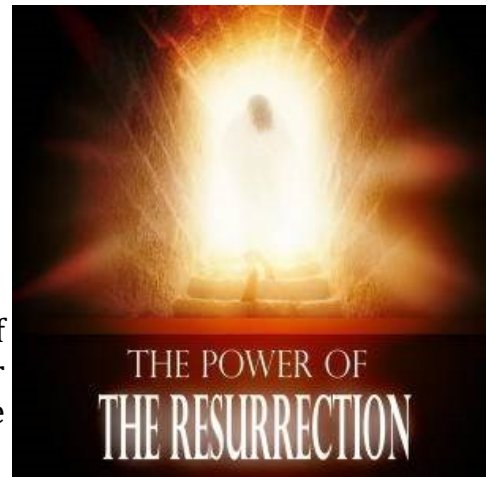
Wesley Grove **Messenger**

May 2017

From John's Pulpit...

"Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more."
Romans 6:8-9

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is among the most important of all biblical truths. It is foundational. It is bedrock. Many other aspects of the Christian faith depend and rest on the Resurrection.



Let us look at just three essential Christian truths that depend on the Resurrection.

First of all, the Resurrection is the assurance of our justification. By the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from death, we are declared not guilty of all our transgressions.

Second, the Resurrection of Christ gives us power to live the Christian life. Romans 8:11 says, "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." The Resurrection, therefore, promises us that God will not only give us life beyond the grave, but He will give us the ability to live our earthly life with power and glory.

Third, life beyond the grave depends on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the Apostle Paul said, "For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive." 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Jesus' victory over death promises us that we too will overcome death. The Resurrection is no peripheral issue. It is the principal issue. All the benefits of redemption are ours through the resurrection. It is my prayer that we may experience the full power of the Resurrection of Christ in our life while we look for Him, not in the grave, but knowing that He is risen. Christ Jesus is risen indeed.

May the Lord bless you,

Pastor John Ampiah-Addison

Lectionary Readings

May 7, 2017: 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47
 Psalm 23
 1 Peter 2:19-25
 John 10:1-10

May 14, 2017: 5th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day
 Acts 7:55-60
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
 1 Peter 2:2-10
 John 14:1-14

May 21, 2017: 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31
 Psalm 66:8-20
 1 Peter 3:13-22
 John 14:15-21

May 28, 2017: 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14
 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
 John 17:1-11

Spotlight On....You!

*Jaime Crawford,
 Communications Chair*

Beginning later this year, the Communications Committee will revive the "Spotlight On..." feature in each issue of the newsletter, giving all of us the opportunity to learn more about members of our church family. If you'd like to provide information to have your profile included in a future issue of *The Messenger*, please talk to Becky Lewis.

March 2017 Financial Report

Rick Monarch, Treasurer

Expenses	
Apportionments	\$1,354.91
Pastor Salary	\$1,769.68
Pastor Benefits	\$928.75
Pastor Professional Expenses	\$0.00
Church Secretary	\$1,177.50
Payroll Taxes	\$76.89
Grass Cutting	\$0.00
Snow Removal	\$0.00
Custodian	\$520.00
Programs	\$714.28
Office Expenses	\$0.00
Trustees - Maintenance	\$2,781.19
Total Expenses	\$9,323.20

Income	
Weekly Collections	\$7,152.82
Sunday School Collections	\$63.46
Cell Tower - Sprint	\$1,815.11
Cell Tower - Verizon	\$1,352.86
Church Dinner Proceeds	\$0.00
Use of Hall	\$0.00
Housing Allowance Reimbursement	\$268.68
Total Income	\$10,652.93

May Birthdays

5	Judy Hughes	11	Rev. Karen Davis
6	Cherie Morris	14	Jeff Lewis
7	Donnie Hottinger	21	Sue Ketchum Frank Miller
9	Susie Cooper	25	Clark Kunkle
10	Lou Lynagh		



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Grilled Lunch Platters & Bake Sale

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Benefit the Church And Your Closets!

Call 301-253-0044 to reserve your space.



9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Rain or Shine!

Look For Us In The Education Building If It's Wet!

Christian Fellowship News

Becky Lewis, Chair

There's not much time left to clean out your closets and reserve your space for the Spring Yard Sale: Saturday, May 6, will be here before we know it! Contact Tammy Monarch at 301-253-0044 to reserve a space for \$15, or the Evening Circle will accept donations of your gently used items for sale at the church booth. If you're donating items to the church, please deliver them to the Education Building before 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, when we'll be sorting and pricing. Then come out on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to shop and buy breakfast or lunch (or both!) from the United Methodist Men. The UMM would appreciate donations of baked goods for the event, particularly cookies or brownies packaged as individual desserts.

The UMM will get another chance to show off their cooking talents on Sunday, May 14, when **EVERYONE** is invited to a fellowship breakfast in honor of Mother's Day. The event starts with a brief Sunday School program at 9:30 a.m., followed by breakfast. Look for special Mother's Day recognition during the worship service that day as well.

The following Sunday, May 21, we will spread some cheer to local nursing home residents and our shut-ins with our annual "Patriotic Caroling" outing. We'll meet at the Education Building at 4 p.m. to divide into groups to head to different destinations. Following "caroling," we will return to the home of Brian and Becky Lewis, 23409 Woodfield Road, for a potluck dinner. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Greeting Room; wear your red, white, and blue; and come on out!

Also on the May calendar, Ladies Lunch Out meets at noon on Wednesday, May 17.

Listen for an announcement of details in church.

Looking ahead to June, the Daytime Circle will hold its Summer Potluck Luncheon on Wednesday, June 7, at 12:30 p.m. in the Education Building, and the women will take their turn at cooking breakfast on Father's Day, June 18.

WG Scholarship News

Jim Kemp, Chair

Our Memorial and Scholarship Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Building. We will discuss possible items to purchase with memorial funds as well as review this year's Wesley Grove scholarship applications. If you are on this committee, please make plans to attend this important meeting.

Finance Committee

Randy Falk, Chair

Did you know that automatic weekly giving is available through your bank? And what exactly does that mean for you and for Wesley Grove? Well, for you, it helps ensure your intended tithes and offerings go to the church whether or not you are present at worship on Sunday mornings. It makes no difference whether you are ill, working, vacationing, or just can't make it that day; your donation will still be received. For Wesley Grove, it means continuity and stability in receiving monetary donations to meet our financial obligations. We currently have a small number of families who already give to the church in this manner. If you would like to contribute in this way, or if you have any related questions or concerns, please contact any member of the Finance Committee, and we will be happy to help.

Sunday School News

Tammy Monarch, Education Chair

As we move through Eastertide toward Pentecost, our Sunday School students are busy learning about various aspects of being a Christian, from sharing our spiritual gifts and learning the meaning behind the Lord's Prayer to taking care of God's world and honoring our parents. As always, please feel free to join us any Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Education Building. We have classes for all ages!

Looking ahead, on Sunday, June 4, we will recognize Christian Education Sunday during our 11 a.m. worship service. We will celebrate and honor all of our Sunday School students and teachers as well as the graduates in our congregation. Please make plans now to join us for worship on this day. Pentecost, which occurs every year 50 days after the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, also falls on this day. Today, we celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the Christian Church because on this day, more than 2,000 years ago, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and able to speak in many different languages to people from all over the world. More than 3,000 people were baptized and became Christians on this very special day. To remember and celebrate Pentecost, we are asking everyone to wear the colors of fire – red, orange, and/or yellow – to our worship service on this day.

Happy Fourth Birthday, Sunday School! You have learned a lot, grown morally and spiritually, and become better Christians through your love and service to this church and one another. We are proud of each and every one of you!

Graduation Recognition Sunday

Our Christian Education Committee will honor and celebrate our high school and college graduates during the worship service on Sunday, June 4. If you know of someone in our church family who is graduating this year, please contact Tammy Monarch (301-253-0044) as soon as possible. There will be Coffee and Conversation after the service to honor these graduates.

Missions Committee

Jackie Hottinger, Chair

Thank you to everyone who donated snacks and drinks for the Rock the House afterschool program. They were greatly appreciated.

Our committee met in March and planned some projects for the next few months. We will sponsor Jessi Wagner again this year with a quarterly contribution to help with her ministry with at-risk children in New York City. We will also make a donation to the DHS post-prom party. We donated \$220 to UMCOR to purchase 10 health kits and two bedding kits to be used anywhere needed in the world.

Now through May 21, we are collecting adult diapers (Depends) for Pleasant View Nursing Home residents who can't afford them. There will be a collection box in the Greeting Room. Missions will use \$200 from our budget to purchase some as well. They do accept opened packages. Church members will visit several local nursing homes to sing patriotic songs on May 21 and will deliver them to Pleasant View then.

We will collect school supplies in the summer for the Damascus backpack program; more details to follow. We will also explore participating in the Brown Bag program at Grace UMC again.

FREE Vacation Bible School!



Date: July 10th - July 14th

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

Location: Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

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Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovely crafted by God.



Register online at www.wesleygroveumc.org

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:30 PM Memorials & Scholarship Comm.	3 12:30 PM Daytime Circle Brown Bag 7:00 PM Choir	4 7:00 PM Yard Sale Set-up	5	6 9 AM—2 PM Yard Sale
7 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship (Communion)	8	9	10 7:00 PM Choir	11	12	13
14 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30 AM Mother's Day Breakfast 11:00 AM Worship	15 7:30 PM Administrative Council	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 Noon Ladies Lunch Out 7:00 PM Choir	18	19 Life Line Screening @ Education Building	20
21 <i>Heritage Sunday</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM "Caroling" & Potluck Dinner	22 7:30 PM Finance Committee	23 7:30 PM Board of Trustees	24 7:00 PM Choir	25	26	27
28 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> 1:00 PM Soup Kitchen	30	31 7:00 PM Choir			

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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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Saturday, May 6

9 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Breakfast and Lunch For Sale

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