

Wesley Grove  
October 2017

# Messenger

## From John's Pulpit...

### Who Are You?

*But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.*

(1 Corinthians 6:17)

"Who are you?" Have you been asked that question before? I have been asked this question several times this week when helping out in my neighborhood. It sounds like a simple question requiring for a simple straightforward answer. People usually answer to that question by giving their : "my name is John." However, your name is not really who you are. It is what you are called. Others mention their nationality, professional rank, or denomination.

Who are you? If your name was changed, would you still be you? Of course! What about if your nationality, profession, or denomination changed? Would you still be you? Yes ,of course! That simply means you are more than your name or other things you use to identify yourself. You are more than your physical features or possessions.

Many define themselves by what they do: "I'm a nurse" or "I'm a pastor." Others identify themselves by religious affiliation: "I'm a Catholic" or "I'm a Charismatic." However, none of these really answers well to the question: "Who are you?"

The real you is a spirit created in the image of God. You are a spirit being. The scripture readings suggest we are. We are not just a social or physical being. We were a spirit before we put on flesh. When all the external identities are stripped off, we find our real identity.

If your spirit is in union with Christ, we can boldly proclaim, "I am a child of God." You are who you are because of to whom you belong. Are you for Christ? If you are, then you have your answer. You are a child of the Most High God. Say it loudly: "I'm a Child of God." In this time and age, we need to know, and boldly confess, that we are heirs of the Most High God.

Pastor John Ampiah-Addison

## Lectionary Readings

### October 1, 2017: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

*World Communion Sunday*

Exodus 17:1-7  
 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
 Philippians 2:1-13  
 Matthew 21:23-32

### October 8, 2017: 18th Sunday after Pentecost—Cantata

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
 Psalm 19  
 Philippians 3:4-14  
 Matthew 21:33-46

### October 15, 2017: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

*Laity Sunday*  
 Exodus 32:1-14  
 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
 Philippians 4:1-9  
 Matthew 22:1-14

### October 22, 2017: 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23  
 Psalm 99  
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
 Matthew 22:15-22

### October 29, 2017: 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
 Matthew 22:34-46

## August 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	\$997.50
Payroll Taxes	\$83.76
Grass Cutting	\$0.00
Snow Removal	\$0.00
Custodian	\$520.00
Programs	\$607.29
Office Expenses	\$45.27
Trustees - Maintenance	\$3,830.92
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,138.08</b>

Income	
Weekly Collections	\$4,664.53
Sunday School Collections	\$0.00
Cell Tower - Sprint	\$1,869.56
Cell Tower - Verizon	\$1,352.86
Church Dinner Proceeds	\$0.00
Use of Hall	\$200.00
Housing Allowance Reimbursement	\$268.68
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$8,355.63</b>

## October Birthdays

2	Louise Burdette	21	Abby Crawford
4	Suzie Diddle	25	Jenny Mirani
9	Allan Walter		Mary Jane Walter
	Donald Hobbs	27	Braden Green
16	Paul Eisenhaur	28	Michael Norwood
18	Alicia Wilson	30	Charlie Stone
20	Joyce King		

## Administrative Council Meeting September 11, 2017

*In attendance: Bob Burke, Rick Monarch, Judy Hughes, Becky Lewis, Andi Brickman, Lewis Burdette, Tammy Monarch, Jaime Crawford, Jim Kemp, Mike Sherwood, Pastor Karen Davis.*

**Devotional:** Bob Burke read from Romans 12.

**Good News Items:** Wonderful picnic, VBS was well attended with approximately 75 children and adults, choir in the Damascus Parade, bells played several times during worship in July and August, "caroling" at the nursing homes, chicken and Ham dinner.

**Action Items:** Tammy Monarch made a motion to accept the June 20, 2017 minutes as written and published, Becky Lewis seconded, vote taken and approved as written.

### Committee Reports

**Trustees – Andi Brickman:** Amount the Trustees can spend without approval from Administrative Council and Finance will be \$2,500. Tammy Monarch made a motion, Mike Sherwood seconded, vote taken and approved.

**Septic at the Staley House:** Location has been determined; it will be dug out and capped. Jim Kemp to check to see if the clean-out goes into the tank, after it is located, it will be pumped. Trustees will call to have it pumped and add a manhole.

**Discussion on sanitizer for the kitchen:** We do not have the space without taking out the back sinks. It would also require the addition of a garbage disposal and spray hose. Pastor Karen will take this information to the Lions Club working group and get prices, then take the prices to Trustees. The Lions Club wants to use the Education Building and kitchen for its fundraising Pancake Breakfast on October 21. Approved; the club will be asked to make a donation instead of paying a rental fee.

**Christian Education – Tammy Monarch:** Sunday School opened with 18 people in attendance. The topic for fall is Heaven. Questions: Is there a need

for Confirmation Class? Is there a need for Youth Group?

**Finance:** We have been asked to serve the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Dinner on November 11. This was approved. The Dinner Committee will meet on Sept. 18 to discuss if we will have a Turkey and Oyster Dinner in October, and its details if so.

Pastor Karen said a member of the congregation has asked for full disclosure on funds going in and out of all accounts. The person will be referred to the annual audit.

**Christian Fellowship – Becky Lewis:** Nothing to report.

**Missions- Jackie Hottinger:** WGUMC filled a lot of backpacks for back to school and sent money for hurricane relief.

**Worship:** Cantata will be on October 8.

**Communications – Jaime Crawford:** Working on getting the new website online. Started the "Spotlight" in the newsletter again.

**SPRC:** Meeting on September 25.

**Old Business:** The new website should be up next week. After that is done, we will work on getting the WiFi extender installed.

**Discussion on the groundskeeper:** Property should be inspected once a month. Jaime will email Gunner Kepner a calendar with dates of events so the property can be mowed ahead of time. The Trustees will provide him with a jobs list; Rick Monarch to provide oversight. Andi Brickman gave a copy of the job description to Rick. Rick has the most recent invoice from Gunner. Also, anyone using the pavilion will be asked to remove the trash from the trash cans and place it in the dumpster. Gunner will make sure there are extra trash bags in each outside trash can. Starting in January 2018, the groundskeeper and sexton positions will move from the SPRC to the Trustees. Becky Lewis made a motion, Bob Burke seconded, vote taken and approved.

Devotions for next meeting will be Doug Gaither. Next meeting will be Monday, October 9, 2017, 7:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned by Bob Burke at 9:17 p.m.

Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

**ANNUAL**

**TRUNK OR**

*Food*

**TREAT**

*candy*



**Sunday, October 29th  
5:00 pm - 7:30pm**

**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!!**

23614 Woodfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD

301-253-2894 [wesleygroveumc.org](http://wesleygroveumc.org)

**Free Family Event**

## Christian Fellowship News

*Becky Lewis, Chair*

Got your costume planned? Have your trunk decorating theme picked out? If your answer is “no,” guess what? It doesn’t matter! Costumes and trunk decorating are optional (although lots of fun): all you need to bring to our Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29 is your love of children and oh, LOTS of candy. We’re looking for a strong turnout to help us provide a safe good time for our neighborhood children, and we know we can count on your help. Please sign up in the Greeting Room and come out around 4:30 p.m. to set up. The event runs from 5 to 7:30 p.m., and there will be plenty of hot dogs, chips, and drinks for everyone, not to mention the always-popular s’mores around the campfire. Plan to be there!

Trunk or Treat is the only churchwide Christian Fellowship event for the month in order to give everyone time to help out with the Harvest Festival on October 7 and the Fall Dinner on October 28, and to enjoy “On the Road” on October 8. The other events on the calendar include Daytime Circle Brown Bag on Wednesday, October 4, at 12:30 p.m. in the Education Building; UMM Breakfast at Smoke Hill BBQ on Monday, October 9 (Columbus Day) at 8 a.m.; and Ladies Lunch Out on Wednesday, October 18, at noon. Coffee and Conversation for the month will take place following both performances of “On the Road.” After the morning performance, our C&C time will take the form of a light lunch served in the Education Building, where we will thank Doug Gaither and Scott Iles for their nine years of service and wish them well in the next chapter of their lives. Everything is provided for the lunch.

Come November, we’ll be plenty busy preparing for and holding our Annual Holly Days Crafts Bazaar on Saturday, November 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We’d love to have your donations of crafts and baked goods, and plan to come get started on your holiday shopping and have a delicious lunch featuring homemade soup and sandwiches. If you just can’t get here on that Saturday, there will be crafts for sale following church on Sunday, November 19, when the Evening Circle will provide a light lunch in lieu of Coffee and Conversation.

### Montgomery County Farm Park

Remember to save Saturday, October 7, to help at our church booth at the Montgomery County Farm Park’s Fall Harvest Festival on Muncaster Road in Derwood. We will once again be grilling and selling food, including burgers, hot dogs, and sodas. Contact Rick Monarch at 301-253-0044 to volunteer or if you would like more information.



### Church Conference South Damascus Charge

**Saturday,  
November 4, 2017  
at 9:00 a.m.  
at Wesley Grove**

Everyone is encouraged to attend!!

Please have all reports into the office by  
Friday, October 6.

## Mission to Ghana

Pastor John Ampiah-Addison will host a 10-day mission trip to his home in Ghana, October 23 through November 2, 2017. This trip is designed to form connections between the United Methodist Church in Ghana and the United States, and to create opportunities for a mission partnership with the Countryside Orphanage. Highlights of the trip will include visits with representatives from the American Chamber of Commerce and U.S. Embassy, tours of national parks, a stay at a local resort, stops at Ashanti craft villages, and time to meet and interact with residents and caretakers of the Countryside Orphanage. The cost of the trip will be determined by the number of people who attend and is estimated between \$2,500 and \$3,000. If you are interested in joining us or would like further information, please contact Pastor John at [addisco5@yahoo.com](mailto:addisco5@yahoo.com).

## Christian Education News

*Tammy Monarch, Education Chair*

Our Sunday School started back up three weeks ago after our summer hiatus with about 20-25 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 "Understanding HEAVEN and Those That Are There." We all think we know some things about Heaven, but are those thoughts really true, or are they just characterized portrayals and misconceptions that have been passed along through the generations by picture books, movies, and stories? Come join us on Sunday mornings to find out what the Bible really says about Heaven and what it doesn't. Our study is based on the books, Heaven and Heaven for Kids, both written by Pastor Randy Alcorn as well as on a variety of Biblical verses from both the Old and New Testaments.

Some of our Sunday School students along with other members of our church family participated in our Annual Wesley Grove Walk for Hunger on Sunday, September 10 immediately following our outdoor worship service. Fifteen of us walked, jogged, ran, biked, scootered, and/or wheelchaired a total of 95 laps around our church property in just 30 minutes! If you did not have the opportunity to sponsor us and would still like to, it's not too late! We will continue to collect donations through Sunday, October 8. Remember all money collected goes to help fight hunger right here in our community. Please make checks payable to Damascus Help.



Joseph Laycock, Sr. passed away on Saturday, September 30th. There will be a service at Wesley Grove UMC on Saturday, October 21st. He will be buried in the Wesley Grove UMC Cemetery next to his wife and daughter.

## Worship News

*Doug Gaither, Worship Chair*

Laity Sunday is coming soon, on Sunday, October 15. In the United Methodist Church, it is celebrated each year in October. If you would like to participate in the 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, many members of our congregation involved in our worship service on this day!



# October 15, 2017

*Save the Date*

**Wesley Grove Christmas Luncheon**

**Date: Wednesday, December 6**

**Time: 12:30 p.m.**

**Location: Mt. Airy Tavern**

**Choice of Entrees:**

**Peruvian Chicken**

Chargrilled half chicken with asparagus and rice

**St. Louis Style BBQ Pork Ribs**

Half or Full, Slaw and Tavern Fries

**Sesame Ginger Salmon**

Red skinned smashed potatoes with green beans with ginger glaze with sesame seeds

**Two Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes**

Handpicked jumbo crabmeat, red skinned smashed potatoes and sweet corn relish

**14 oz Ribeye**

Roasted fingerling potatoes and tomato—corn salsa

These entrees are from their dinner menu as the Tavern does not have a banquet menu. Since items like beverages and salad are a la carte and we need to figure out the tax and tip, we will have pricing information later in October.



## In the Spotlight

### Judy Hughes



I live at 22405 Robin Court, "south of Woodfield" in Gaithersburg.

As most of you know, I lost my husband, Bill, last year in an airplane accident. All the support we received from the church has carried us through the past year.

We had been married for 55 years and we had four children. Our oldest daughter, Mary Kay and her husband, Vernon, live in Mt. Airy; Marcy lives in Georgetown, Texas; and Marne and her husband, Chris, live in New Windsor, Maryland. Our son, Peter, lives with me. We have six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

All of you at Wesley Grove know our granddaughter Jessi Wagner, who is a missionary for World Child in Brooklyn. She cares very deeply for the children to whom she brings God's message to. Our church helps her financially each quarter. She loves it when she can come to our church and tell you what her ministry is and what the money is used for.

As for me, I grew up in Lakewood, New York, with my sister, Janice, and brother, Jim. I attended Lakewood Elementary and Southwestern Junior and Senior High Schools, and I vividly remember climbing trees, riding my bike all over the place, and collecting rocks.

While living in Lakewood, I was baptized, confirmed, and married to Bill in my home church. For the past 44 years, I have called Wesley Grove my church home, and I fondly remember our 1980 church centennial celebration where we all dressed up in period clothes and rode a wagon on Route 124. We also made a special cookbook.

During much of that time, I worked as an insurance analyst, but I retired several years ago to spend more time reading, working outside in my yard, and of course singing with the choir and all of our fun activities. You can find me there in the front row almost every Sunday!





# All You Can Eat Buffet Turkey & Oyster Dinner

**Adults \$19**

**Children ages 5-12 \$8**

**Preschoolers eat free!**

*Bake Table and  
Carry Out Meals Available*

**Time: 1:00 - 5:00**

**Date: Saturday,  
October 28th**

**Wesley Grove UMC  
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# On the Road

*A Musical Comedy*

**Join Slick and Slack as they journey  
on the road of life.**

This original script written by Scott Iles and Doug Gaither is accompanied by 9 favorite songs performed by the choir over the past 9 years.

Come join us on our Highway to Heaven as we laugh, cry and enjoy the jokes and uplifting music.

**PRESENTED SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017  
11:00AM AND 7:30PM**

**PRESENTED BY: WESLEY GROVE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
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GAITHERSBURG, MD 20882  
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# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship (Communion)	2	3 9:00 AM Charge Bible Study @ Salem	4 12:30 PM Daytime Circle Brown Bag 7:00 PM Choir	5 10:00 AM Bible Study @ Mt. Tabor	6 Charge Conference Reports Due 4:00 PM Harvest Festival Set-up	7 10:30 AM Harvest Festival
8 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Cantata 12:00 PM—Farewell Luncheon 7:30 PM Cantata	9 8:00 AM UMM Breakfast 7:30 PM Administrative	10 9:00 AM Charge Bible Study @ Salem	11 7:00 PM Choir	12 10:00 AM Bible Study @ Mt. Tabor 7:30 PM WG SPRC	13	14
15 Laity Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 9:00 AM Charge Bible Study @ Salem 6:45 PM Lions Club	18 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Out @ Sister's in Olney 7:00 PM Choir	19 10:00 AM Bible Study @ Mt. Tabor	20	21
22 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	23 7:30 PM Board of Trustees	24 9:00 AM Charge Bible Study @ Salem 7:30 PM Finance Committee	25 7:00 PM Choir	26 10:00 AM Bible Study @ Mt. Tabor	27 11:00 AM Dinner Set-up	28 1:00 PM—5:00 PM Turkey and Oyster Dinner
29 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM—7:30 PM Trunk or Treat	30 1:00 PM Soup Kitchen 7:30 PM Worship Comm.	31 9:00 AM Charge Bible Study @ Salem				

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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.

**We're on the Web!**  
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***Join us for our  
Turkey & Fried Oyster  
Dinner***



***Saturday, October 28  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.***

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