

Wesley Grove Messenger

July/August 2014

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, July 2
Bell Choir Begins7:00 PM
Friday, July 4 OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, July 8
New Members Class6:30 PM
Wednesday, July 9
Bell Choir7:00 PM
Friday, July 11
Celebrate Damascus
Parade7:00 PM
Sunday, July 13
Outdoor Worship &
Charge Picnic 10:30 AM
Please note time!
Tuesday, July 15
Lay Leadership Committee .7:30 PM
Wednesday, July 16
Ladies Lunch OutNOON
No Bell Choir
Sunday, July 20
Worship CommitteeNOON
Wednesday, July 23
Bell Choir7:00 PM
Monday, July 28
Finance Committee7:30 PM
Wednesday, July 30
Vitality Committee6:00 PM
Bell Choir7:00 PM
Wednesday, August 6
Bell Choir7:00 PM
Wednesday, August 13
Chancel Choir Begins.....7:00 PM
Thursday, August 14
Vitality Committee7:30 PM
Monday, August 18
Newsletter Deadline.....NOON
Wednesday, August 20
Ladies Lunch OutNOON
Fried Chicken & Ham Setup 6:00 PM
Choir.....7:00 PM

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From the Pastor's Desk

One Bread, One Body
*One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

“Do this in remembrance of me.” We hear these words recited in our communion liturgy; for us here at Wesley Grove, this means we hear them at least monthly. Yet, communion is more than a meal of remembrance; it shapes our identity as people of God. It reminds us of our oneness as the body of Christ, all sharing together in the bread of life.

Our sense of sharing together in the body of Christ is not only represented in the breaking of the one loaf of bread, but also in the *sharing* of that one loaf of bread. As we share in the one loaf, we are reminded of our unity with all Christians, not just those of us here at Wesley Grove, not just United Methodists, but with all Christians who are united together in the body of Christ.

As an elder in the United Methodist Church, it is my duty to serve you Holy Communion, but it is more than a duty for me, it is a joy to be able to serve you the elements, the gifts from our Lord's table. It is a blessing that God has called me to be *your* servant and to break from the one loaf, to share from the one cup, to celebrate with you our oneness in Christ.

In reference to our unity as God's holy Church and as we are made “one with Christ” through the Spirit, starting on the first Sunday in July, we will be celebrating the Eucharist by partaking from the *one* loaf and the *one* cup, just as the disciples did

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Lectionary Readings

July 6, 2014

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17 or Psalm 72

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 13, 2014

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalm 119:105-112 or Psalm 25

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 20, 2014

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 27, 2014

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

August 3, 2014

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

August 10, 2014

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

August 17, 2014

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

August 24, 2014

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

August 31, 2014

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

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those many years ago. For those who are worried about sharing colds, etc. Pastor John and I, together with that week's liturgist, will clean our hands prior to handling the elements. Then, either Pastor John or I will pull a piece from the one loaf and serve it to each of you as we stand as servants of our Lord and Savior. We will still have gluten-free wafers for any who has celiac disease or a gluten allergy.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all – won't you let us serve you?

Fly with Christ,

Pastor Linda

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Friday, August 22

Fried Chicken & Ham Setup . 1:00 PM

Saturday, August 23

Fried Chicken & Ham

Dinner.....1:00 - 5:00 PM

Monday, August 25

First Day of School

Finance Committee..... 7:30 PM

Tuesday, August 26

Board of Trustees 7:30 PM

July Birthdays

1	Robin Swope	23	Jim Kemp
9	Rick Monarch		Kay Snouffer
15	William Briggs	24	Bill Hughes
19	Nicholas Falk	25	Skip Ketchum
22	Ada Cox	29	Bruce Walter

August Birthdays

1	Henry King	13	Mary Ann Davis
3	Chad Kunkle	15	Douglas Green
4	Glenn Lewis	22	Sandi Johnson
5	Sam Lynagh	25	Andrew Wilson
6	Don Diddle	27	Sean Falk
	Elaine Falk		Melanie Morris
7	Lanny Williams		Brown
12	Terri Sherwood		

Administrative Council Meeting: June 9, 2014

Jackie Hottinger, Secretary

In attendance: Pastor Linda Yarrow, Mike Sherwood, Rick Monarch, Jim Kemp, Jackie Hottinger, Tammy Monarch, Judy Hughes, Ollie Gray, Doug Gaither, Scott Iles, Andi Brickman.

Devotional: Doug Gaither shared a reading based on Exodus 4:1-2 about our calling for leadership. He then led a short prayer.

Good News Items: Cleaned up our road well, enjoyed a wonderful spring pot luck luncheon, an elegant Pentecost service and closeout of Sunday school until September. We have a new pastor appointed to replace Pastor Baek to once again complete the charge. Church parking lot has been paved and looks good. The animals were blessed after a schedule change.

Action Items: Judy Hughes made a motion to accept the May 12, 2014, minutes as written and published, Rick Monarch seconded, vote taken and approved as written.

Committee Reports

Christian Fellowship: The Evening Circle and United Methodist Men have used a portion of the Spring Yard Sale proceeds toward the purchase of a new bounce house that will debut at the charge picnic in July.

Worship – Doug Gaither: Communion will consist of one loaf only beginning in July. In September, we will be starting a “Hymn of the Month” to learn new songs. The fall cantata will be on October 5th and is called “Every Moment a Song,” the music of Charles Wesley. Worship will purchase a new microphone for the pastors and hymnal CDs.

Trustees – Andi Brickman: Electric work is in progress in the church. Trustees are looking into possible roof leaks at the church and are meeting with a new State Farm agent.

Christian Education – Tammy Monarch: VBS is two weeks away. Sunday School will start back up on September 7 after summer break.

Finance – Jim Kemp: 2015 proposed budgets are due from committee chairs on or before September 8. Rick Monarch will disburse the forms in July.

New Business: SPRC will check into the possibility of a children’s summer rec program as well as possible childcare during the new members’ class (if needed). Charge conference is October 11. Pastors’ compensation packages will need to be completed and approved in September.

Kudos from the Chairman of the Board: Kudos to all those who have participated in and facilitated the growth of our children’s Sunday School program, especially Tammy Monarch and Doug Gaither. All of our thanks to you for your hard work, which has paid off so handsomely. Six years ago, getting children and families to return to the church was identified as the number one priority in ensuring the survival of Wesley Grove UMC, and we have seen the beginning of this happening this year (with a 400 percent growth rate over the last year). The most wonderful thing is seeing the children’s faces when they are in church and Sunday School; there is joy and interest (along with a little mischief) in their faces, and the clear fact that they want to be there is such a rich experience for all of us. Well done!

Next meeting: September 8, 7:30 p.m., devotions Judy Hughes. Meeting adjourned with prayer from Pastor Linda, 8:45 p.m.

Christian Fellowship News

Becky Lewis, Chair

Bring your lawn chairs! Bring your best picnic dishes! Bring your appetites! Bring your sense of play, and come to the South Damascus Charge Picnic on Sunday, July 13, on the Wesley Grove UMC grounds. We'll start things off with an outdoor worship service at 10:30 a.m. (**NOTE TIME**) and move on to a day filled with food and fun (all times approximate):

11:30 a.m.: "Happy Hour." Have a snack and a cold drink, visit with your church family.

12:30 p.m.: Lunch. Featuring roast pig (thank you, Terri and Mike!) and all sorts of other good food.

1:30 p.m.: "Play Time." Sign up for the horse-shoes tournament and/or grab a Bible bingo card. For the young and young at heart, there will be traditional picnic games (and some new twists as well). And for the truly young, bring your swimsuits and towels and plan to enjoy our Slippy Slide and **new** Bounce House!

3:00 p.m.: Dessert.

4:00 p.m.: Cleanup.

The remainder of the summer is relatively quiet: Ladies Lunch Out on July 16 and August 20 (listen for announcements in church for details), and Coffee and Conversation hosted by Charlie and Carol Stone on Sunday, August 17, following worship. We'll get back into full swing in September with a complete slate of regular activities, including our Fall Yard Sale on Saturday, September 13 (it's never too early to reserve a space!) and a celebration of Lanny Williams' 90th birthday with a post-service potluck on Sunday, September 14. And mark your calendars now for our Holly Days Bazaar coming up on Saturday, November 22.

Please congratulate Joe Mallon on being named Man of the Year a little early, as he was on vacation on Father's Day! All of our fathers and father figures were honored on that day following breakfast served by the women of the church. Singled out were most years as a Scout leader, Lance Cooper; most years as a coach, Skip Ketchum; most years as a Sunday School teacher, Doug Gaither; and "best balloon animals and jokes," Pastor Baek.

May Financial Report

Rick Monarch, Treasurer

Expenses	
Apportionments	\$1,458.25
Pastor's Salary	\$1,676.16
Pastor's Benefits	\$860.72
Housing Allowance	\$813.92
Church Secretary's Salary	\$945.00
Payroll Taxes	\$356.50
Grass Cutting and Snow Removal	\$0.00
Custodian's Salary	\$480.00
Programs	\$1095.82
Office Expenses	\$309.77
Trustees - Maintenance	\$1,405.55
Miscellaneous Adjustment	\$280.30
Total Expenses	\$9,681.99

Income	
Weekly Collections	\$4,816.84
Cell Tower - Sprint	\$1,661.08
Cell Tower - Verizon	\$1,238.06
Grocery eScrips	\$0.37
Use of Hall	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$6.16
Total Income	\$7,722.51
May 1, 2014 Checkbook Balance	\$30,107.45
May 31, 2014 Checkbook Balance	\$28,147.97

JULY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 PM Bell Choir	3	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5
6 11:00 AM Worship Communion	7	8 6:30 PM New Members Class	9 7:00 PM Bell Choir	10	11 7:00 PM Celebrate Damascus Parade	12
13 10:30 AM Outdoor Worship and Charge Picnic	14	15 7:30 PM Lay Leader- ship Committee	16 NOON Ladies Lunch Out @ Longhorn No Bell Choir	17	18	19
20 11:00 AM Worship NOON Worship Com- mittee	21	22	23 7:00 PM Bell Choir	24	25	26
27 11:00 AM Worship	28	29	30 6:30 PM Vitality Committee 7:00 PM Bell Choir	31		

AUGUST 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 11:00 AM Worship Communion	4	5	6 7:00 PM Bell Choir	7	8	9
10 11:00 AM Worship	11	12	13 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	14 7:30 PM Vitality Committee	15	16
17 11:00 AM Worship NOON Coffee & Conversation	18 NOON Newsletter Deadline	19	20 NOON Ladies Lunch Out 6:00 PM Chicken & Ham Setup 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	21	22 1:00 PM Chicken & Ham Setup	23 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Fried Chicken & Ham Dinner
24 11:00 AM Worship	25 First Day of School 7:30 PM Finance Committee	26 7:30 PM Board of Trustees	27 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	28	29	30
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Education News

Tammy Monarch, Education Chair

Our Sunday School is now taking a break for the summer months. As this school year came to a close, we recognized and honored all of our Sunday School students and their parents during our worship service on Sunday, June 8. All of our students received completion certificates and first year pins. These students included:

- Ben, Sam, and Danny Allman.
- Ryan and Tyler Cooper.
- Ciarra Crawford.
- Nicko Hull.
- Michael and Tyler Mirani.
- David, Danny, Adam, and Andrew Wilson.

Our fourth and fifth grade students also received Bibles from their Wesley Grove church family during this worship service. These special, leather-bound Bibles, called "The God's Guy Bible," were presented to:

- Ben Allman.
- Sam Allman.
- Ryan Cooper.
- Nicko Hull.
- Michael Mirani.
- David Wilson.

And finally, two of our college students applied for and received scholarship renewals from their Wesley Grove church family. We honor and congratulate these two young adults on their outstanding academic performance during their first year in college:

- Chris Lee at the University of Maryland in College Park.
- Shelby Kepner at Montgomery College in Germantown.

This summer's Vacation Bible School has just finished. We had an amazing and

wonderful week in the tropical rainforest studying, hearing, singing, acting, watching, and learning about God's unique and special creatures here on Earth! Each night, our students heard Bible stories, participated in Biblical dramas, sang upbeat songs about God and His Kingdom, viewed videos with important Christian messages, and witnessed more and more kids coming to Christ. VBS was a great week that left an unforgettable impact on all of us!

Please mark your calendars now for our return to Sunday School at 9:30 am in our Education Building beginning on Sunday, September 7. Have a happy, healthy, relaxing, and safe summer – and we'll see all of you back in the fall!

Missions Committee

Jackie Hottinger, Chair

Even though school is just now out for summer break, in mid-July we will start collecting school supplies and backpacks for Faith Connections to disburse to all of the Damascus area schools for local needy children. Supply lists will be available soon in the Greeting Room. We will also have bins in the Greeting Room to drop off your donations through the first week of August. This is one of our most successful drives, and we typically outdo ourselves every year. Thank you to everyone who participates!

If you sponsor the altar flowers, please remember to pick up them up, or make arrangements to have someone else pick them up. Please also remember the cost is \$30.50.

Thanks!



FAMILY STYLE Fried Chicken & Ham Dinner



**Saturday
August 23, 2014
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**\$13 for adults
\$6.50 for children ages 5 to 12
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Welcome!

We would like to welcome our new associate pastor, John Ampiah-Addison, to the Wesley Grove Family as of July 1, 2014. He says to call him John Addison if his second name is too difficult to pronounce.

John and his wife, Mercy, were both born in the West African Country of Ghana. John's father was a Methodist minister, who was posted to many Methodist Churches on the African continent, including Liberia. It was in Liberia that John met Mercy, in the Ebenezer United Methodist Church. They were both members of the youth fellowship and young adult fellowship for a long time. They were married when John was the Chaplain for the young adult fellowship and Mercy was President.

They are blessed with three wonderful children, John Jr., Edwin, and Eugenia.

John and Mercy have been married for 26 years. They see themselves blessed by the Lord and God brought them together to do God's work.

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