

Wesley Grove Messenger

June 2014

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, June 4
Daytime Circle
Salad Luncheon.....NOON
Choir.....7:00 PM
Sunday, June 8
Last Day of Sunday School .. 9:30 AM
Education Sunday.... during worship
Pentecost....remember to wear red!
Coffee & Conversation.....NOON
Monday, June 9
Admin. Council.....7:30 PM
Wednesday, June 11
Choir.....7:00 PM
Saturday, June 14
Special Needs
Games & Pizza5:00-8:00 PM
Sunday, June 15
Father's Day Breakfast 9:30 AM
Man of the Year during worship
Monday, June 16
Finance Committee7:30 PM
Tuesday, June 17
Board of Trustees7:30 PM
Wednesday, June 18
Newsletter Deadline.....NOON
Ladies Lunch OutNOON
Choir.....7:00 PM
Saturday, June 21
Carnival 12:00 - 2:00 PM
Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27
VBS.....5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Sunday, June 29
Worship @ Salem..... 11:00 AM
Monday, June 30
Christian Fellowship7:30 PM

From the Pastor's Desk

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1)

Dear family at Wesley Grove United Methodist Church,

I still vividly remember the night that I came to Wesley Grove UMC to meet with the SPRC for the first time. The meeting went well and everyone in the room welcomed me. I felt love and acceptance.

After the meeting, I went to the parking lot and started my car. Guess what! I found out that both my headlights were out. There was no one around me and I was a stranger in the Damascus area. I was embarrassed. I found a parts store nearby with my GPS, but it was closed. I didn't have a choice: I used high beams until I got back home. That was my first episode in the South Damascus Charge. While I was driving back to home, I asked God, "Lord, is it a good sign or not?" What do you think? It happened just a year ago, but I feel that it was like yesterday.

Looking back, I cannot but say thank God for each of you, every one. Because all of you are gifts from God to me. In the beginning of last year, I had been praying for a place to serve and I had almost given up as the appointment season was about to finish. Then, one afternoon DS Vivian McCarthy called me with the news that I had been assigned to be your part-time associate pastor. I almost burst with joy. You can imagine how excited I was and how eager to serve I was. YOU WERE A GIFT FROM GOD TO ME!

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Lectionary Readings

June 1, 2014

Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

or

Seventh 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

June 8, 2014

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 7:37-39

June 15, 2014

Trinity Sunday

First Sunday after Pentecost

Peace with Justice Sunday

Father's Day (USA)

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

June 22, 2014

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 or Psalm 17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

June 29, 2014

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

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Since I started a ministry with you, I have received love, acceptance, and support from you. I understand that it was sometimes hard to understand my sermon since English is not my native language. Despite that fact, you have attentively and patiently listened to my preaching. I really appreciated that.

I want to tell you this: it has been my honor and privilege to serve you all as the associate pastor of the South Damascus Charge. While I have been abundantly blessed by you, God now calls me to serve as a full-time pastor at the Monrovia Charge (Mountain View UMC and Pleasant Grove UMC) that is a neighbor of the South Damascus Charge. So I have to say good bye to you all. I'll start my ministry there on July 1, 2014. It's not easy to say goodbye. But it's my commitment that I need to go wherever God sends me to. Yet, as the apostle Paul said in his letter to the faith community in Philippi, we are "*confident that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.*" So I leave, knowing that Wesley Grove UMC is a wonderful and faith-filled congregation, with gifts beyond measure. I trust in the Spirit's leading the way to a future that is bright.

June 15 will be my last Sunday. I'll take with me many wonderful memories about you. Rev. Linda Yarrow has been a wonderful partner in ministry. I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for letting me be a part of your lives and for serving God and others together with you. May God bless and guide you as you move forward on a Spirit-filled journey with Rev. Linda Yarrow. And dear friends, remember always to hear God's story and know the story, so you can go into the world to tell the story and live the story! Thanks be to God!

In Christ,

Pastor Beck

Administrative Council Meeting

May 12, 2014

Jackie Hottinger, Secretary

In attendance: Pastor Linda Yarrow, Mike Sherwood, Rick Monarch, Becky Lewis, Jim Kemp, Jackie Hottinger, Tammy Monarch, Judy Hughes, Lewis Burdette, Ollie Gray, Doug Gaither, Scott Iles, Mary Ann Davis, Andi Brickman

Guest: Wanda Webb – Salem United Methodist

Devotional: Ollie Gray shared a devotional.

Good News Items: Multiple services were held at the South Damascus Charge churches for Holy Week and all were well attended. The Yard Sale was a success even though cut short by rain. The Sunday School children had a wonderful presentation to the church moms and made beautiful flower baskets for them. Mother's Day breakfast was cooked and served by the men as a tribute to their mothers and wives. Most of the mothers and children in the congregation attended and had a delicious meal (72 total!). Kris Kepner was recognized as Woman of the Year. Lions' Club dinners ended until the fall with many positive comments from well-fed Lions about the excellent food and service provided.

Action Items: Rick Monarch made a motion to accept the April 14, 2014, minutes as written and published, Mary Ann Davis seconded, vote taken and approved as written. A motion was presented by Andi Brickman for Trustees that the board approve renovations to the electrical system in the

church and paving of the parking lot. Vote taken and motion approved.

Committee Reports: Committee reports were tabled for a presentation of "How to Reach New People" by Pastor Linda Yarrow, Tammy Monarch, and Wanda Webb, who recently attended the workshop sponsored by conference. A motion was presented by Scott Iles to commit ourselves to executing the "How To Reach New People" coaching program for a period of 18 months. Vote taken, one opposed, motion carried. This will also create a new working group, "The Growth Committee," to be staffed at a later date.

Kudos from the Chairman of the Board: Kudos to those volunteers who worked to set up the yard sale and then worked under heavy duress to get everything possible under cover when the deluge began. Once that was done, tables were cleaned and stacked, chairs put away, the kitchen cleaned and the hall set up for Mother's Day breakfast. Well done!

Devotions for next meeting will be Doug Gaither. Next meeting will be Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned with a prayer from Pastor Linda at 9:12 p.m.

June Birthdays

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

Christian Fellowship News

Becky Lewis, Chair

Start the summer season off at the Daytime Circle Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, June 4, at the Education Building. Gathering time is noon, with a potluck lunch served at approximately 12:30 p.m. Everyone from the church is welcome; the Daytime Circle will then adjourn for the summer until September.

The Evening Circle will host a breakfast on Father's Day, June 15, at 9:30 a.m.; as with the salad luncheon, everyone from our church family is invited. If you would like to help with preparations, please see Becky Lewis. Like the Daytime Circle, the Evening Circle will then adjourn for the summer until time to begin preparations for their two big fall fundraisers, the Fall Yard Sale (September 13) and the Holly Days Craft Bazaar (November 22).

Following breakfast, the Christian Fellowship Committee will recognize the Wesley Grove Man of the Year, as well as all of our fathers and father figures, during the morning worship service. Our congratulations go out to Kris Kepner, named our 2014 Woman of the Year during the service on Mother's Day. In a Mother's Day twist, we asked women to think about being an aunt, and we recognized Suzie Diddle, most nieces and nephews (she wasn't sure of the exact count, but it's dozens and dozens), and Lois Kemp, Judy Hughes, and Mary Jane Walter, three-way tie for the oldest niece/nephew (late 50s). And just because a full Sunday deserves a full Saturday, please join us the previous day, June 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. as we host our Special Needs friends for an evening of board games, pizza, and chocolate. Please let Becky know if you can help.

Also on the calendar for June, Bob and Cathy Burke will host Coffee and Conversation on June 8 to coincide with the Education Com-

mittee's recognition of our graduates and Sunday School students. Ladies Lunch Out will meet on Wednesday, June 18, at noon at GrillMarx to close out the month's activities.

Just because we're closing the June schedule at that point, it doesn't mean Christian Fellowship is closing down for the summer...our charge picnic is just around the corner on Sunday, July 13. We will start the day with an outdoor worship service at 10:30 a.m. (note special time), move on to "Happy Hour" behind the Education Building at 11:30, followed by lunch at 12:30, then an afternoon of games and activities (including new children's activities), and finish up with dessert at approximately 3 p.m. Plan to come and spend the day with your church family! The Christian Fellowship Committee will meet on Monday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m. to go over picnic details.

Sunday School News

Tammy Monarch, Education Chair

Since Easter, our Sunday School students have been studying the Book of Acts, learning about the actions of the apostles after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, and most recently, focusing on the life and evangelism of Paul. We plan to continue classes through June 15, which is also Father's Day. We will then resume Sunday School in September when we all return to school.

On Sunday, June 8, we will recognize **Education Sunday** by honoring our Sunday School students and their parents during our regular worship service. All of our students will receive their first-year pins, and our older students will receive their first Bibles from their Wesley Grove church family. Coffee and Conversation after the service will honor all of our students and their families. Please make plans now to join us on this very special day!

JUNE 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Communion	2	3	4 NOON Daytime Circle Salad Luncheon 7:00 Choir	5	6	7
8 Education Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship NOON Coffee & Conversation	9 7:30 PM Admin. Council	10	11 7:00 PM Choir	12	13	14 5:00 - 8:00 PM Special Needs Pizza and Games Night
15 9:30 AM Father's Day Breakfast 11:00 AM Worship Man of the Year	16 7:30 PM Finance Committee	17 7:30 PM Board of Trustees	18 NOON Newsletter Deadline NOON Ladies Lunch Out @ GrillMarx 7:00 PM Choir	19	20	21 1200 - 2:00 PM Carnival 2:30 PM VBS Setup
22 11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM VBS Setup	23 5:30 - 8:30 PM Vacation Bible School	24 5:30 - 8:30 PM Vacation Bible School Primary Election Day	25 5:30 - 8:30 PM Vacation Bible School	26 5:30 - 8:30 PM Vacation Bible School	27 5:30 - 8:30 PM Vacation Bible School	28
29 11:00 AM Joint Worship @ Salem UMC	30 7:30 Christian Fellowship					

FREE Vacation Bible School!

Music

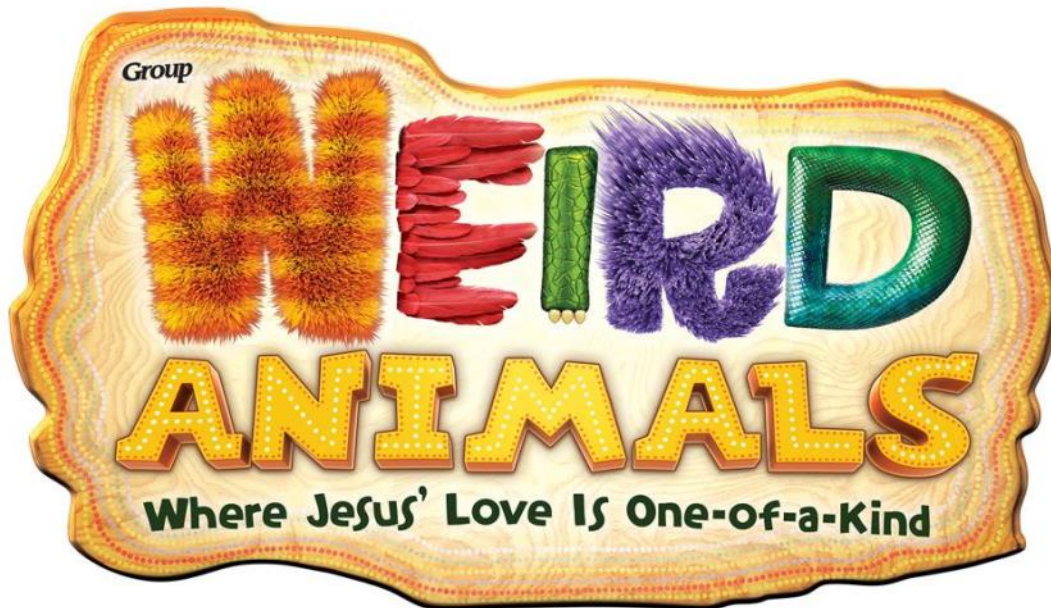
Games

Theater

Arts & Crafts

Bible Stories

FUN!



Dates: June 23rd - June 27th

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

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Communications Committee News

Scott Iles, Chair

To all Committee Chairs, their members, and event coordinators:

In an effort to keep our “best foot forward” with the community and those who see our church signs, as a matter of policy, we strive to ensure that the sign information is current. If someone drives by our signs and sees an event that was three days prior, for example, this indicates to the public that we are not a “current” church, but a “lazy” church that doesn’t make the simplest effort to keep public signage information up to date.

For anyone who is hosting an event at the church that occurs on a Friday after office hours, a Saturday, or on a Sunday: church policy is that whoever is hosting the event is responsible for changing the sign to the next event. Karen Allman, our office manager, will ensure that the next event’s information, sign letters, and sign keys are placed in a box in the Education Building ready to be posted. For example, if an event is held on Saturday, and the event is on the sign, whoever is hosting the event is responsible for changing the sign to the next event after the current event concludes. An exception to this is during inclement weather. For safety, we don’t want anyone changing the sign in bad conditions. If an event runs into the evening, please have at least two people out there changing the sign together. One argument I heard was that “our committee” sponsors the event, so no one person is in charge of the event. Whoever chairs that committee IS in charge, and there must be someone designated to change the sign.

We need to remain current at all times, and those persons/committees hosting events are the most logical choices to change signage information. For events during the business week, the office manager will update the signs as necessary. By keeping our signs up to date, the community knows what we are hosting, and every event receives maximum sign advertisement time.

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April 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	\$1,035.00
Payroll Taxes	\$303.36
Grass Cutting and Snow Removal	\$0.00
Custodian’s Salary	\$480.00
Programs	\$728.42
Office Expenses	\$0.00
Trustees - Maintenance	\$2,302.89
Miscellaneous Adjustment	-\$55.64
Total Expenses	\$9,603.08
Income	
Weekly Collections	\$6,847.62
Cell Tower - Sprint	\$1,661.08
Cell Tower - Verizon	\$1,238.06
Grocery eScrips	\$3.37
Use of Hall	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$10.19
Total Income	\$9,760.32
April 1, 2014 Checkbook Balance	\$29,950.21
April 30, 2014 Checkbook Balance	\$30,107.45

VBS News

Tammy Monarch, Education Chair

This summer's Vacation Bible School is just three weeks away! We will hold it in the evenings from 5:30-8:30 during the week of Monday, June 23 through Friday, June 27, 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 offer a special class just for our preschoolers ages 3 to 5.

Our theme is "**Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind.**" We are asking all of you to check in your basements, garages, attics, and closets for anything that looks jungle-y or like it came from the rainforest – large plants, bright flowers, vines, stuffed toucans, snakes, parrots, sloths, jaguars, etc. We can also use a variety of umbrellas, black lights, and black plastic or tarps. Please let Tammy Monarch know if you have any of these items that we can borrow 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 children!

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Also, as a reminder, anyone submitting an article for *The Messenger* should use the "newsletter template." This template ensures all submissions follow the same font/size schemes and makes the newsletter easier to read visually. If you do not have the template and would like to submit an article, you may contact the office manager or any member of this committee for assistance. Thanks for your support, and keep communicating!

Wesley Grove 2014 Graduate Recognition

These students graduated from college this spring...

Leslie Gaither: Leslie, the oldest daughter of proud parents, Doug Gaither and Scott Iles, graduated from Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland on May 17 with two associates of science degrees, one in applied technical sciences and one in general studies. Leslie is currently awaiting her acceptance into the registered nursing evening program at Allegany College. Congratulations and best wishes, Leslie!

Olivia Gaither: Olivia, the youngest daughter of Doug and Scott, also graduated from college on May 17. She attended Garrett College for the past two years on a full scholarship and received an associate of arts in teaching degree in both elementary education and special education. Olivia is planning to attend Frostburg State University in the fall to earn her bachelor's degree in education. She is currently substitute teaching in the Garrett County Public School System as well as working part-time at a Christmas shop. Olivia, we all wish you a wonderful career as a teacher – you make your dads proud!

Andrew Sheetz: Andrew, one of Andre and Jenny Mirani's four sons, graduated from the University of Maryland's University College in May with a dual bachelor's degree in both business administration and in marketing. He began his master's degree program just three days after his undergraduate graduation. Andrew also works for Verizon Communications part-time. Congratulations from all of us here at Wesley Grove, Andrew!

If you sponsor altar flowers, please remember to pick up them up, or make arrangements to have someone else pick them up. Thanks!

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