

## Dates to Remember

Monday, June 1  
 Finance Committee .....7:30 PM

Wednesday, June 3  
 Daytime Circle  
 Brown Bag Lunch ..... 12:30 PM  
 Choir.....7:00 PM

Sunday, June 7  
 Education Sunday.....11:00 AM  
*Coffee and Conversation following*  
 Youth Mini-Golf.....1:00 PM

Monday, June 8  
 Admin. Council.....7:30 PM

Wednesday, June 10  
 Choir.....7:00 PM

Sunday, June 14  
 Joint Service @ Salem .....11:00 AM  
*Potluck Luncheon to follow*

Wednesday, June 17  
 Ladies Lunch Out .....NOON  
 Choir.....7:00 PM

Thursday, June 18  
 Newsletter Deadline.....NOON  
 Christian Fellowship .....7:30 PM

Sunday, June 21  
 Father's Day Breakfast .....9:30 AM  
 Man of the Year ..... *during worship*

Monday, June 22  
 Finance Committee .....7:30 PM

Tuesday, June 23  
 Board of Trustees.....7:30 PM

Wednesday, June 24  
 Choir.....7:00 PM

Saturday, June 27  
 Special Needs Picnic.... 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Sunday, June 28  
 Frederick Keys Outing  
*(Time varies on individual preference;  
 tickets were purchased in advance.)*

## From the Pastor's Desk

*Or what man of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!*  
 Matthew 7:9-11

Soon, summer break from school will be on us, and our children will be busy doing what they do best: playing, running, laughing, and having a good ole' time in the summer sun. As parents, we will do everything we can to keep our children safe. We will lather them with sun block. We will not let them in a swimming pool unattended. We will fuss at people who are speeding up and down our streets. You name it, we will do it. We do all we can to keep our children and the other children in our neighborhoods safe, but what we can do is miniscule compared to what our Father does for us ... even when we do not take the time to notice it, even when we are in a big rush.

We are the Father's children, and much as we want to give our children the best we can, our Father wants to give us the best. This is not saying that asking God to give you what YOU perceive as good things is what you will get. For instance, no matter how sincerely you pray for a brand new Rolls-Royce or Mercedes Benz, I'm pretty sure you will not wake up one morning to find one in your driveway any more than you would give your children ice cream sundaes every day in the summer, no matter how much they beg you for them. Just as we know that those would not be good things to give our children, God also knows what is best for us. When we read about Jesus stating that our Father wants to give "good things to those who ask him," he is not talking about giving us our current desires, but rather, that we trust that God will give

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### Lectionary Readings

June 7, 2015

*2nd Sunday after Pentecost*

*Education Sunday*

1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15

Psalms 138

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

June 14, 2015

*3rd Sunday after Pentecost*

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalms 20 or Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Mark 4:26-34

June 21, 2015

*4th Sunday after Pentecost*

*Father's Day*

1 Samuel 17: 1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

Psalms 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

June 28, 2015

*5th Sunday after Pentecost*

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

### April Financial Report

*Rick Monarch, Treasurer*

Expenses	
Apportionments	\$1,360.08
Pastor Salary	\$1,729.58
Pastor Benefits	\$880.32
Housing Allowance	\$827.75
Church Secretary	\$885.00
Payroll Taxes	\$76.03
Grass Cutting and Snow Removal	\$0.00
Custodian	\$500.00
Programs	\$1,612.09
Office Expenses	\$64.41
Trustees - Maintenance	\$2,844.61
Miscellaneous Adjustment	\$333.27
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,113.14</b>

Income	
Weekly Collections	\$7,041.55
Cell Tower - Sprint	\$1,710.91
Cell Tower - Verizon	\$1,275.20
Grocery eScripts	\$6.97
Use of Hall	\$280.00
Interest Income	\$6.37
Housing Allowance Reimbursement	\$827.75
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$11,148.75</b>
April 1, 2015 Checkbook Balance	\$36,781.04
April 30, 2015 Checkbook Balance	\$36,816.65

### June Birthdays

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

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us the manna we need for nourishment and the love we need to sustain us. We must trust that God will give us enough time to enjoy the flowers in our gardens and to tell those in our lives that we love them, as well as the ability to protect those who need protection in the best way we can. God will give us the good things: not the things we think are good, but those things that we need to make our lives more fulfilling and more joyful, the things that help us live as Jesus' disciples.

That fancy new car or whatever thing we believe we must have for happiness will lose its newness and its appeal, and we will move on to the next thing we believe we must have to be happy. Those are not the good things God promises. And truthfully, such outrageous desires for happiness are not what we would give to our children either. You might buy them swimmyies to keep them safe in the swimming pool when they really want a diving board, and you will do what is best for them. You will give them the good things that they need to be safe, to grow, and to be loved — rather than rocks and serpents. These are the good things our Father will give to us — the things we need to grow, to be safe, and to be loved. And if we, who are flawed, can do a fair-to-middling job caring for our children, God can be trusted to do so much better for us.

It is almost summer break. Take care of our children. Watch out for them playing. Make it safe for them to run and jump. Give them your best, and know your Father in heaven is giving you all good things also. Have a happy and safe summer! Enjoy it with your family, your friends, and your church family. Remember, even though it is summer break, church doesn't close for the summer. We have exciting events going on. Have fun this summer and see you in church!

*Pastor Linda*

## Missions News

*Jackie Hottinger, Chair*

The Missions Committee has sent a check for \$500 to UMCOR for Nepal Earthquake relief and we will send another check for \$500 to UMCOR for U.S. tornado and storm relief. Mother Nature started early this spring and has already hit some of the Midwest and Texas hard with devastating tornadoes. Our friends and neighbors need all the help we can give.

During the months of June and July, we will collect personal and toiletry items for the Pleasant View Nursing Home. Most of those residents are very needy. Please grab a flyer from the Greeting Room if you can help with this project. A group from Wesley Grove will be going there on Sunday, July 26, for "Christmas in July Caroling" to sing and will deliver all the goodies, including cookies, of course!

Thank you so much to everyone who participates in our missions projects. We are so blessed to have so many generous people.

If you have any projects you would like us to explore, please speak to a member of the Missions Committee.



*Parades, Pets,  
and Purchases.*

*That Was May!*



## Christian Fellowship News

*Becky Lewis, Chair*

Congratulations to Betty Duvall, honored on Mother's Day as Wesley Grove Woman of the Year for her lifetime of service. All of Miss Betty's family was on hand to see the "passing of the tiara" and the warm applause from her church family. We followed that up by learning more about several of our mothers: Elaine Falk is the tallest (5-9½); Jenny Mirani, the shortest (5 feet even); Miss Betty's granddaughter, Amy, had the heaviest baby at 9 pounds, 14 ounces; and Sharon Johnson, weighing in at 3 pounds, 3 ounces, brought Sandi honors by being the smallest baby. Prior to the service, everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by the United Methodist Men, where the following women took home the table flowers: Namela Miller, Alicia Wilson, Tammy Monarch, Christel Bivens, Jaime Crawford, Ruth Hobbs, Mindy Oliver, Becky Lewis, Jackie Hottinger, Lois Kemp, Susan Park, and Susie Cooper. Thanks to all of our women for the nurturing and support they provide to all of us!

Plan to be in church on Father's Day, June 21, when the women of the Evening and Daytime Circles will provide breakfast for everyone following a short Sunday School program at 9:30 a.m. During the worship service, our Man of the Year will be honored, and we'll honor some "special" fathers — and all men — as well. There's no telling what you might learn about them!

While Father's Day might be the highlight of the June schedule, the rest of the month is, as usual, quite busy. The Daytime Circle invites everyone to come to their Salad Luncheon Potluck on Wednesday, June 3, at 12:30 p.m. in the Education Building; bring a dish to share and enjoy a relaxing mid-week meal with your church family. The Daytime Circle

will next meet in September. Next up, Elaine and Randy Falk will host Coffee and Conversation following the Education Sunday service on Sunday, June 7, and after the refreshments end, our UMY will travel to Gaithersburg to play Mini-Golf later that afternoon. Ladies Lunch Out takes place on Wednesday, June 17, at noon, and the Christian Fellowship Committee will hold a summer planning meeting on Thursday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Building.

Closing out the month, we'll welcome our Special Needs friends for a summertime evening of food and fun on Saturday, June 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Education Building, and on Sunday, June 28, a group will travel to Frederick for the Frederick Keys Faith Night event (tickets were purchased in advance.; individual preference on departure time.)

Many of our groups will take a break in the summer, but please mark your July calendar for two upcoming events: Our Charge Picnic will fill the day on Sunday, July 19, starting with an outdoor worship service in the pavilion at **10 a.m.**; and on Sunday, July 26, at 4 p.m., we'll launch a new event, Christmas in July Caroling. We'll visit Pleasant View and Lorien in Mt. Airy to sing some familiar hymns for the residents, then return to the pavilion for a potluck supper. And we do promise that August is going to be quiet... at least we think so!

### Looking Ahead...

*Evening Circle*

Please save any "dead" light bulbs for a craft that we will be making for next fall's Holly Days Craft Bazaar. We can use all different sizes and shapes - in fact, the more unusual, the better! Please give these to Tammy Monarch. Thanks so much!

## 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 and other early Christians. We plan to continue classes through the third Sunday in June, which is also Father's Day (June 21). We will then stop for the summer and resume Sunday School classes in September when we all return to school.

On Sunday, June 7, we will celebrate **Education Sunday** by recognizing and honoring our Sunday School students and their parents during our regular worship service. All of our students will receive their attendance pins, and some of our students will receive their first Bibles from their Wesley Grove church family. We will also recognize and celebrate our high school graduates at this time. Coffee and Conversation after the service will honor all of our students. Please make plans now to join us on this very special day!

## VBS News

*Tammy Monarch, Education Chair*

This summer's Vacation Bible School is just six weeks away! We will be holding it in the evenings from 5:30-8:30 during the week of Monday, July 13, through Friday, July 17, 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 3-5. You can register your children now on our church website, or ask either Office Manager Karen Allman or Tammy Monarch for a registration form.

Our theme is "**Climbing High to Reach Heaven.**" We are asking all of you to check in your basements, garages, attics, and closets for anything that looks like it belongs in the Himalayan Mountains: camping gear, lanterns, backpacks, tents, snowshoes, skis, rock climbing gear, ropes, snowy backdrops, etc. We can also use black lights and/or black plastic or tarps. Please let Tammy 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 kids!

## Wesley Grove Graduate Recognition

**Shane Kepner:** Shane, son of Kris Kepner and grandson of Jim and Lois Kemp, will graduate from Damascus High School on the morning of Friday, May 29. Damascus is one of only a few Montgomery County High Schools to still hold their graduation ceremonies on their home fields. After graduation, Shane hopes to pursue a career in auto mechanics – probably attending a trade school in the fall. Shane, please know that your Wesley Grove church family wishes you all the best in your future!

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## Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power

Date: July 13th - July 17th

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

Location: Wesley Grove United Methodist Church  
23614 Woodfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Come! Embark on an icy expedition where we will overcome obstacles with God's awesome power! We will learn to anchor ourselves in rock-solid Bible truths that will guide you through all of life's challenges!



## Communications Committee News

*Scott Iles, Chair*

Greetings, everyone:

As time marches on and we move along with it into the future of technology, the Communications Committee is enhancing church messaging connectivity by expanding the current Robocall feature across various groups. For example, the current feature allows a message to be transmitted to Robocall list parishioners in the event of church closure due to weather. We are expanding this function to include the following four groups, as a start: "attending church" parishioners, Sunday School families, the Prayer Chain, and Special Needs participants.

You could possibly belong to one or more of these groups. You all may soon see an invitation from Office Manager Karen Allman to be a part of these groups in the event the church needs to notify you of something of importance specific to the call groups. Your participation may include communications via Robocall, e-mail, or both, and these options are completely voluntary, but will benefit you.

The office manager and the Robocall administrator will protect your personal telephone numbers, the groups to which you belong, and your e-mail addresses. This committee never endorses the release of parishioner information to any third parties.

When the offer is made to join any of the groups, please consider opting to join in, since this is a benefit to "keeping you in the loop" for necessary messages from the church. Since the Prayer Chain is included in this expansion, once this program implements, you will no longer receive a telephone message from within the existing chain. Instead, you will re-

ceive a recorded message (and/or e-mail) from the office manager for any Prayer Chain communications.

As a separate reminder, for any events that require involvement of the media or official statements, the pastors are authorized to speak specifically on behalf of the United Methodist Conference and/or their own positions and beliefs. All other media correspondence must go through Public Affairs Officer Tammy Monarch, who will coordinate with internal committees before issuing any formal responses from the church to the media.

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 for assistance.

### **A Huge Welcome to Our Newest Member of Wesley Grove!**

**Patrick O'Connor** joined our church family during the worship service on Sunday, May 17. He has grown up in the Damascus area and currently resides in the Plantations neighborhood with his family. He is attending Montgomery College and hopes to pursue a degree in science communications at the University of Maryland. Patrick, please know that we are excited and eager to get to know you as part of our Wesley Grove church family!

Please add Patrick's contact information to your church directory:

Patrick O'Connor  
10169 Peanut Mill Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20882  
H: (301) 253-6015



## Administrative Council Meeting May 11, 2015

*In attendance: Bob Burke, Rick Monarch, Pastor Linda Yarrow, Pastor John Ampiah-Addison, Jackie Hottinger, Tammy Monarch, Judy Hughes, Lewis Burdette, Becky Lewis, Doug Gaither, Jim Kemp, Scott Iles, Ollie Gray*

**Devotional:** Tammy Monarch shared a reading from "Mosaic" by Pastor Shane Stanford based on John 14, reflecting on how God teaches us responsibility.

**Good News Items:** Mother's Day breakfast was delicious, very well attended and Betty Duvall was named "Woman of the Year;" we had a profitable yard sale, and a good speaker for Native American Sunday. The 2014 audit is complete and the general fund ended the year with more money than it started.

**Action Items:** Ollie Gray made a motion to accept the April 13, 2015, minutes as written and published, Judy Hughes seconded, vote taken and approved as written.

### Committee Reports

**Missions - Jackie Hottinger:** Missions made a \$500 donation to UMCOR for Nepal earthquake relief.

**Communications - Scott Iles:** Robocall in progress for folks "attending service," Sunday School, Special Needs participants, and Prayer Chain groups.

**Christian Education - Tammy Monarch:** Scholarship will be awarded on May 24. Last day of Sunday School classes for this year is June 14.

**SPRC - Ollie Gray:** Survey for improved pastoral communication (part of pastors' goals) will be coming out soon.

**Vitality - Pastor Linda:** Will have a late summer meeting to plan more activities.

**Pastor's Report - Pastor Linda:** We are not allowed to have any alcohol products, sponsorships, etc. at any church function.

**Old Business:** Waiting on a contract from Potomac Edison with pricing for the parking lot lights. Trustees will bring up part-time handyman request to the Finance Committee at the next Finance meeting.

**New Business:** Doug Gaither made a motion for the Administrative Council to meet every other month after the June 2015 meeting and the July/August recess. Thus, 2015 would finish up with September and November meetings, and in 2016, Council will meet in odd months. Ollie Gray seconded, vote taken, and motion carried. Tammy and Doug led a discussion of the need to start planning a fall confirmation class. Starting with this month's report, Administrative Council minutes will be distributed to the members for review when the report is sent to the Chair for approval. Beginning in 2016, the Lay Delegate to Conference will present the ballots to the Ad Council for that year's Annual Conference to the Council on their receipt in February to allow members to have input on the vote. That way, the Lay Delegate and pastors can vote according to the Council's advice.

Devotions for next meeting will be Becky Lewis.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned by Bob Burke at 9:05 p.m.

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

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Brian Lewis

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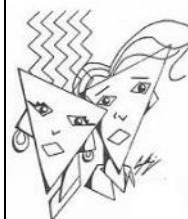
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# JUNE 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7:30 PM Finance Committee	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> NOON Daytime Circle Salad Luncheon 7:00 PM Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship (Communion, Education Sunday)) NOON Fellowship Hour 1:00 PM Youth Mini Golf	<b>8</b> 7:30 PM Admin. Council	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 11:00 AM Joint Worship @ Salem <i>Potluck Luncheon to follow</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> NOON Ladies Lunch Out 7:00 PM Choir	<b>18</b> NOON Newsletter Deadline 7:30 PM Christian Fellowship	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>21</b> 9:30 AM Father's Day Breakfast 11:00 AM Worship Man of the Year	<b>22</b> 7:30 PM Finance Committee	<b>23</b> 7:30 PM Board of Trustees	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:00 - 8:00 pm Special Needs Summer Fling
<b>28</b> 11:00 AM Worship Frederick Keys outing (tickets purchased in advance; your preference on time)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				



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***Please join us...***

**Education Sunday,  
June 7, 11 a.m.**

**Special Father's Day  
Events, June 21,  
starting at 9:30 a.m.**

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