

Wesley Grove Messenger

May 2014

Dates to Remember

Saturday, May 3	
Way Off Broadway	6:00 PM
Monday, May 5	
Memorial and Scholarship Committee Meeting	7:30PM
Wednesday, May 7	
Daytime Circle Brown Bag Lunch	12:30 PM
Choir	7:00 PM
Thursday, May 8	
Bible Study	7:30 PM
Friday, May 9	
Yard Sale Setup	7:00 PM
Saturday, May 10	
Spring Yard Sale	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sunday, May 11	
Mother's Day Breakfast	9:30 AM
Woman of the Year.....	during worship
Monday, May 12	
Admin. Council.....	7:30 PM
Wednesday, May 14	
Choir	7:00 PM
Thursday, May 15	
Bible Study	7:30 PM
Saturday, May 17	
Rustic Road Cleanup	8:30 AM
Blessing of the Animals	1:00 PM
Sunday, May 18	
Spring Pot Luck	NOON
<i>Guest of honor Pastor Baek</i>	
Monday, May 19	
Newsletter Deadline	NOON
Tuesday, May 20	
VBS Meeting	7:30 PM
Wednesday, May 21	
Ladies Lunch Out.....	NOON
Choir	7:00 PM
Thursday, May 22	
Bible Study	7:30 PM
Tuesday, May 27	
Board of Trustees	7:30 PM
Wednesday, May 28	
Choir	7:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk

It's Spring! Although I think someone forgot to tell that to Mother Nature. She keeps dumping snow and sleet on us, even though spring officially arrived at 12:57 p.m. on March 20. After a rough winter, we've gotten an unpredictable spring. Last week, I had two daffodils - then six daffodils - then it sleeted and snowed and beat them down, and I had no daffodils. But this morning - well, this morning I have eight daffodils! There is hope, hope that spring has finally come. Mother Nature may keep beating down my daffodils, but she can't do it forever: There will be more daffodils tomorrow!

And I hold onto that hope just as I hold onto the hope found in the now empty cross. When life gets hard - or even a little rough - we can look at the empty cross, knowing that before it was empty, the human being on it suffered greatly. He was filled with pain, despair, anguish, and sorrow, and death even defeated him for a short time. The empty cross leads us to the empty tomb. God gives us hope that the death of today will be defeated through the empty tomb, because God defeated death by raising the Beloved, by raising our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Knowing that Jesus suffered so greatly on that Friday, and yet God defeated death three days later, is a promise that reassures me that whatever I may be going through today, God is right there. If I want him to, he will help me through to the hope of a better day tomorrow, to the hope that despite today's snow and sleet, tomorrow will have more daffodils. God is with us, God loves us. Even when we get beaten down like my poor broken daffodils, even when we feel hopeless, God is with us and gives us hope that tomorrow, or maybe the next day or the day after that, there will be daffodils.

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Lectionary Readings

May 4, 2014

Third Sunday of Easter

Native American Ministries Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

May 11, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Festival of the Christian Home (Mothers' Day)

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

May 18, 2014

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

May 25, 2014

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

May 29, 2014

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

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Even if Mother Nature dumps more snow on the daffodils - even if life throws another curve ball - we have hope for tomorrow because the Son went to the cross, because the tomb is empty. And that is enough to get us through today.

Fly with Christ,
Pastor Linda Yarrow

Memorial and Scholarship News

Jim Kemp, Chair

The Memorial and Scholarship Committee will meet on Monday, May 5, 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.

May Birthdays

4 Marne Hughes-	14 Tim Bowie
Rammling	Jeff Lewis
5 Judy Hughes	18 Leroy Harper
6 Cherie Morris	21 Sue Ketchum
7 Donnie Hottinger	Frank Miller
9 Larry Cox	25 Clark Kunkle
10 Lou Lynagh	30 Bryce Davis
13 Jerry Warfield-	
Mallack	

Administrative Council Meeting

April 14, 2014

In attendance: Pastor Linda Yarrow, Mike Sherwood, Rick Monarch, Becky Lewis, Jim Kemp, Jackie Hottinger, Tammy Monarch, Judy Hughes, Lewis Burdette, Ollie Gray

Devotional: Jackie shared a reading by K.P. Yohannan titled "Keep Looking At What Jesus is Doing."

Good News Items: The Easter Cantata was a huge success, well attended and some called it the "best ever." Church Games Night at the Monarchs was fun with great fellowship, good games, and great food! The Rustic Road clean-up and the church clean-up day were well attended; the amount of trash and debris removed was remarkable. The Easter Egg Hunt was great fun and had a large attendance of 35 children.

Action Items: Ollie made a motion to accept the March 10, 2014, minutes as written and published, Judy Hughes seconded, vote taken and approved as written.

Committee Reports

Finance - Jim Kemp: Finances are doing well.

Missions - Jackie Hottinger: We will make basic care kits for the un-housed in Baltimore City for Pastor Linda to take to Annual Conference.

Education - Tammy Monarch: The Sunday after Easter is the one-year anniversary of Family Sunday School. Attendance has grown from three to more than 20 in one year!

Trustees - Jim Kemp for Andi Brickman: Electrical work should start in the church around May 1.

Christian Fellowship - Becky Lewis: The Spring Pot Luck on May 18 will be a thank you to Pastor Baek for a wonderful year of service.

Kudos from the Chairman of the Board: Kudos to those volunteers who clean up our section of Watkins Road. It is a community service that shows "Wesley Grove UMC Cares" and makes the neighborhood safer and less unsightly. It is a time-consuming, dirty, and sometimes hazardous job that has been done well. Praise to all who have worked to make our part of the road cleaner and better maintained!

Next meeting will be Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Devotions: Ollie.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer from Pastor Linda at 8:39 p.m.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Tammy Monarch, Education Chair

Our Christian Education Committee will honor and celebrate our high school and college graduates during the worship service on Sunday, June 8. If you know of someone in our church family who is graduating this year, please contact Tammy Monarch at (301) 253-0044 as soon as possible. June Coffee and Conversation, after that service, will honor our graduates.

MAY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 6:00 PM Way Off Broadway
4 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	5 7:30 PM Memorial and Scholarship Committee Meeting	6 6:45 PM Lions Club	7 12:30 PM Daytime Circle Brown Bag Lunch 7:00 PM Choir	8 7:30 PM Bible Study	9 7:00 PM Yard Sale Set up	10 9:00 AM -2:00 PM Spring Yard Sale
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Spring Yard Sale and Fundraising Cookout

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Christian Fellowship News

Becky Lewis, Chair

It's May, and once again, the Christian Fellowship schedule is filled with major events: the Spring Yard Sale, Woman of the Year, Mothers' Day Breakfast, Pastor Baek's Farewell Potluck....mark up your calendars and plan to spend lots of time with your church family!

Running through the month chronologically, if you purchased tickets for "Singin' in the Rain" at Way Off Broadway, doors open for the May 3 show at 6 p.m. Remember, Way Off Broadway does not permit denim attire, and if you wish to have anything other than coffee, tea, or water to drink, there is an extra charge. (New policy: those beverage orders may be placed on your credit card if your bill totals \$10 or more, but regardless, the gratuity must be left in cash.)

Next up, the Daytime Circle meets for its monthly Brown Bag Lunch on May 7, at 12:30 p.m. in the Education Building. Bring your sandwich, salad, etc., and come for a time of visiting and fellowship.

The Education Building will also be the site of the next event up on the schedule, the Spring Yard Sale. If you have items to donate for sale by the Evening Circle, please bring them to the Education Building on or before Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m., when we will meet for pricing and setup. Or, if you want your own space(s) at a cost of \$10 each, please see Tammy Monarch or call (301) 253-0044 to claim your spot. Helping hands are needed both Friday and Saturday; please see Tammy or Becky Lewis. Sales kick off at 9 a.m. on Saturday and run through 2 p.m.; the United Methodist Men will sell their signature breakfast sandwiches and a variety of items from the grill through-

out the day. The UMM would appreciate donations of cookies, brownies, or candy packaged in individual dessert portions.

The UMM would also appreciate your presence at Mothers' Day Breakfast the next morning, May 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Education Building. **Everyone** is invited. Men who would like to help with either event, please see Brian Lewis. Also on Mothers' Day, our WGUMC Woman of the Year will be honored during the worship service, and all of our women will be recognized in honor of Mothers' Day (some in ways that may require them to stretch their memories!)

Plan to return to the Education Building the following Sunday, May 18, when Pastor Baek is our guest of honor at the Spring Potluck Luncheon. The Christian Fellowship Committee will provide drinks, paper goods, meat, and dessert; please bring a side dish or salad to share, along with a card or a note that wishes Pastor Baek well and expresses your appreciation for the joy he has brought to our congregation in the past year.

The busy May schedule wraps up before Memorial Day Weekend with Ladies Lunch Out on May 21 at noon; listen for announcements in church as to location.

May's events alone are a lot to take in, but just a quick reminder that in June, we will have:

- ◆ June 8, Coffee and Conversation (Graduate Sunday), hosts Bob & Cathy Burke.
- ◆ June 14, Special Needs Games and Pizza Night.
- ◆ June 15, Fathers' Day Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; Fathers' Day/Man of the Year recognition during service.
- ◆ June 18, Ladies Lunch Out, 12 p.m.

Sunday School News

Tammy Monarch, Education Chair

As many of you know, our Sunday School class started back up exactly one year ago! Mr. Doug and I are very, very excited that in just one year, we have grown from three students to about 20-25 students (both youth and adults) every Sunday. All of our students, regardless of age, are enthusiastic and eager to learn about God and his son, Jesus Christ!

During the past year, we studied and learned about the various symbols of Christianity, the Lord's Prayer, why we sin, the history of Mothers' and Fathers' Days, the armor of God, and various Bible personalities including Deborah, Hannah, Elijah, Elisha, Eli, Samuel, Solomon, and David.

Since the beginning of Advent, we have been reading and learning about the life of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We have read most of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, finding out as much as we can about Jesus and his life as an infant, child, and young adult. Throughout Lent, we followed in his footsteps, bringing various kinds of shoes with us each Sunday to represent all the different things that Jesus can and does do for us. As part of this study, each student became an "expert" on one of his miracles and presented that to our class. We have watched several videos in our Sunday School as well as taken a field trip to view "The Son of God" together one Sunday afternoon. This movie has become the glue that holds all of our lessons together because, now, all of our students have visual pictures in their minds of Jesus, his friends, and how their world looked and acted around them.

We have had a very exciting, interesting, informative, and fun year! Since our stu-

dents range in age from 2 to 65, you are all welcome to join us. Please feel free to come any Sunday, and if any of you know of any other children who would like to join us, please let us know. We would love to keep growing!

We plan to continue classes through June 8, which is also Christian Education Sunday. During the worship service on this day, we will celebrate and honor all of our Sunday School stu-

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March 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	\$855.00
Payroll Taxes	\$277.48
Grass Cutting and Snow Removal	\$937.50
Custodian's Salary	\$480.00
Programs	\$1,203.75
Office Expenses	\$49.00
Trustees - Maintenance	\$2,985.85
Miscellaneous Adjustment	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$11,597.63
Income	
Weekly Collections	\$8,778.47
Cell Tower - Sprint	\$1,661.08
Cell Tower - Verizon	\$1,238.06
Grocery eScrips	\$4.65
Use of Hall	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$9.21
Turkey & Oyster Dinner Proceeds	\$3,000.00
Total Income	\$14,691.47
March 1, 2014 Checkbook Balance	\$26,856.37
March 31, 2014 Checkbook Balance	\$29,950.21

VBS News

Tammy Monarch, Education Chair

This summer's Vacation Bible School is only two months away! We will once again hold it in our Education Building in the evenings, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on June 23-27. Please save this week and pass the word on to your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors.

We are already planning and preparing for VBS. Our theme this year is "God's Love for the Unique Creatures in His Kingdom." We are asking all of you to check in your basements, garages, attics, and closets for items that could be used to create and decorate a tropical rainforest, including:

- ◆ Big, leafy, fake plants, vines, and assorted greenery.
- ◆ Bright plastic flowers (the bigger, the better!)
- ◆ Umbrellas of any color (it doesn't matter if they are broken).
- ◆ Pieces of green, brown, and/or black cloth.
- ◆ Stuffed parrots, toucans, snakes, frogs, jaguars, etc.
- ◆ Big pieces of black plastic.
- ◆ Black lights.

Please collect and save these things for us. We can also always use large pieces of cardboard for creating scenery and props, so if you buy any new appliances between now and the week of VBS, please save the boxes.

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 Monarch know at (301) 253-0044. We'd love to have you, your creative ideas, your willingness to help, and of course, your love of children!

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dents. On June 15, Father's Day, we will have a short Sunday School lesson and then move to the main room for breakfast with our dads and church family. We will then take a break for the summer and resume Sunday School classes again in September when we all return to school.

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

Missions News

Jackie Hottinger, Chair

The Missions Committee will collect items to make "Basic Care Kits" for the unhoused in Baltimore. Pastor Linda will take the kits with her to Annual Conference in May. Please place your items in the box marked "Care Kits" by Sunday, May 18.

A kit is a clear zip-lock bag with 10 items in it (see list on the box). Items should be individual/small size, as the homeless do not have a place to keep large quantity items. Each one costs approximately \$10 to make and the items can be purchased at Dollar Tree, Wal-Mart, Target, etc.

Thank you for participating in this mission!

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