

Dates to Remember

- Wednesday, May 4
 - Daytime Circle
 - Brown Bag Lunch NOON
 - Choir..... 7:00 PM
- Thursday, May 5
 - Yard Sale Setup..... 7:00 PM
- Saturday, May 7
 - Yard Sale 9 AM - 2 PM
- Sunday, May 8
 - Mother's Day Breakfast..... 9:30 AM
- Monday, May 9
 - Memorials & Scholarships . 7:30 PM
- Wednesday, May 11
 - Choir..... 7:00 PM
- Sunday, May 15
 - Pentecost and Confirmation 11:00 AM
 - Coffee & Conversation..... NOON
- Monday, May 16
 - Admin. Council 7:30 PM
- Wednesday, May 18
 - Newsletter Deadline NOON
 - Ladies Lunch Out NOON
 - Choir..... 7:00 PM
- Saturday, May 21
 - Rustic Road Cleanup 8:30 AM
- Sunday, May 22
 - Caroling w/Potluck @ Lewis home 4:00 PM
- Monday, May 23
 - Finance 7:30 PM
- Tuesday, May 24
 - Board of Trustees 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, May 25
 - Choir..... 7:00 PM
- Monday, May 30
 - Memorial Day
 - Soup Kitchen 1:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,
 "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"
 Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"* Isaiah 6:8

Dear Ones,

It hardly seems possible that our time will soon be coming to a close. **I can't believe this will be my last newsletter article!**

I want to say that it has truly been an honor to serve Wesley Grove UMC and the South Damascus Charge. It has been my joy to be your pastor. Looking back at all the ministry we have done, individually as Wesley Grove UMC and together as part of the South Damascus Charge, we have been busy! We have worked together to reach out to our communities in the name of Jesus Christ, to share his love and his message. I am so proud of all the hard work you have done.

Over the past three years, we have said goodbye to good friends and members of Wesley Grove UMC as they joined what we in the church refer to as the Church Triumphant. Despite our losses, God continued to provide avenues for growth and opportunity by bringing new people and new families into Wesley Grove UMC.

I know you all know this, but I have to say it anyway. I will miss each one of you and I want you to know how much I appreciate our time together. I will keep you and your new pastor, Pastor Karen, in my prayers. I appreciate your prayers as Ivan and I continue our journey to this new adventure where God is calling me.

Now, I need to put in the language required by the Book of Discipline.

Lectionary Readings

May 1, 2016

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15
 Psalm 67
 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
 John 14:23-29

May 5, 2016

Ascension Day/National Day of Prayer

Acts 1:1-11
 Psalm 47
 Ephesians 1:15-23
 Luke 24:44-53

May 8, 2016

7th Sun. of Easter/Ascension Sunday

Mother's Day
 Acts 16: 16-34
 Psalm 97
 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
 John 17:20-26

May 15, 2016

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 Romans 8:14-17
 John 14:8-17, 25-27

May 22, 2016

Trinity Sunday/1st Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 8:1-14, 22-31
 Psalm 8
 Romans 5:1-5

May 29, 2016

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 18:20-39
 Psalm 96
 Galatians 1:1-12
 Luke 7:1-10

May Birthdays

5	Judy Hughes	14	Jeff Lewis
6	Cherie Morris	21	Sue Ketchum
7	Donnie Hottinger		Frank Miller
9	Susie Cooper	25	Clark Kunkle
10	Lou Lynagh		

March 2016 Financial Report

Rick Monarch, Treasurer

Expenses	
Apportionments	\$1,413.50
Pastor Salary	\$1,769.70
Associate Pastor Salary	\$215.00
Pastor Benefits	\$887.55
Pastor Professional Expenses	\$0.00
Housing Allowance	\$827.75
Church Secretary	\$742.50
Payroll Taxes	\$52.78
Grass Cutting	\$0.00
Snow Removal	\$0.00
Custodian	\$520.00
Programs	\$1,295.92
Office Expenses	\$0.00
Trustees - Maintenance	\$2,775.96
Total Expenses	\$10,500.66

Income	
Weekly Collections	\$6,355.36
Sunday School Collections	\$80.30
Cell Tower - Sprint	\$1,762.24
Cell Tower - Verizon	\$1,313.46
Grocery eScripts	\$0.00
Church Dinner Proceeds	\$0.00
Use of Hall	\$0.00
Housing Allowance Reimbursement	\$827.75
Total Income	\$10,339.11

Sunday School Supplies Needed!

Our growing Sunday School needs your help! We are in need of supplies so that we can continue to teach this wonderful group of children about Jesus! Please consider donating the following items:

- Washable markers - both thick and thin.
- Bottles of glue.
- Colored pencils.
- Popsicle sticks - both thin and wide.

Donations can be placed in the box in the Greeting Room. Thank you!

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¶2412. Returning to a Previous Appointment.

As of the effective date of a new appointment, a pastor shall immediately cease all pastoral counseling and pastoral visitation with members or member families in the previous appointment. Since appointments are generally announced several weeks in advance, each pastor has adequate time in which to affect closure and make appropriate referral to another for the pastor care of members.

Pastors shall have a clear understanding with former congregations that they will not return to officiate baptisms, weddings and funerals, or do pastoral counseling or pastoral visitation in that parish. Pastors, active or retired, shall respectfully decline to participate in such duties when invited by members of a former congregation. Declining all such invitations is the responsibility of the previous pastor. The present pastor, at his or her discretion, may invite the previous pastor to return for pastoral functions. However, the present pastor should never be under any pressure to invite the previous pastor.

The effective date of my new appointment and Pastor Karen's new appointment is July 1, 2016. You will always be in my heart and in my prayers, but any attendance at any future events or any request of pastoral participation must be at the invitation of Pastor Karen and it is her decision only whether to extend any invitation. If you contact me, as much as my heart will say yes, I will have to ask you to speak with her.

I leave you with the words from the third verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*, the final hymn sung at each and every King-Burdette Reunion.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

Fly with Christ!

Pastor Linda

Sunday School News

Tammy Monarch, Education Chair

As we move through Eastertide toward Pentecost, our Sunday School students are busy learning about various aspects of being a Christian, from sharing our Spiritual gifts and learning the meaning behind the Lord's Prayer to taking care of God's world and honoring our parents. As always, please feel free to join us any Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Education Building. We have classes for all ages!

We are all excited and looking forward to Pentecost on Sunday, May 15, when we will confirm some very fine young men into the United Methodist Church. They, too, are eagerly looking forward to this very special day as it marks the end of one part of their Christian journeys. They have been in this phase of their individual journeys for about nine months, since last September. During this time, they have studied together, learned together, shared together, worked together, and laughed together, and now, they are indeed ready to confirm their desire to join the church on May 15.

Looking ahead... On Sunday, June 5, we will recognize Christian Education Sunday during our 11 a.m. worship service. We will celebrate and honor all of our Sunday School students as well as any graduates in our congregation. Please make plans now to join us for worship on this day.

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

Christian Fellowship News

Becky Lewis, Chair

Come and sell – or come and shop – and regardless, come and eat! The Annual Spring Yard Sale is coming up fast, on Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Tammy Monarch at 301-253-0044 to reserve a space for \$15, or gather up your gently used items (no clothing, please) for sale at the church booth. Please drop off your yard sale item donations at the Education Building before 7 p.m. on **Thursday, May 5**, for sorting and pricing. If you're not staffing a table, plan to stop by to shop for bargains and purchase breakfast, lunch (or both!) from the United Methodist Men. The UMM would appreciate your bake sale donations of cookies, brownies or homemade candy packaged in individual portions.

The next day, treat yourself to more delicious food prepared by the UMM, as they invite **everyone** to join them for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8. The festivities begin with a Sunday School presentation, and following breakfast, will move across the parking lot where the service will include special Mother's Day recognition.

Wrapping up major events for the month, Christian Fellowship will sponsor "Caroling in May" to our local nursing homes on Sunday, May 22. Sign up in the Greeting Room, and meet in the Education Building parking lot at 4 p.m. to spread some musical cheer via patriotic songs and other old-time favorites. Following singing, we will meet at the home of Brian and Becky Lewis, 23409 Woodfield Road, for a potluck picnic supper.

Also on the calendar for May are Daytime Circle Brown Bag Lunch on Wednesday, May 4, at 12:30 p.m. in the Education Building and Ladies Lunch Out at noon on Wednesday, May

18. Cathy and Bob Burke will host Coffee and Conversation in honor of our confirmands on Sunday, May 15, following worship service.

Please note that Coffee and Conversation in June is early, on Sunday, June 5, in honor of Christian Education Sunday. A host family is needed for June; please see Becky Lewis. Also on the calendar for June is a congregational breakfast hosted by the United Methodist Women on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19.

Keeping WGUMC Beautiful

Andi Brickman, Trustees

It's finally spring! Please keep in mind many people use our hall and church. As church members, it's our job to oversee our property. Please check the heating and cooling units to make sure they are off or turned to the appropriate temperature (each one has instructions next to it). Make sure all doors are locked and lights turned off. Please empty the trash after Coffee & Conversation; do not leave for the Sexton to dispose of. We as a church cannot recycle. If possible, please take any recyclables with you and dispose of properly. Do not leave for others to take care of it. Be aware we have many things that need to be protected, so put them away in their rightful place. If you are in need of help with putting items away, please ask for assistance.

Thank you for continuing to help keep our church beautiful and well maintained!

New Address

Joe Laycock
3215 Wise Creek Lane, Apt. 210
Aiken, SC 29801

Missions News

Jackie Hottinger, Chair

We will be serving at St. Martin's Soup kitchen on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th. With this being a holiday, we would appreciate it if you could let Jackie Hottinger or Doug Gaither know by May 22nd, if you will be able to volunteer to help that day. That will give a little time if we need to find more servers.

Grace United Methodist Church in Gaithersburg will be sponsoring the "brown bag program" again this summer. This provides a brown bag lunch to the hungry and homeless in Montgomery County during the time that St. Martin's Soup Kitchen is on summer break. We participated in this two of the last three years. Mission's would like to know if we have enough people interested to staff the kitchen to prepare and distribute the sandwiches, etc. There is an available week in June 20th-24th. The hours are 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. This is very easy, no cooking involved, and so rewarding to anyone who has worked this ministry. Please see Jackie Hottinger if you are interested.

Mission's is also exploring the opportunity of sponsoring a local missionary. If anyone has any contacts or can help with information on this, please see a member of the Mission's team.

We are also very much interested in any projects that service our local children or seniors. Again, if anyone has any ideas or programs we can explore, please let us know.

Memorial and Scholarship News

Jim Kemp, Chair

Our Memorial and Scholarship Committee will meet on Monday, May 9, 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.

Pentecost Sunday

Doug Gaither, Worship Chair

On Sunday, May 15, please help us celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church – Pentecost – which occurred 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus. On the same day, we will also welcome our confirmands into membership at Wesley Grove UMC.

On this day more than 2,000 years ago, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and able to speak in many different languages to people from all over the world. More than 3,000 people were baptized and became Christians on this very special day. To remember and celebrate Pentecost, we are asking everyone to wear the colors of fire – red, orange, and/or yellow – to our worship service on this day.

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 5. If you know of someone in our church family who is graduating this year, please contact Tammy Monarch (301-253-0044) as soon as possible. There will be Coffee and Conversation after the service to honor these graduates.

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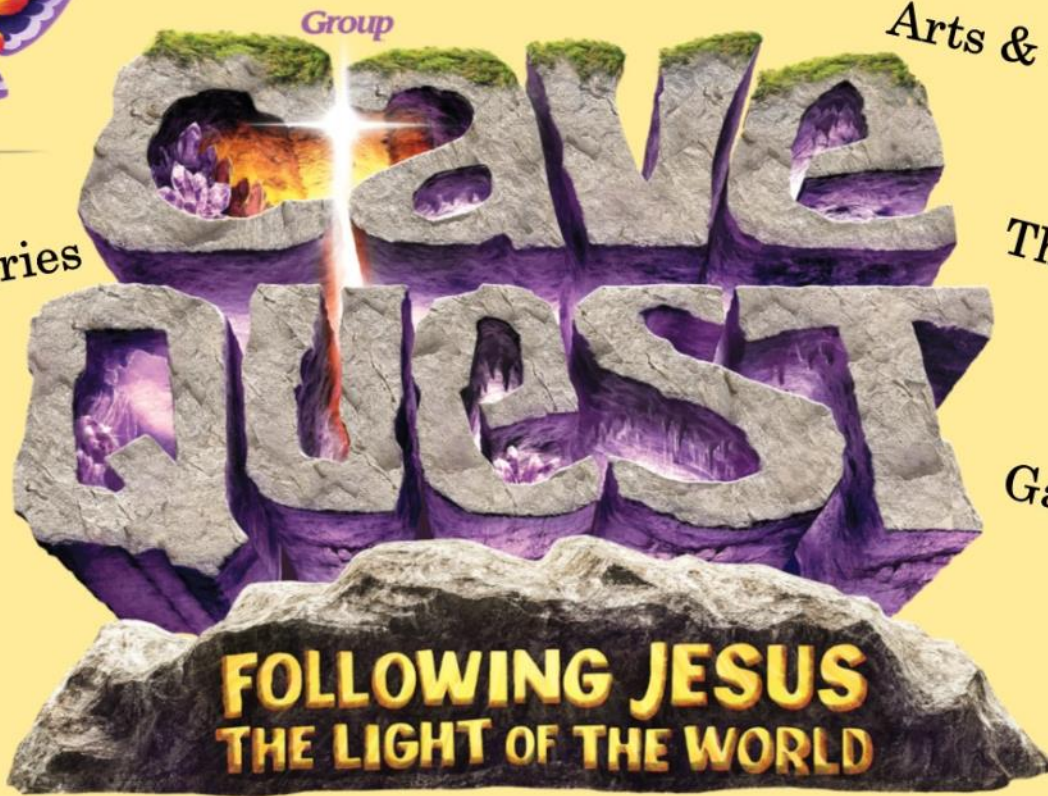
Arts & Crafts

Theater

Music

Games

FUN!



Date: July 11th - July 15th

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

Location: Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

23614 Woodfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Gear up for an adventure! Ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through life's dark times.



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MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship (Communion)	2	3	4 12:30 PM Daytime Circle Brown Bag Lunch 7:00 Choir	5 <i>Drop off Yard Sale Items Deadline</i> 7:00 PM Yard Sale Setup	6	7 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Spring Yard Sale
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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.

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