

Wesley Grove Messenger

November 2014

Dates to Remember

Saturday, November 1
Vitality Committee 10:00 AM
Special Needs 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 2
Daylight Savings Time Ends: Fall Back
All Saints Sunday 11:00 AM

Wednesday, November 5
Daytime Circle
Brown Bag Lunch 12:30 PM
Choir 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 8
UMM Clean-up Day. 8:00 AM - NOON

Sunday, November 9
Worship Committee NOON

Monday, November 10
Admin. Council 7:30 PM

Tuesday, November 11
UMM Breakfast@Tom & Rays..8:00AM

Wednesday, November 12
Choir 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 15
Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM
Rustic Road Cleanup 8:30 AM

Tuesday, November 18
Newsletter Deadline NOON

Wednesday, November 19
Ladies Lunch Out NOON
Choir 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 20
Holly Days Bazaar Setup..... 7:00 PM

Friday, November 21
Holly Days Bazaar Setup..... 11:00 AM

Saturday, November 22
Holly Days Bazaar 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Monday, November 24
Finance Committee 7:30 PM

Tuesday, November 25
Board of Trustees 7:30 PM

Thur/Fri, November 27-28
Thanksgiving Holidays. OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 29
Hanging of the Greens 9:30 AM

Sunday, November 30
Joint Worship/Coffee &
Conversation. 11:00 AM

From Pastor John's Pulpit

Be Filled With The Spirit

Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. (Luke 4:1)

A vinedresser plants and tends his vines so that they can produce good grapes. God, as our vinedresser, encourages us to bear spiritual fruit. He wants us to have a character like Christ's, marked by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

God wants to ensure that His children will be fruitful. For this reason, He removes every dead and unproductive twig and leaf from their lives so that they can truly bear fruit that befits their nature and purpose.

After His baptism, Jesus was "filled with the Holy Spirit;" which led Him to the next step. Christ's life and ministry were the result of the Spirit empowerment, and when we become believers, God sends the very same Helper to dwell in us. In the language of vineyards, the sap from the vine flows into a grafted branch, giving it life and the capacity to grow the kind of fruit typical of that plant. The branch and the vine become one life.

Some people run away from the Christian life because they think it is much too tough of a life for any person to live. And they are right. They cannot live the Christian life by themselves, but the Holy Spirit can help. When we are one with Jesus Christ, the Spirit of God lives His life through us. That doesn't mean we are free from responsibility. The

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Lectionary Readings

November 2, 2014

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

November 9, 2014

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

November 16, 2014

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123 or Psalm 76

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

November 23, 2014

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

November 27, 2014

Thanksgiving Day

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Psalm 65

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Luke 17:11-19

November 30, 2014

First Sunday of Advent

UM Student Day

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

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Spirit can do His work only as we wisely choose to yield to Him.

When we are obediently following the Lord, our joy and peace are not dependent on circumstances; rather, the One in whom we are rooted is our joy and peace. I admonish you today to live through God's Spirit, so that your life here on earth might have the purpose God intends for you to have. Be filled with the Spirit.

Pastor John Ampiah-Addison

Please "Help" Damascus Help

Damascus Help would like you to consider designating your United Way and Combined Federal Campaigns' contributions to Damascus Help, Inc. Our designation code for United Way is 8425 and for the Combined Federal Campaign, 30335. Damascus Help is an all-volunteer organization that helps people in our service area of Damascus, Clarksburg, Hyattstown, north Laytonsville, Frederick County south of Route 75, and Germantown north of Brink Road. We provide food, holiday meals, financial assistance, furniture, and transportation to those in need. For further information, call us at (301)-253-4100 or go to our website at <http://www.damascushelp.org>.

November Birthdays

2	Danny Harper	12	Lois Kemp
	David Wilson	13	Mary Knox
5	Sarah Bennett		Becky Lewis
6	John Briggs	23	Brian Hottinger
11	Jay Swearingen	28	Kelsey Kunkle
	Jennifer Warfield		

Christian Fellowship News

Becky Lewis, Chair

Is your shopping list ready? Our Holly Days Crafts Bazaar and Luncheon is coming up fast, on Saturday, November 22; be sure your holiday shopping list is ready to help you browse the offerings from the more than 30 vendors who will fill the hall that day. In addition, stop in the Wesley Grove Christmas Shop in the Youth Room, then refresh yourself with a fresh-baked cinnamon roll, homemade soup and sandwiches, and of course, something yummy from the bake sale. We'll be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.; see you there! The Wesley Grove Christmas Shop will remain open Sundays immediately after service and on request throughout the holiday season, as long as "supplies last!"

The Bazaar is just one event in a very busy November, which starts with a party for our Special Needs friends on November 1 and ends with Coffee and Conversation for our South Damascus Charge friends on November 30. Our Special Needs friends will enjoy an evening of singing along with some of their favorite movie tunes, munching pizza and of course playing bingo on Saturday, November 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Education Building. Attire for our "Groovy Movie Sing-along" is strictly from the 60s; we're also looking for any 60s decorations you may be hiding in your attic or basement. If you have lava lamps or other items you can lend, please let Tammy Monarch know; if you'd like to help with setup, "meeting and greeting," or dinner preparations, please see Becky Lewis. Our Sunday School parents will host Coffee and Conversation in the Education Building following our combined worship service with Mt. Tabor and Salem on Sunday, November 30. In between those two events, we'll have Daytime Circle Brown Bag in the Education Building on

Wednesday, November 5, at 12:30 p.m.; Ladies Lunch Out at noon on Wednesday, November 19; and United Methodist Men "Breakfast Out" on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11, at Tom & Ray's at 8 a.m. The UMM also invite everyone to come out to our Fall Clean-up Day on Saturday, November 8, from 8 a.m. until noon. Bring your rakes, gloves, and other yard tools and come for whatever time you can spare during that timeframe; all efforts are appreciated. Coffee break refreshments will be on hand.

The Daytime Circle will hold its annual Christmas Luncheon at the Barbara Fritchie Restaurant in Frederick on Wednesday, December 3. Everyone in the church is welcome to attend. Serving time is 12:30 p.m. and the price is \$19 per person. Entrée choices are: roast turkey, sugar-cured ham, and fried chicken (all meals include salad, vegetables, dessert, and beverage). If you are planning to attend, contact Mary Jane Walter (301) 972-3089 or Louise Burdette (301) 253-3828 by November 23 with your choice of entrée. Checks should be made payable to Mary Jane.

Looking ahead to the rest of a very busy December, we'll have our annual "Meet and Greet" with Santa for our Special Needs friends (2 to 4 p.m.) and the community children (4 to 5 p.m.) on Saturday, December 7; our United Methodist Youth holiday party later that same day; Daytime Circle holiday lunch at the Barbara Fritchie on Wednesday, December 3; Caroling on Sunday, December 21; and more events yet to be scheduled!

Missions Committee

Jackie Hottinger, Chair

We are getting into our busy season for the Missions Committee. Faith Connections is hosting a Community Thanksgiving Dinner again this year instead of sponsoring Thanksgiving baskets, so we will be collecting specific food items for the Damascus Help food pantry for the month of November in lieu of the Thanksgiving basket collection. Some of the shelves at the pantry are bare; please look for a list of the most-needed food items in the Greeting Room. Of course, any food is always appreciated!

We are also starting a collection for the Pleasant View Nursing Home. Lists will be available the beginning of November, to include toiletries and small items such as socks. These will be delivered when church members go Christmas caroling to the nursing home on December 21, so we'll be collecting through that date.

We are pledging to provide Christmas food baskets and gifts for five local needy families. More information to follow.

The monies donated in the tip jars at the Turkey & Oyster Dinner will be added to the money collected by our Sunday school children and sent to help fight hunger through CROP.

Thank you to everyone who helped at St. Martin's Soup Kitchen last month. We had plenty of help with setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. This project is a true labor of love.

September 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	\$810.00
Payroll Taxes	\$34.43
Grass Cutting and Snow Removal	\$0.00
Custodian's Salary	\$480.00
Programs	\$584.13
Office Expenses	\$299.43
Trustees - Maintenance	\$2,205.68
Miscellaneous Adjustment	\$174.91
Total Expenses	\$9,397.63

Income	
Weekly Collections	\$8,769.64
Cell Tower - Sprint	\$1,710.91
Cell Tower - Verizon	\$1,238.06
Grocery eScripts	\$0.00
Use of Hall	\$230.00
Interest Income	\$6.37
Housing Allowance Reimbursement	\$813.92
Profit from August Dinner	\$2,500.00
Total Income	\$15,268.90
September 1, 2014 Balance	\$23,884.04
September 30, 2014 Balance	\$29,755.31

Administrative Council Meeting October 13, 2014

In attendance: Mike Sherwood, Rick Monarch, Jackie Hottinger, Tammy Monarch, Judy Hughes, Doug Gaither, Scott Iles, Andi Brickman, Becky Lewis, Randy Falk, Jim Kemp, Ollie Gray

Devotional – Becky Lewis shared a reading from “Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff ” by Richard Carlson, Ph.D. about telling people every day you love them.

Good News Items: Fantastic Cantata with more than 210 people attending and more than 250 website hits to date. Missions donated \$200 to Faith Connections Back to School drive, \$300 to the food pantry for Damascus Help, and \$500 to UMCOR for help with the Ebola crisis. A wonderful pot luck was held for Lanny William’s 90th birthday. Soup Sunday was full of exceptional homemade soups and other treats. Fall Yard Sale was a wet success!

Action Items: Ollie Gray made a motion to accept the September 8, 2014, minutes as written and published, Rick Monarch seconded, vote taken and approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Trustees – Andi Brickman: Surveillance signs are in and need to be posted. The Education Building roof has been repaired. The “little house” demo permit has been issued! Church attic needs some ventilation. Mike Sherwood and Jim Kemp to check into adding more motion lights in the parking and play yard areas.

Christian Education – Tammy Monarch : Sunday school is going very well with 18 children and 10-12 parents. If anyone is

interested in helping to teach Sunday school starting in January, see Tammy.

Lay Leadership – Tammy Monarch: The 2015 reports for Charge Conference have been completed.

Finance – Jim Kemp: We will be using one of the cemetery CDs to pay for the building demo, which is expected to cost around \$11,000. We should recover some of the costs when we sell the new cemetery plots.

Christian Fellowship – Becky Lewis: Lots of activities planned from now to the end of the year. Christian Fellowship and Community Outreach committees are merging for 2015, as the new Vitality Committee took over some of the Outreach agenda.

SPRC – Ollie Gray: A congregational evaluation is due by December 1, 2014. We also need to set goals for 2015.

Missions – Jackie Hottinger: We will be planning our holiday basket program, a drive for the food pantry. and donations for the Pleasant View Nursing Home at our meeting on October 15.

Old Business: Electrical work for the sanctuary is finished.

New Business: The sound system upgrade has been ordered. We are ready for the Charge Conference at Salem UMC on October 134

Kudos from the Chairman of the Board: Once again to Missions for collecting a huge amount of items for the Back-to-School drive, and also to Doug, Tammy, and all of those who have turned our Sunday School program into a program that attracts children and families

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Holly Days
Craft Bazaar and Luncheon

Saturday, November 22nd

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

*Featuring Holiday Crafts,
Homemade Soups, Sandwiches,
and Bake Table*

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NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS All Saints Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	3	4 Election Day: Remember to Vote! 6:45 PM Lions Club	5 12:30 PM Daytime Circle Brown Bag Lunch 7:00 PM Choir	6	7	8 8:00 - NOON UMM Fall Clean-up Day
9 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship NOON Worship Committee	10 7:30 Administrative Council	11 8:00 AM UMM Breakfast @ Tom & Ray's	12 7:00 PM Choir	13	14	15 8:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 AM Rustic Road Cleanup
16 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	17	18 NOON Newsletter Deadline 6:45 PM Lions Club	19 NOON Ladies Lunch Out 7:00 PM Choir	20 7:00 PM Bazaar Setup	21 11:00 AM Bazaar Setup	22 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Holly Days Craft Bazaar
23 9:30 AM Sunday School <u>11:00 AM Worship</u> 30 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	24 7:30 PM Finance Committee	25 7:30 PM Board of Trustees	26 7:00 PM Choir	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 9:00 AM Hanging of the Greens

Education Committee News

Tammy Monarch, Chair

Our Sunday School is continuing strong. During the month of October, we added four new students, bringing our weekly total to about 16-18 kids and 10-12 adults!

Over the past few weeks, we have learned about these Old Testament Superheroes: Jacob and Joseph, and we began to study about God's plan for Moses. We will continue with Moses and his amazing 40-year struggle to get the Israelites out of Egypt throughout the month of November. By the end of the month, we will be moving on to study Advent and preparing for the birth of Jesus.

We are very excited that our youth and their families raised over \$1,000 in our October CROP Walk! We had 17 participants, who walked, jogged, and/or ran 182 laps round our church property in just 30 minutes. A big, huge thank you goes out to everyone who walked, counted laps, donated funds, and/or supported our participants with cheers of encouragement each time they passed by the hall courtyard. Thank you also to all of you who contributed soup, muffins, and desserts for the wonderful fall luncheon that we devoured after our walk!

Flower Sponsors

Doug Gaither, Worship Chair

The cost for altar flowers increased to \$42.50 as of September 1. Wesley Grove will honor those requests that have been made for this calendar year. After December 2014, we will no longer purchase fresh flowers each Sunday; artificial arrangements will be placed on the altar for each season. In the future, if individuals would like to purchase fresh flowers in honor or memory of family members or friends, those orders can be placed by the individual, who should also make arrangements for the flowers to be delivered to the church. Please see the Worship Committee if you have any questions or concerns. If you have reserved a date for 2014, please be sure to submit payment.

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so quickly that there are now more people in the back section of the church than the front section. In doing Children's Time, Mike looked down and realized that there were almost two rows of children sitting jammed together in the pew and on the floor...and that was a joy to see!

Devotions for next meeting will be Jackie Hottinger.

Next meeting will be Monday, November 10, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer from Mike Sherwood at 9:00 p.m.

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***Daylight Savings
Time Ends on
Sunday, Nov. 2***

*Don't forget to set your
clocks back one hour!*

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