

# Wesley Grove Messenger

September 2014

## Dates to Remember

Monday, September 1  
Labor Day ..... OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, September 6  
Rustic Road Cleanup..... 8:30 AM

Sunday, September 7  
Sunday School Resumes .... 9:30 AM  
Choir Stole Dedication..... 11:00 AM

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

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

Thursday, September 11  
**Charge Conference Reports Due**

Friday, September 12  
Fall Yard Sale Setup ..... 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 13  
Fall Yard Sale..... 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday, September 14  
Fall Potluck Honoring Lanny Williams' 90th Birthday..... NOON

Wednesday, September 17  
Ladies Lunch Out ..... NOON  
Choir..... 7:00 PM  
Missions Committee ..... 7:30 PM

Thursday, September 18  
Newsletter Deadline..... NOON

Saturday, September 20  
Men's Prayer Breakfast ..... 8:00 AM

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

Monday, September 29  
St. Martin's Soup Kitchen ... 1:00 PM  
Finance Committee ..... 7:30 PM

Tuesday, September 30  
Board of Trustees ..... 7:30 PM

## From John's Pulpit

### LOOKING TO JESUS

*"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." (Hebrews 12:1-2)*

In the Greek games, a judge would stand at the finish line holding in plain sight the laurel leaves that would be awarded to the victor. As runners came down the final stretch, they were exhausted, tired, and feeling as though they couldn't go another step. But suddenly there was the prize in sight, and a new burst of energy would kick in. This is the picture behind the phrase "looking unto Jesus" in Hebrews 12:2.

We have to keep our eyes on Jesus Christ. And our prize is the privilege of standing before God and receiving the crown of righteousness that He will give us. That is why we live the Christian life, why we try to live godly lives, and why we try to reach people for Him.

It isn't for the earthly riches. It isn't for the applause. It isn't for the notoriety. It is for us to hear Jesus say to us on the final day "well done, good and faithful servant." It isn't to earn God's approval, because as believers we already have it. But it is to ultimately say "Lord, the life you gave me and with which I tried to make a difference, here it is. I offer it to you."

"Looking unto Jesus," that is what keeps you going, even when the going gets tough. You can get discouraged at times. People will let you down. They will disappoint you. They won't appreciate your hard work. They won't see your efforts. They won't see your real motives. They will criticize you. That is when you remind yourself, "I am

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## Lectionary Readings

**September 7, 2014**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*The Season of Creation Begins*

*(Sundays in September)*

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149 or Psalm 148

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

**September 14, 2014**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 14:19-31

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

**September 21, 2014**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

**September 28, 2014**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

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not running for any human being. I am running for the Lord. And I will keep running till I see His face."

As we start our new journey together as a family of God, let us look up to Jesus, the Lord of our strength, the author and finisher of our faith.

In Christ,

*Pastor John*

## Montgomery County Farm Park Update

*Rick Monarch, Treasurer*

Montgomery County has decided to cancel this year's Fall Harvest Festival at the Montgomery County Farm Park due to a conflict with the Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur, which begins at sundown on Friday, October 3, and concludes at sundown on Saturday, October 4. Therefore, we will not be serving and selling food that weekend. Currently, the county plans to hold the festival again in fall 2015, and we will once again participate.

## Flower Sponsors

The cost for altar flowers has increased. The new cost will be \$42.50 beginning September 1st. If you have reserved a date, please be sure to submit payment. There are still dates available for the remainder of 2014. Please see the Worship Committee if you have any questions or concerns.

## Rustic Road Cleanup

Pull out some old clothes and come join us for the Rustic Road Cleanup on Saturday, September 6. We'll meet at the Education Building at 8:30 a.m. and carpool down to Watkins Road to clear the summer's debris from our designated area. Reflective vests, protective gloves, and trash and recycling bags are provided.

## Christian Fellowship News

*Becky Lewis, Chair*

Go to your calendars right now and block out the entire weekend of September 12-14: The Christian Fellowship Committee has booked it full for you!

Activities start at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 12, as the Evening Circle and the United Methodist Men start preparations for the annual Fall Yard Sale and Fundraising Cookout. We'll be pricing items and doing some preliminary food preparation at the Education Building; stop in to help or to bring items that you want to donate to the church table. Of course, you're welcome to rent a space of your own for the big event the next day, Saturday, September 13, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Cost is still just \$10; see Tammy Monarch if you'd like to reserve one (or more!). And come hungry on Saturday; the UMM will be cooking up their signature made-to-order breakfast sandwiches and a number of other sandwiches hot off the grill, along with fries, chips, and drinks. Please see Brian Lewis if you can help serve food, or Becky Lewis if you can help at the church table. Due to an abundance of donated baked goods for the August fundraising dinner, the UMM will **not** be asking for donations of cookies and brownies to sell as part of the lunch platters.

Next, on Sunday, September 14, please join your church family for a potluck luncheon following worship to mark the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Lanny Williams. The Christian Fellowship Committee will provide fried chicken, birthday cake and ice cream, paper goods, and drinks; please bring a dish to share and a card for the "Birthday Boy."

Speaking of lunches, there are two others on the schedule for September: The Daytime Circle will resume its Brown Bag Lunch meeting schedule on Wednesday, September 3, at the Education Building at 12:30 p.m., and Ladies Lunch Out will take place on Wednesday, September 17, at noon. Suzie and Don Diddle will host another noontime event, Coffee and Conversation, following the worship service on Sunday, September 21.

Looking ahead to October, the United Methodist Youth will walk for CROP on the church grounds (weather permitting) following the service on October 19, when we will also hold our fall Soup Sunday potluck, and our Second Annual Trunk or Treat takes place on Sunday, October 26, at 6 p.m. And don't forget our annual Holly Days Craft Bazaar, coming up extremely fast on November 22!

### September Birthdays

1	Carol Stone	21	Lynn Trehwella
5	Stephanie Diaz	23	Max Lynagh
7	Tina Green	24	Tony Bowie
10	Sally Lewis	30	Jackie Hottinger
	Shane Kepner		
11	Doug Gaither		
13	Alex Allman		
16	Stacie Davis		
17	Debbie Speier		
20	Pat Mallon		



# Fall Yard Sale & Fundraising Cookout

**Wesley Grove United Methodist Church**

23640 Woodfield Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20882  
301-253-2894

**Saturday, September 13, 2014**  
**9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

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Bake Sale

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# SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> NOON Daytime Circle Brown Bag Lunch 7:00 PM Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:30 AM Rustic Road Cleanup
<b>7</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Stole Dedication/ Communion	<b>8</b> 7:30 PM Admin. Council	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Choir	<b>11</b> <b>Charge Conference Reports Due</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM Fall Yard Sale set up	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Fall Yard Sale
<b>14</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/ NOON Fall Pot Luck Lanny Williams' 90th Birthday	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> NOON Ladies Lunch Out 7:00 PM Choir 7:30 PM Missions	<b>18</b> NOON Newsletter Deadline	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>21</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship NOON Coffee & Conversation	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	<b>29</b> 1:00 PM Soup Kitchen 7:30 PM Finance Committee	<b>30</b> 7:30 PM Board of Trustees				

## Sunday School News

*Tammy Monarch, Education Chair*

We will return to our regular Sunday School schedule beginning on Sunday, September 7, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. All children ages 3 to 18 and their parents are welcome. If you had a fabulous time at VBS this summer, you will have an even better time at Sunday School this fall! Our lessons will focus on the various superheroes of the Old Testament, beginning with Noah and Moses during the month of September. Each week, we include a fun mixture of music, investigations, drama, art, readings, crafts, videos, and/or discussion. So, mark your calendars now and plan on joining us on September 7 – Mr. Doug and I will be waiting for you!

Speaking of returning to school, please remember to **renew your Safeway and Giant cards** for the new school year. You must do this every year. Be sure to enter your name, your card number(s), and the name(s) of the schools, churches, and/or other non-profit organizations to which you would like to donate funds. Remember to make Wesley Grove one of your choices! Here is Safeway's website – [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)

Remember also to save items for our area schools and nursing homes. Just collect them in a baggie or envelope, and then give it to me when it is full. All of our local schools appreciate your help!

Here is a list of most of those things...

**General Mills Box Tops for Education:** These box tops can be found on all General Mills products (including cereal, granola bars, rice mixes, pasta mixes, etc.), Bisquick, Betty Crocker cake mixes and frosting, Old El Paso products, Kleenex brand tissues, Zip-lock and Hefty plastic bags and paper plates, Avery of-

fice supplies, Yoplait yogurt, and many other products, so check out your packaging carefully before throwing it away. Each one is worth 10 cents, so the money can add up quickly!

**Campbell's Labels for Education:** These labels are found on all Campbell's beans, gravies, and soups (both cans and individual servings) as well as on V-8 products, Vlasic pickles, Swanson frozen products, Prego spaghetti sauce, and all Pepperidge Farm products. Be sure to cut the dashed coupon off each product label.

**Tyson's A+ for Education:** These labels can be found on all Tyson chicken products – both fresh and frozen. Each one is worth 24 cents for an area school.

**Printer Ink Cartridges:** Don't throw these away! Schools can recycle them for cash.

**Small Plastic Lids:** Save the ones that you take off soda and water bottles as well as gallon milk jugs and orange juice containers. Art teachers use these to mix small amounts of paint and to make collages.

**Recent Magazines:** When you are done reading these, do not recycle them. Instead, give them to an area nursing home. They like to have these available for their residents to read and enjoy.

You can save all of these items and send them to area schools yourself, or you can just bring them to church and give them to me. I will be sure that they get to one of our area schools or local nursing homes.

In addition, remember to bring your **aluminum foil, cans, and pie plates** as well as

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**other used metals** to our two big yellow bins at the hall. Miss Andi takes all of this to the recycling center in Frederick several times a year to earn money for our church.

Thanks to all of you who already collect these things to help support our area schools, nursing homes, and, of course, ourselves!

## Missions Committee

*Jackie Hottinger, Chair*

Thanks so much to everyone who donated school supplies for the Faith Connections Back to School drive. Missions also contributed \$200 in backpacks and supplies. Some very needy and deserving children will start the school year off with the necessities for a successful one.

Missions also donated \$300 for the food pantry to Damascus Help. The pantry's shelves are always low during the summer because giving is down due to vacations, etc.

We are also donating \$500 to UMCOR for the Ebola Crisis. Since the beginning of the Ebola outbreak this spring, the United Methodist Church has been active in the relief effort. In Liberia and Sierra Leone, UMCOR healthcare networks have deployed personnel to distribute life-saving supplies and protective equipment, treat victims, and advise the inhabitants of the stricken areas on preventive practices that can keep Ebola from spreading. Despite the hardships, UMCOR has pledged to ramp up its relief efforts and support the United Methodist health care facilities, so they can keep their doors open.

## July Financial Report

*Rick Monarch, Treasurer*

<b>Expenses</b>	
Apportionments	\$1,458.25
Pastor's Salary	\$1,676.16
Pastor's Benefits	\$860.72
Housing Allowance	\$813.92
Church Secretary's Salary	\$832.60
Payroll Taxes	\$55.08
Grass Cutting and Snow Removal	\$880.00
Custodian's Salary	\$720.00
Programs	\$1,907.65
Office Expenses	\$329.38
Trustees - Maintenance	\$3,032.04
Miscellaneous Adjustment	\$530.36
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,096.16</b>

<b>Income</b>	
Weekly Collections	\$6,248.94
Cell Tower - Sprint	\$1,661.08
Cell Tower - Verizon	\$1,238.06
Grocery eScrips	\$0.00
Use of Hall	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$6.16
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$9,154.24</b>
July 1, 2014 Checkbook Balance	<b>\$25,954.02</b>
July 31, 2014 Checkbook Balance	<b>\$22,012.10</b>



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our Fall Cantata

## **“Every Moment a Song”**

A tribute to  
Charles Wesley, on  
Sunday, October 5

*Performances at 11 a.m. (during  
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