

# Wesley Grove **Messenger**

August 2022

From the Pastor's Desk...

## My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It's summertime and time for vacation! So rather than write a lengthy letter this month, I am simply going to share the words of a rarely sung hymn with all of you.

It's a ballad titled "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" by John Ylvisaker. The spirit of "Borning Cry" is one of a God who has loved us from the beginning of time and continues to love us throughout all the seasons of our lives. The music lends itself to a feeling of a love song between the singer and God.

May you hear and receive the blessing of these words as you enjoy this wonderful season of the year we all know as summer!

In God's peace,  
Pastor Karen



## I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry



I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the Living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time, and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night to complete what I've begun.  
And when the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

## Lectionary Readings

### August 7, 2022

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
 Luke 12:32-40

### August 14, 2022

Isaiah 5:1-7  
 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
 Hebrews 11:29—12:2  
 Luke 12:49-56

### August 21, 2022

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
 Psalm 71:1-6  
 Hebrews 12:18-29  
 Luke 13:10-17

### August 28, 2022

Jeremiah 2:4-13  
 Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
 Luke 14:1, 7-14



## June 2022 Financial Report

*Rick Monarch, Treasurer*

### Expenses

BWC Mission Share	\$1,281.91
Pastor's Salary (1/3 of total salary)	\$1,503.25
Associate Pastor's Salary (1/3 of total salary)	\$389.86
Church Secretary's Wages	\$1,366.77
Choir Director's Salary	\$0.00
Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$0.00
Payroll Taxes	\$104.56
Capital Improvement Costs	\$1,000.00
Grass Cutting Costs	\$0.00
Snow Plowing Costs	\$0.00
Groundskeeper Costs	\$0.00
Custodian's Salary	\$350.00
Programs	\$938.67
Property Insurance	\$1,785.25
Administrative Expenses	\$145.43
Charge Treasury - Parsonage Expenses	\$375.83
Charge Treasury - Professional Expenses	\$113.92
Charge Treasury - Medical Insurance Cost	\$286.67
Charge Treasury - Retirement Contribution	\$319.44
Charge Treasury - Administrative Costs	\$12.50
Trustees - Maintenance Costs	\$1,040.97
In and Out Expenses	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Church	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,015.03</b>



## Food Donations

The Damascus HELP Food Pantry is in need of various food staples this summer. When you are grocery shopping, please consider purchasing a few of these items to donate to the Pantry. Place them in the labelled boxes under the folding table in the vestibule.

- Macaroni and Cheese
- Rice and Pasta — all shapes and sizes
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Meats — tuna, chicken, salmon
- Hamburger and Tuna Helper
- Peanut Butter
- All Flavors of Jelly and Jam
- Sugar and Flour
- Coffee and Tea Bags
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables

### Income

Weekly Collections	\$4,241.99
Cell Tower Rental Fee - Sprint	\$2,167.34
Use of Hall	\$150.00
Miscellaneous	\$350.00
In and Out Income	\$0.00
Rental Property Monthly Payment	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7,909.33</b>



# Fall Community Yard Sale



**Saturday, September 17**  
9 am to 2 pm

**It's not too early to reserve  
your spaces for \$20 each.  
Rental tables are an additional \$5.**

**Contact Tammy at 301-253-0044.**

## August Birthdays

- 1 Henry King
- 3 Chad Kunkle
- 4 Glenn Lewis
- 5 Sam Lynagh
- 6 Elaine Falk
- 9 Ally Lind
- 12 Terri Sherwood
- 13 Mary Ann Davis
- 16 Jo Ann True
- 24 Susan Park
- 25 Andrew Wilson
- 27 Sean Falk
- 29 Lincoln Verner



## School Supplies

We are continuing to collect school supplies to help fill the backpacks of needy students in the Damascus Community so that they can start the new school year off fresh and bright! Please place any and all items that you wish to donate in the large blue bins in the church vestibule **by Sunday, August 14**. They will be picked up sometime that week.

You may also donate monetarily by using PayPal or by mailing a check to Faith Connections, P.O. Box 28, Damascus, MD 20872. Please be sure to write "School Supply Drive" on the memo line.

Thanks to all of you who have already shopped and donated as well as to those of you who are still planning to. All donations are greatly appreciated!



## Electronic Giving

The Finance Committee would like to remind all of you of our various ways to give to the Church...

You can click here —

<https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/wesleygrove>

to give a one-time gift or to set up a recurring weekly, biweekly, or monthly monetary gift that will automatically arrive in our church bank account from yours.

You can also text this phone number — 301-720-0138 — and donate as you wish.

And of course, you can still continue to mail or place your offerings in the collection plate on Sunday mornings. Please know that we appreciate each and every gift as well as all of you, the givers. May you all be blessed this day and beyond.



## Fellowship News

*Becky Lewis, Chair*

Continuing the Wesley Grove tradition of recognizing members' 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays, the Christian Fellowship Committee invites you to shower Glenn Lewis with cards on Thursday, August 4. You can send your good wishes to 11206 SW 73<sup>rd</sup> Circle, Ocala, FL, 34476. The Committee is working on ensuring Wesley Grove has an up-to-date list of members' birthdates, so that we don't miss honoring anyone's 90<sup>th</sup> with either a card shower or an in-person recognition. To help with this project, please email birthdates and years of any church member born in 1942 or earlier to Becky Lewis at [becky.lewis20565@gmail.com](mailto:becky.lewis20565@gmail.com).

Although August is a quiet month on the fellowship front, please remember that there are two big events coming up in September --- the Fall Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 17 and our Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, September 18. Mark your calendars, start cleaning out your closets, and contact Tammy at 301-253-0044 if you would like to reserve one or more spaces.



## Annual Charge Conference

Please mark your calendars as our fall date has been set for Saturday, November 19 at 11:00 am. This conference will once again be held for the entire South Damascus Charge, presented virtually via Zoom, and presided over by an elder in the Baltimore-Washington Conference.



## Education News

*Tammy Monarch, Chair*

Our Sunday School is still on hiatus until this fall when we will resume classes on Sunday, October 16 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please know that new folks are always welcome and invited to join us. We are a group of all ages, educations, experiences, and backgrounds, and all of these differences can make for very interesting, meaningful, and often fun Biblical discussions. The curriculum topic for the fall will be announced in September.



Our sympathies and condolences go out to Mary Ann Davis, her daughter Debbie, her son Mike, and the rest of their family on the passing of their beloved Mollie on Saturday, July 23. We all know that Mollie is now in Heaven with her dad Cliff and all of her grandparents, probably laughing and joking and having a grand ole time. We ask that you all keep Mary Ann and her family in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad time in the lives and that you ask our Most Gracious Lord to watch over them, guide them, and give them comfort today, tomorrow, and in the days ahead as they grieve their loss and learn to live their lives without their daughter, sister, and aunt.

# August 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 10:00 AM— Worship Service <i>Pastor Nick on Vacation</i>	2	3		4	5	6
7 10:00 AM— Worship Service <i>Pastor Karen on Vacation</i>	8 9	10		11	12 6:00 PM— Setup for the King/Burdette Re- union	13 9:00 AM— King/Burdette Reun- ion (all day)
14 10:00 AM— Worship Service with Communion — <i>Last day to bring school supplies.</i>	15	16 3:00 PM— Book Club at the Monarchs' Home	17	18 7:30 PM— Lay Leadership Committee Mtg. <i>Deadline for Sept. Newsletter</i>	19	20
21 10:00 AM— Worship Service	22 7:30 PM— Board of Trustees Meeting	23 <i>Pastor Karen</i>	24 <i>Out-of-Town</i>	25	26	27 !
28 10:00 AM— Worship Service	29	30				

# **Wesley Grove United Methodist Church**

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## **As a church family that...**

- \* covenants to walk together in Christ's love,
- \* believes that all persons are created equal, and
- \* affirms the inclusive love of Jesus Christ,

**we welcome to our work and worship all —** regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, and/or economic circumstance.

**We're on the Web!**  
[wesleygroveumc.org](http://wesleygroveumc.org)

# **Enjoy These Dog Days of Summer!**



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