

Wesley Grove **Messenger**

June 2018

From Pastor John's Pulpit...

THE IMAGE OF GOD

"Therefore be imitators of God as dear children."

(Ephesians 5:1)

Often, a child's first image of God is found in his earthly father, and so the place we need to begin protecting and improving our Christian witness is our home. We need to live our faith in front of co-workers and friends, but in the privacy of our home, we also want our family to see Jesus in us. If we show love, forgiveness, faithfulness, patience, and generosity, then our children will expect to find those traits in the Lord.

In a similar way, negative behaviors — for example, consistent harshness, indifference, or unfaithfulness — also shape a child's view of God. I remember a story I heard of a young man who went to a pastor, worried about his salvation. He had received Christ as his personal Savior, but was not convinced that he was truly forgiven. The pastor opened the Scriptures to share some assurances with him, but the young man responded, "I believe them, but I am just not sure God's promises apply to me." The young man seemed surprised when the pastor then asked about his relationship with his father. During their conversation, it came out that the young man's father often made promises he failed to keep. And because of the actions of the earthly father, the young man was finding it difficult to believe that God is loving and forgiving.

God has placed a huge responsibility on us as parents to be worthy ambassadors of Christ. Becoming an accurate reflection of the Heavenly Father requires that we submit to Him, walk in all His ways, and seek to please Him in everything we do. We must also approach parenthood as an area of service and ministry to the Lord. One of the great legacies we can leave our children is to model true fatherhood, and as a result, make it easier for them to relate to the Heavenly Father.

It is my prayer that we enjoy this Father's Day, and that we also ask the Lord for grace to live a consistent and godly life before all those who look up to us, especially our children.

Pastor John Ampiah-Addison

Lectionary Readings

June 3, 2018: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Christian Education Sunday

1 Samuel 3:1-20
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10, 2018: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4-20
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 17, 2018: 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20 or Psalm 72
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 24, 2018: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

April 2018 Financial Report

Rick Monarch, Treasurer

Expenses	
Apportionments	\$1,204.75
Pastor's Salary	\$1,416.66
Associate Pastor's Salary	\$385.96
Pastor's Benefits	\$597.50
Pastor's Professional Expenses	\$300.00
Parsonage Expenses	\$541.40
Church Secretary	\$1,041.00
Choir Director	\$750.00
Payroll Taxes	\$72.11
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Grass Cutting	\$0.00
Snow Removal	\$0.00
Custodian	\$540.00
Programs	\$93.13
Office Expenses	\$70.00
Trustees - Maintenance	\$3,732.72
Total Expenses	\$10,745.23

Income	
Weekly Collections	\$6,263.50
Sunday School Collections	\$30.80
Cell Tower - Sprint	\$1,869.56
Cell Tower - Verizon	\$1,393.45
Church Dinner Proceeds	\$0.00
Use of Hall	\$0.00
In and Out Income	\$490.00
Rental Property Loan Payback	\$1,000.00
Monthly Donation from Evening Circle	\$300.00
Parsonage Expense Reimbursements	\$583.34
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,438.78
(From other churches)	
Total Income	\$13,369.43

June Birthdays

1	Paul Verner	15	Ruth Hobbs
4	Brianna Powell	17	Ralph Ketchum
6	Bob Burke	19	Mehrle Staley Jr.
	Jim Burns		Danny Wilson
7	Tim Lee	29	Bruce Walter
12	Scotty Verner	30	Adam Wilson
14	Sam Allman		

Administrative Council Meeting May 14, 2018

In attendance: Jaime Crawford, Karen Davis, Bob Burke, Rick Monarch, Carol Stone, Charlie Stone, Judy Hughes, Mike Sherwood

Devotional – Carol read “Once Upon a Mother’s Day,” which was provided by Tammy Monarch.

Prayer Requests – Rick Monarch for answers to pain, Don & Suzie Diddle, Mary Knox for surgery, Delaney Davis for “job of her dreams;” Kelly Ivy and family, age 63 heart attack.

Good News Items – The trip to the Museum of the Bible was well attended, and included “very cool” Holy Books from a variety of locations; Spring Yard Sale realized a profit of more than \$1,300; the water cooler has been moved out of the restroom at the church; the men provided a nice breakfast on Mother’s Day.

Action Items – Mike Sherwood made a motion to accept the March 12, 2018, minutes as written and published, Rick Monarch seconded, vote taken and approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Trustees – Mike Sherwood: Testing of lights in the Education Building and in the church is in progress. Barbara Kunkle has painted the railings. Options for a new sink in the kitchen are still being investigated. A check by HOC has determined that the family in the rental home does not have a dog; rent will remain the same for the next 12 months.

Christian Education – Tammy Monarch: Preparations for Vacation Bible School on July 16-20 are ongoing. There are still package meals for the homeless available in the Greeting Room. Sunday School will end for the summer on June 17 with the Father’s Day Breakfast.

Finance – Debbie Benson: Plans are being discussed for a stewardship celebration this fall in conjunction with Laity Sunday on October 21. We will celebrate our gifts and talents as well as our tithing.

Christian Fellowship – Becky Lewis: No report at the meeting as Becky had to work late; a report submitted via email stated the profit from the Yard Sale (see Good News) and that a host family is still needed for June 3 Coffee and Conversation.

Missions – Jackie Hottinger: No report.

Worship – Sue Ketchum: No report.

Communications – Jaime Crawford: The internet extender has been installed and is working at the Education Building.

Staff Parish – Charlie Stone: Tammy will meet with Choir Director Ally Lind in three months for a performance review.

Pastor’s Report – Pastor Karen: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Work on the security plan remains ongoing.



Fore!

Members of our church family participated in the Three Rangers Foundation fundraising golf tournament on May 22. Rick and Tammy Monarch (above right), as well as Debbie Benson, volunteered to help with planning and event logistics, and Frank Miller (above left) and Brian Lewis played in the tournament. The Three Rangers Foundation is co-chaired by Marcus Hull, and is a non-profit organization created to provide lifelong support for all veterans and their families.

Happy Birthday, Christianity!

Wesley Grove marked the birthday of Christianity, Pentecost, with a May 20 celebration. Below left, Susan Park, Ally Lind, and Matt Lind; below right, Sandi Johnson.



Christian Fellowship News

Becky Lewis, Chair

Our tradition of celebrating members' 90th birthdays continues after the service on Sunday, June 10, as the Christian Fellowship Committee sponsors our Spring Quarter Pot Luck and honors Jim Burns. Please bring a side dish and a card for Jim; birthday cake, ice cream, and a main dish meat will be provided.

As it turns out, we'll be sharing food in fellowship on two other June Sundays as well. The month starts with Coffee and Conversation after the service on Sunday, June 3, in honor of Christian Education Sunday. The women of the church then invite **everyone** to breakfast on Sunday, June 17 (Father's Day). We'll be serving at approximately 9:45 a.m. in the Education Building, after a brief Sunday School program at 9:30 a.m. There will also be a presentation honoring fathers during the service on that day.

The Daytime Circle's annual Summer Luncheon takes place not on a Sunday, but on Wednesday, June 6, at 12:30 p.m. in the Education Building. All are welcome; please bring a dish to share. Daytime Circle Brown Bags will resume in September after the group takes the summer off. Ladies Lunch Out at Applebee's in Germantown rounds out the month at noon on Wednesday, June 20.

Looking ahead to July, we'll follow on to VBS with a Shipwrecked Special Needs party on Saturday, July 21, starting at 4 p.m.

**Our Aluminum Can
Recycling Project has
come to an end...**



**Please continue to
recycle at your homes**

Looking Ahead...

Mark your calendars for the "Celebrate Damascus!" parade on Friday, July 13, beginning at 7 p.m. at Damascus High School. Once again, Wesley Grove will have a float in this parade, and we'd love to have as many of you participate as possible as we roll and walk along the route toward the old carnival grounds!

Graduation Congratulations!

Dillon Bowie graduated *magna cum laude* with a degree in business from Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., in December 2017. Proud grandfather Tony Bowie took a trip to attend the May 2018 graduation ceremony.

FREE Vacation Bible School!

Bible Stories

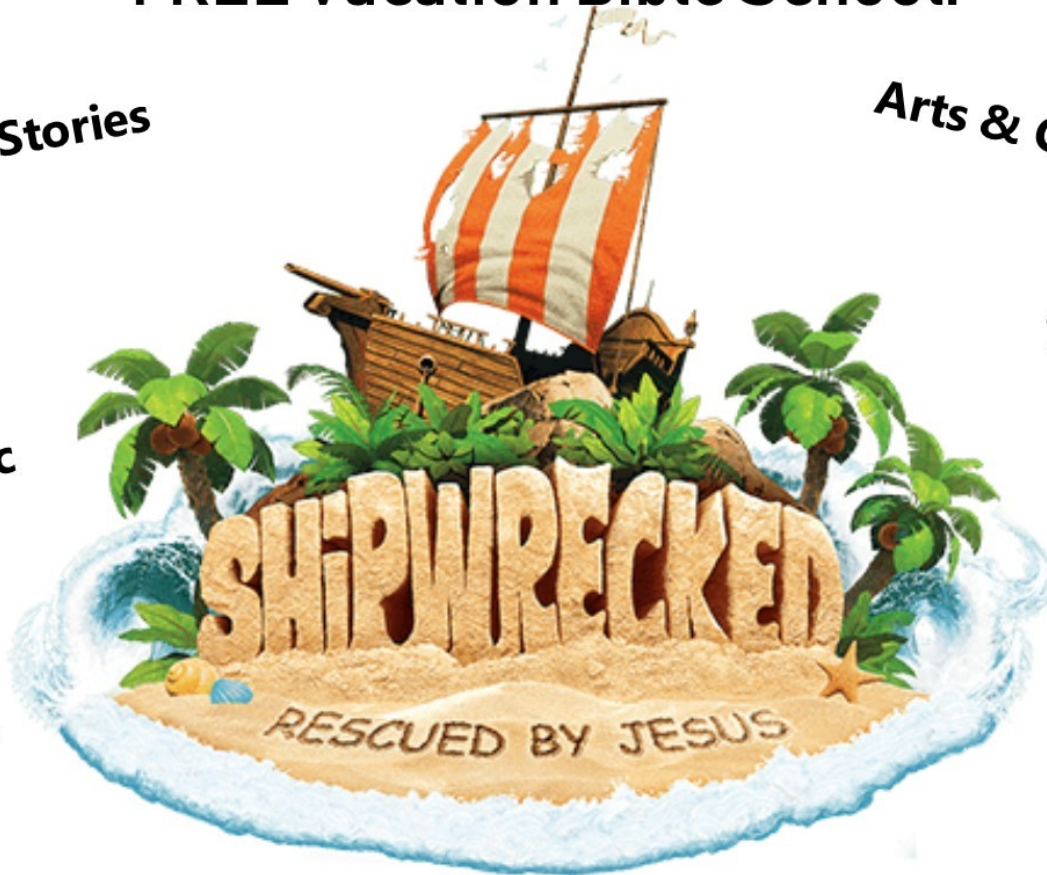
Arts & Crafts

Music

Theater

Games

FUN!



Date: July 16th - July 20th

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

Location: Wesley Grove United Methodist Church

23614 Woodfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Kids will be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.



Register on-line at <http://www.myvbs.org/wesleygroveumc/>



**Wesley Grove United Methodist Church
2018 VBS Registration Form
July 16 -20 ~~~ 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

Child's name: _____ Preferred name: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Male or Female (Circle one.)

School: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Any special friends attending VBS: _____

Evenings attending VBS: (Circle those that apply.) All or M Tu W Th F

Name of parent(s)/guardian(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best telephone: (_____) _____

Email address: _____ Home church: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Please list any information we should know about your child (medical issues, health conditions, fears, etc.).	
Allergies or other medical conditions: _____	
Information you should know: _____	
In case of emergency, contact: _____	
Phone: _____	Relationship to child: _____

For Church Use Only - Crew number or name: _____

Christian Education News

Tammy Monarch, Education Chair

Sunday School

We will continue our Sunday School classes through June 10. After this day, we will stop for the summer and then resume Sunday School classes again in September when we all return to school.

On Sunday, June 3, we will celebrate Christian Education Sunday by recognizing and honoring our Sunday School students and their teachers during our regular worship service. All of our students will receive their yearly attendance pins and certificates at this time. There will be Coffee and Conversation after church in honor of all of you. Please make plans now to join us on this very special day! Then, at 2 p.m., we will have an end-of-the-year pool party and picnic at the Monarch's for all children and youth in our Sunday School program. Please mark this on your calendars now, and RSVP yes or no to Tammy by Friday, June 1.

On June 17, which is Father's Day, we will have a brief worship opening and then join together in our annual fellowship breakfast with our fathers and all of our church family. Make plans to join us on this special morning, and please know that everyone in our church family is welcome!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Sunday School teachers. These folks bring their special gifts to share weekly with all of our students, both young and old. So, from the bottom of my heart, please know how much I appreciate and thank all of you. You make my job both rewarding and easier. I love all of you...

- Bob Burke
- Jaime Crawford
- Randy Falk
- Mike Sherwood
- Carol Stone
- Alicia Wilson

Vacation Bible School

This summer's Vacation Bible School is just six weeks away! We will be holding it in the evenings from 5:30-8:30 during the week of Monday, July 16 through Friday, July 20, in our Education Building. Please save this week and pass the word on to your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors. You can register your children now on our church website, or ask either Jaime or Tammy for a registration form.

This year's quest to know Jesus (and ourselves!) better will take place while we are "Shipwrecked with Jesus" on a deserted island. So, we are asking all of you to search in your basements, garages, attics, and closets for any items that we could use to decorate the hall to look like an island...

- Palm trees and branches
- Sand
- Waterfalls
- Driftwood
- Campfire materials
- Materials from which to build a beach shack
- Coconuts
- Seashells
- Fish (stuffed, paper-mache, etc.)
- Other sea creatures
- Thatched material
- Burlap
- Woven mats
- Anything else that you think we could possible use!

Please let Tammy know if you have any of these items that we could borrow and use for the week.

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 know at 301-253-0044. We'd love to have you, your creative ideas, your willingness to help, and of course, your love of kids – new faces and new energy are always a welcome sight!

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 <i>Christian Education Sunday</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship (Communion)	4 7:30 PM Finance Committee	5	6 12:30 PM Daytime Circle Luncheon 7:00 PM Choir	7	8	9
10 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Noon Potluck Lunch & Jim Burns' Birthday	11	12	13 7:00 PM Choir	14	15	16
17 9:30 AM Father's Day Breakfast 11:00 AM Worship	18	19	20 NOON Ladies Lunch Out @ Applebee's 7:00 PM Choir	21	22 Office Closed	23
24 11:00 AM Worship Noon Worship Committee	25 7:30 PM Board of Trustees	26 Office Closed	27	28	29 Office Closed	30



Wesley Grove
United Methodist Church
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Email: office@wesleygroveumc.org

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.

We're on the Web!
wesleygroveumc.org



Vacation Bible School
July 16-20
5:30-8:30pm

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