

# Wesley Grove **Messenger**

July/August 2018

## From Pastor Karen...

### ***ALWAYS STAY HUMBLE AND KIND***

*What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8*

According to Micah, walking humbly with God is one of the big three requirements for God's people. Yet we are a people who take pride in our achievements; our accumulated "stuff;" our power, individually and nationally. Left unchecked, we can fall into an exhausting pattern of always having to be in control and on top of things, accomplishing everything from our own resources. We may even begin to point out others' faults to make us feel better.

Humility is not the same as beating yourself up or letting other people put you down. Humility is not the same as low self-esteem, and it's not the opposite of confidence. Humility is not underestimating our worth or allowing ourselves to be defined by another. In fact, humility is "the grateful recognition that we are precious in God's eyes and that all we are is pure gift." (*Bread for the Journey*, by Henri J.M. Nouwen, ©1997). The truly humble person walks with absolute confidence, knowing that we are simply empty vessels through whom God wants to accomplish his work.

"[Humility] is not something that we bring to God, or that [God] bestows; it is simply the sense of entire nothingness that comes when we see how truly God is everything. When the creature realizes that this is a place of honor and consents to be with his will, his mind, and his affections — the vessel in which the life and glory of God are to work and manifest themselves, [the creature] sees that humility is simply acknowledging the truth of his position as creature and yielding to God his place." (From *Humility: The Journey Toward Holiness*, by Andrew Murray, © 2001)

Perhaps Tim McGraw sums it up best in these verses from his hit song, "*Humble and Kind*:"

Go to church cause your mama says to  
Visit grandpa every chance that you can  
It won't be a waste of time  
Always stay humble and kind

When the dreams you're dreamin' come to you  
When the work you put in is realized  
Let yourself feel the pride but  
Always stay humble and kind

Don't expect a free ride from no one  
Don't hold a grudge or a chip and here's why  
Bitterness keeps you from flying  
Always stay humble and kind

Hold the door say please say thank you  
Don't steal don't cheat and don't lie  
I know you got mountains to climb but  
Always stay humble and kind

Peace,  
*Pastor Karen*



## Lectionary Readings

### July 1, 2018: 6th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

### July 8, 2018: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

### July 15, 2018: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

### July 22, 2018: 9th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 7:1-14  
Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### July 29, 2018: 10th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

### August 5, 2018: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

### August 12, 2018: 12th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
Psalm 130  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

### August 19, 2018: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

### August 26, 2018: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69



### *Here's to 180 years of joyous living!*

In 2018, Wesley Grove has had the privilege of celebrating the lives of Betty Duvall (January) and Jim Burns (June) as both turned 90 years young and are still going strong!

### July Birthdays

9	Rick Monarch	25	Skip Ketchum
15	William Briggs	28	Becca Benson
19	Nicholas Falk	29	Ryan Cooper
23	Jim Kemp		

### August Birthdays

1	Henry King	12	Terri Sherwood
3	Chad Kunkle	13	Mary Ann Davis
4	Glenn Lewis	15	Douglas Green
5	Sam Lynagh	22	Sandi Johnson
6	Don Diddle	25	Andrew Wilson
	Elaine Falk	27	Sean Falk

### Missions News

*Jackie Hottinger*

Faith Connections will collect school supplies for needy students in the Damascus-Clarksburg area. Please buy extra supplies when you shop and place your donations in the labeled blue bins located in the church. Items needed include backpacks, lined paper (college- and wide-ruled), spiral notebooks, composition books, pencils, pens (blue, black, and red), crayons, markers, colored pencils, erasers and eraser caps, safety scissors, glue sticks (not regular glue), dividers (5-7 subject), and pocket folders. Donations will be collected through August 5. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

St. Martin's Soup Kitchen is closed for the summer. We will volunteer at Grace UMC in Gaithersburg packing bag lunches to give to the needy Fridays in August from 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. This is one of our easy projects — anyone can make sandwiches! If you can help, please see Jackie Hottinger.

### May 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	\$0.00
Parsonage Expenses	\$577.45
Church Secretary's Payroll	\$1,113.25
Choir Director's Salary	\$750.00
Payroll Taxes	\$151.06
Grass Cutting Fees	\$270.00
Snow Removal Fees	\$0.00
Custodian's Payroll	\$810.00
Programs	\$813.71
Office Expenses	\$472.73
Trustees - Maintenance	\$1,671.97
Miscellaneous	\$209.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,444.04</b>

Income	
Weekly Collections	\$6,551.00
Sunday School Collections	\$16.00
Cell Tower Income - Sprint	\$1,869.56
Cell Tower Income - Verizon	\$1,393.45
Church Dinner Proceeds	\$0.00
Use of Hall Fees	\$0.00
In and Out Income	\$0.00
Rental Property Loan Payback	\$1,000.00
Monthly Donation from Evening Circle	\$300.00
Parsonage Expense	\$583.34
Reimbursements	
Health Insurance & Pension	\$1,438.78
Reimbursements	
(from Mt. Tabor UMC & Salem UMC)	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$13,152.13</b>

## Christian Education News

*Tammy Monarch, Education Chair*

Our Sunday School is taking a break for the summer months. As this school year came to a close, we recognized and honored all of our Sunday School students and their teachers during our worship service on Sunday, June 3. All of our students received completion certificates and first- or fifth-year pins. These students included:

- **First-Year Pin**
  - Abby Crawford
- **Fifth-Year Pins**
  - Ciarra Crawford
  - David, Danny, Adam, and Andrew Wilson

We also recognized Becca Benson, Christopher Lee, and Timothy Lee during this service. Tim had just completed his freshman year at Salisbury University, and Becca had just completed her sophomore year at Hood College in Frederick. Chris is about 80 percent done with his work toward a master's degree in fire safety and protection engineering at the University of Maryland in College Park. He plans to graduate and begin full-time work in Washington, D.C., this fall. All three students applied for and received scholarships from our Wesley Grove church family. We honored and congratulated them for their outstanding academic performance, continued community involvement, and positive character traits centered around leadership and service.

This summer's Vacation Bible School will begin on Monday, July 16, and continue through Friday, July 20, from 5:30-8:30 each evening. Our theme is "**Shipwrecked with Jesus.**" We will be singing, reading, acting, watching, and learning about God's plan for each of us while experiencing the week on a

deserted, tropical island. Each night, our students will listen to Bible stories, participate in Biblical dramas, sing upbeat songs about God and His Kingdom, view videos with important Christian messages, and witness more and more kids coming to Christ. VBS will be a great week that we hope will leave an unforgettable impact on all of us!

Please register your children and youth prior to VBS, so that we know how many students to plan for. Registration forms can be obtained in two ways – either from our office manager in the church office or from our church website. You may either submit them online or give them back to Tammy Monarch or Jaime Crawford in the church office, or register online at [www.wesleygroveumc.org](http://www.wesleygroveumc.org)

If you would like to help with VBS in any way (teach a session, help with a group, cook dinner, clean up after dinner, etc.), please contact Tammy at 301-253-0044 right away. We can always use more volunteers!

We are still looking to borrow these items for the week to turn our Education Building into a tropical island paradise:

- 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 island-oriented that you think we could possibly use!

If you have any of these items, please let Tammy know as soon as possible. Thank you in advance – our VBS scenes are always spectacular due to the “valuable treasures” that you all have stored in your attics, garages, basements, and closets!

And finally, please mark your calendars now for our **return to Sunday School** for all ages at 9:30 a.m. in our Education Building beginning on Sunday, September 9. Have a happy, healthy, relaxing, and safe summer – and we’ll see all of you back in the fall!

## Don't Miss the Choir in the Celebrate Damascus Parade!



### Friday, July 13 at 7 pm

Join your Wesley Grove Church family and most of Damascus community at the “Celebrate Damascus!” parade and fireworks on Friday, July 13, at 7 p.m. For the sixth straight year, Wesley Grove will sponsor a float and we’d love to have many of you roll and walk along the route toward the old carnival grounds. Please let Tammy know at 301-253-0044 if you’d like to join us.

## Christian Fellowship News

*Becky Lewis, Chair*

The Committee That Keeps You Busy on Weekends – also known as the Christian Fellowship Committee – is going to give you a summer break, with only one major event scheduled in each month.

On Saturday, July 21, we will host our special needs friends for a Shipwrecked Saturday event, based around themes from the previous five days’ Vacation Bible School. The party runs from 4 to 7 p.m., with a light dinner being served. More smiling faces are always welcome, so if you’d like to get involved in this important ministry, please see Becky Lewis.

On Sunday, August 26, we will take our Summer Sing to Pleasant View and Lorien in Mt. Airy. We’ll meet at the Education Building at 4 p.m. to carpool and join in a fellowship meal when we return. Look for a sign-up sheet and more details about dinner in the Greeting Room in August.

Ladies Lunch Out also meets during the summer months, on Wednesday, July 18 and Wednesday, August 15. Listen for announcements in church for more details.

After you’ve enjoyed a relaxing summer, get ready for a return to full weekends in the fall, starting with our Annual Charge Picnic on Sunday, September 9 and our Fall Yard Sale on Saturday, September 15, and continuing right on through a jam-packed holiday season. Rest up now!

# FREE Vacation Bible School!

Bible Stories

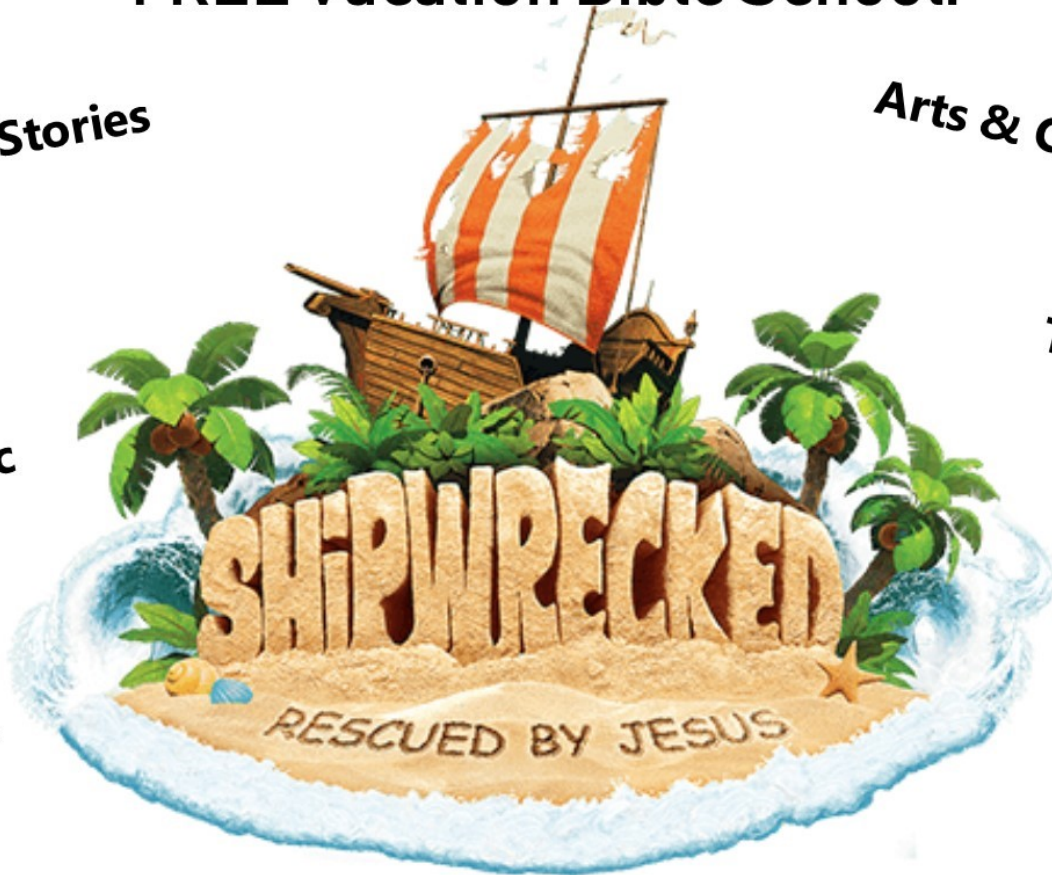
Arts & Crafts

Music

Theater

Games

FUN!



**Date: July 16th - July 20th**

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

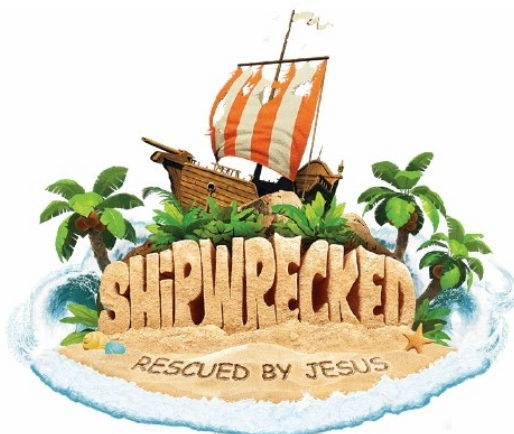
**Location: Wesley Grove United Methodist Church**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

<p>Please list any information we should know about your child (medical issues, health conditions, fears, etc.).</p> <p>Allergies or other medical conditions: _____</p> <p>Information you should know: _____</p> <p>In case of emergency, contact: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____ Relationship to child: _____</p>
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For Church Use Only - Crew number or name: \_\_\_\_\_

# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11:00 AM Worship (Communion)	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 11:00 AM Worship	9 7:30 PM Admin Council	10	11	12	13 7:00 PM Celebrate Damascus Parade	14 VBS Setup
15 11:00 AM Worship VBS Setup	16 5:30—8:30 PM VBS	17 5:30—8:30 PM VBS	18 NOON Ladies Lunch Out 5:30—8:30 PM VBS	19 5:30—8:30 PM VBS	20 5:30—8:30 PM VBS	21 4—7 PM Special Needs Shipwrecked Saturday
22 11:00 AM Worship (in Education Building)	23 7:30 PM Board of Trustees	24	25	26	27	28
29 11:00 AM Worship	30	31				



# August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 1:00—3:45 PM Bag Lunches @ Grace UMC	4
5 11:00 AM Worship (Communion)	6 7:30 PM Finance Committee	7	8	9	10 1:00—3:45 PM Bag Lunches @ Grace UMC	11
12 11:00 AM Worship	13	14	15 NOON Ladies Lunch Out	16	17 1:00—3:45 PM Bag Lunches @ Grace UMC	18
19 11:00 AM Worship	20	21	22	23	24 1:00—3:45 PM Bag Lunches @ Grace UMC	25
26 11:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM Summer Sing @ Nursing Homes	27 7:30 PM Board of Trustees	28	29	30	31 1:00—3:45 PM Bag Lunches @ Grace UMC	



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United Methodist Church  
Church Phone: 301-253-2894  
Email: [office@wesleygroveumc.org](mailto: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](http://wesleygroveumc.org)



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

To unsubscribe, please call the Wesley Grove UMC Office (301-253-2894) or email [wgunmc@wesleygroveumc.org](mailto:wgunmc@wesleygroveumc.org)

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