

Wesley Grove Messenger

October 2018

From Pastor Karen's Pulpit...

"So you are no longer aliens or foreign visitors; you are fellow citizens with the holy people and part of God's household. You are built on the foundations of the apostles and prophets, and Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone. Every structure knit together in him grows into a holy temple in the Lord, and you, too, in him are being built up into a dwelling place of God in Spirit."

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. If you have been a United Methodist for very long, the list probably sounds familiar. If the last word seems a little less familiar than the first four, it's because it was added to the list just nine years ago. When someone joins a United Methodist Church, they are supposed to be asked the question, "As a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?" Not only is the new member who is joining the church asked to make that promise, but the rest of the congregation is asked to renew its promise to do so as well.

The way I see it, it's a promise to put our faith into action, to not have a "dead" faith, but to commit ourselves to works that are evidence of a sincere and vital faith. Also, we make this pledge when joining the church because these are the areas that will most likely be tested at different points during our church membership. Our membership in a local church means more than belonging to a social club or having our name on the church books. Our membership vows connect the promises that began with our baptisms and extend into our everyday lives as we live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the month of October, our Finance Committee will be highlighting opportunities to serve God with our fellow Christians through our ministries of **prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness**. Our stewardship emphasis will culminate on October 28 as we welcome new members into the life and ministry of Wesley Grove UMC. If you are currently a member of another church, you may join Wesley Grove UMC by transferring your membership. If you were once a member of a church, but are no longer affiliated with one, you may consider reaffirming your faith. If this is the first time you have joined a church, you may publicly profess your faith in Jesus Christ.

Becoming a member of our church family is a blessing and an opportunity to serve with God and fellow Christians. If God is nudging you to take this next step with your Wesley Grove church family, please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Karen or Pastor John. We look forward to hearing from you.

In God's peace,
Pastor Karen

Lectionary Readings

October 7, 2018

Job 1:1, 2:1-10
 Psalms 25, 26
 Hebrews 1;1-4, 2:5-12
 Mark 10:2-16

October 14, 2018

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
 Psalm 22:1-15
 Hebrews 4:12-16
 Mark 10:17-31

October 21, 2018

Job 38:1-7, 34-41
 Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
 Hebrews 5:1-10
 Mark 10:35-45

October 28, 2018

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
 Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
 Hebrews 7:23-28
 Mark 10:46-52



October Birthdays

- 2 Louise Burdette
- 6 June Ward
- 9 Don Hobbs
- 16 Paul Eisenhaur
- 20 Joyce King
- 25 Mary Jane Walter
- 30 Charlie Stone

August 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	\$571.18
Church Secretary's Payroll	\$991.26
Choir Director's Salary	\$750.00
Payroll Taxes	\$170.30
Grass Cutting Fees	\$540.00
Snow Removal Fees	\$0.00
Custodian's Payroll	\$540.00
Programs	\$642.75
Office Expenses	\$0.00
Trustees - Maintenance	\$1,273.22
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$9,083.58

Income

Weekly Collections	\$4,125.00
Sunday School Collections	\$0.00
Cell Tower Income - Sprint	\$1,925.65
Cell Tower Income - Verizon	\$1,393.45
Church Dinner Proceeds	\$0.00
Use of Hall Fees	\$200.00
In and Out Income	\$0.00
Rental Property Loan Payback	\$1,000.00
Monthly Donation from Evening Circle	\$300.00
Parsonage Expense Reimbursements	\$875.01
Health Insurance & Pension Reimbursements	\$3,033.21
(from Mt. Tabor UMC & Salem UMC)	
Total Income	\$12,852.32

Harvest Festival Saturday, October 6

Remember to save Saturday, October 6, to help at our church booth at the Montgomery County Agricultural Farm Park's Fall Harvest Festival on Muncaster Road in Derwood. We will once again be grilling and selling food, including burgers, hot dogs, and sodas. Contact Rick Monarch at 301-253-0044 to volunteer or if you would like more information.

Administrative Council Meeting

September 10, 2018

In attendance — Pastor Karen, Bob Burke, Louise Burdette, Judy Hughes, Debbie Benson, Mike Sherwood, Tammy Monarch, Jackie Hottinger, Rick Monarch, Becky Lewis, Terri Sherwood.

Devotional – Opening prayer led by Mike Sherwood.

Prayer Requests – Hottinger grandchildren.

Good News Items –

- Indoor picnic was fun and well attended with a great slide show for the Brickman and Crawford family.
- Church received a \$7,000 insurance check for heat pump replacement.
- New three-tier sink installed to make the church health code compliant.
- Choir robes were washed, and stoles were cleaned at a very good price.

Action Items – Becky Lewis gave a motion to accept the July 9, 2018 minutes as written and published, Debbie Benson seconded, vote taken, and approved as written.

Committee Reports

Trustees – Mike Sherwood: Mike will review groundskeeping/handyman list with Gunner Kepner to see if he is interested in continuing in that position in addition to his landscaping contract.

Christian Education – Tammy Monarch: We will try a new Sunday School configuration this fall to see how it works. We will buy ROCK 2019 tickets soon if any youth are interested in attending. We will also see if there is any interest after Christmas for a confirmation class.

Finance – Debbie Benson: More to follow on the Stewardship/Laity celebration during the month of October.

Christian Fellowship – Becky Lewis: Yard Sale to be postponed to September 22 due to weather forecast. Committee is working on a new Santa event.

Missions - Jackie Hottinger: We had plenty of great help at Grace UMC for the Brown Bag program this summer. We had a very good school supply drive and a good adult diaper drive for Pleasant View nursing home.

Worship – Tammy Monarch for Sue Ketchum: The summer music program was great, and the picnic music was fabulous. Our Christmas Cantata will be held on December 16.

Staff Parish – Karen Davis: We will advertise for the part-time office manager position. The SPRC committees from all four churches in the charge will meet with Rev. Park on October 3.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Karen: Thank you for everything this body does for the church.

Old Business: Electrician still working on the choir loft lighting. General work still in progress on the cell tower. Waiting for cool weather to dig a trench for power to the new pine tree.

New Business: Roofer coming to check leak in ladies room.

- Terri ordered the new dishwasher/sanitizer unit.
- We will have a hose bib installed at the hall.

Devotions for next meeting on November 12 at 7:30 p.m. will be Judy Hughes. Meeting adjourned by Bob Burke at 9:11 p.m.

Finance News

Debbie Benson, Chair

Our Finance Committee has prepared a Stewardship Campaign to celebrate WGUMC. In Christ's church, **We All Matter**, and our October services will explore how through Prayer, Gifts, Service, Presence, and Witness. Everyone matters here at Wesley Grove.

Starting October 7, on World Communion Sunday, we will explore how important *prayers* are for our community of faith. On October 14, we will highlight how our *gifts* support Wesley Grove and our mission projects. On October 21, Laity Sunday, we will reflect how our talents and time provide *service* to our community and beyond. On October 28, we will close the Stewardship Campaign with a special service dedicated to our *presence* with an opportunity to accept new members to join our church family. This service will be a wonderful time to remember your family's own celebrations in this church from baptisms and confirmations to weddings and final remembrances of loved ones.

Each Sunday, we will have pledge cards available giving you an opportunity to commit your Prayers, Gifts, Service, Presence, and Witness to Christ's church through WGUMC. We hope each Sunday provides a time of reflection of how prayers have worked in your life, how gifts have made a way for God's will, how service has provided God's love, and how presence in Christ's church has revealed the Truth, the Life, and the Way.

Thank you for being a wonderful part of our WGUMC family! Please take some time during this year's Stewardship Campaign to reflect and share how Wesley Grove has been a special part of your faith. Consider what makes this church special and what keeps you coming back, and share this information with

your brothers and sisters in Christ because at this church, and in all of Christ's church, **We All Matter**.

Christian Fellowship News

Becky Lewis, Chair

October is a "routine" month for this committee, with only the following events on the schedule:

- **Wednesday, October 3:** Daytime Circle Brown Bag Lunch, 12:30 p.m., Education Building
- **Monday, October 8 (Columbus Day):** United Methodist Men's Breakfast at Smoke Hill BBQ, 8 a.m.
- **Wednesday, October 17:** Ladies Lunch Out, noon.
- **Sunday, October 28:** Coffee & Conversation, noon (A host family is still needed.)

Look for a much busier schedule in November, with the Holly Days Craft Bazaar and Luncheon coming up on Saturday, November 17, and "Day Two" of the Bazaar the following day, with a light lunch in the Education Building following the worship service.

Then, in December, our first Community Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m., and our annual Christmas Caroling and Dinner is set for Sunday, December 9, at 4 p.m. Mark your calendars now!

Please remember to restock your vehicles with our Meals for the Homeless bags. There are still plenty available in the vestibule to keep this ministry going within our community.

Christian Education News

Tammy Monarch, Chair

Our Sunday School started back up three weeks ago after our summer hiatus with about 10-15 kids and adults in attendance. This fall, we are studying and learning about the 13 (yes, 13!) disciples of Jesus. Each one has a different background and unique story of his own to share with us. Please know that we are open and welcoming to anyone wanting to join us at 9:30 on Sunday mornings, so feel free to come any Sunday!

ROCK, a weekend-long youth and adult Christian retreat filled with music, movement, and excitement about Christ, is coming soon! Every year, it is held at the Convention Center in Ocean City. This winter, the dates are February 8-10. Please mark this on your 2019 calendars and let Tammy know **now** if you are interested in attending this year's ROCK.

We are considered holding a confirmation class this coming winter and spring. If you know of a youth (age 12 or older) who is ready and interested in taking this next step in his/her faith journey and becoming a member of this church, please contact Pastor Karen or Tammy between now and Christmas, so we can plan accordingly.

Worship News

Sue Ketchum, Chair

Our Chancel Choir is happy to be back together after the summer break! We are working hard to learn some new music, and we are excited to be back up in the choir loft and singing for all of you.

Ally has a wonderful Christmas cantata planned for us, titled *Silent Night! Holy Night!* We have already started learning and practicing the music, and we look forward to presenting this joyful and uplifting program to all of you on Sunday, December 16 at both 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Thanks to Tammy for washing all of our choir robes over the summer. We will begin wearing them again this month. October is also the month that we will change the altar flowers and church decorations to fall colors, so stay tuned for a beautiful sanctuary!

Laity Sunday is coming soon! In the United Methodist Church, it is celebrated each year in October. This year's date is Sunday, October 21. If you would like to participate in the service this year by reading scripture, leading us in prayer, preaching the sermon, etc., please contact Sue as soon as possible. We would love to have many, many members of our congregation involved in our worship service on this day!

Watkins Road: An Opportunity for Service

Several years ago, Wesley Grove undertook a commitment to adopt a portion of Watkins Road, holding Clean-up Days to remove litter and other roadside debris.

Many members of the original group have retired and moved away. In order to keep this community service alive, your support is needed. If you can donate an hour or so of your time six times a year, please see Becky Lewis or call her at 240-338-3211. Let's continue to do our part to keep America beautiful!

All-You-Can-Eat
Turkey & Oyster
Dinner

Adults \$17

Children ages 5-12 \$8

Pre-schoolers eat free!

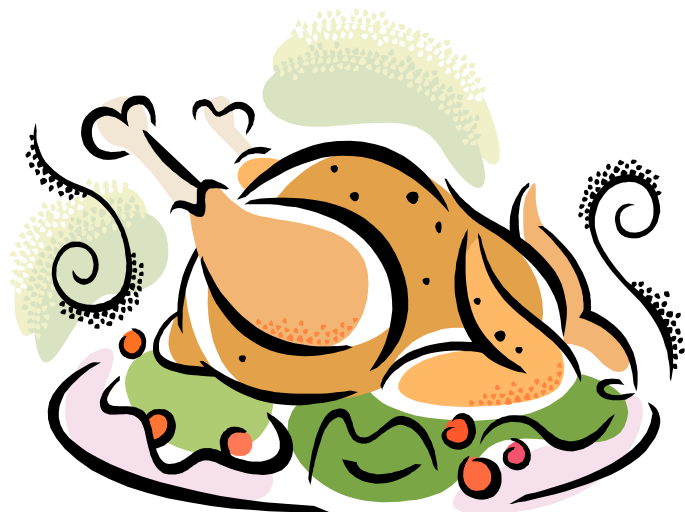
Bake Table and

Carry Out Meals Available

Time: 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Date: Saturday,

**Wesley Grove UMC
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WWW.WESLEYGROVEUMC.ORG**





Holly Days
Craft Bazaar and Luncheon
Saturday, November 17th
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Featuring Holiday Crafts,
Homemade Soups, Sandwiches,
and Bake Table

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Church Conference

South Damascus Charge



**Saturday,
November 3
at 9 AM
at Wesley Grove**

Everyone is encouraged to attend!!

*Please have all reports into the office by
Friday, October 5.*



Holly Days Craft Bazaar and Luncheon

**Saturday, November 17
9 AM to 3 PM**

Fall Harvest Festival

at the Montgomery County
Agricultural Farm Park
on Muncaster Road

**Saturday, October 6
from 11 AM to 4 PM**



Change your church directories...

New
Address!



**Andi Brickman
Jaime & J Crawford
Ciarra and Abby**

**2135 Maples Branch Road
Sevierville, TN 37876**

Are You Ready for Some **BINGO**?



**Damascus Volunteer Fire Department
Friday, October 26**

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner Served from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Games Begin at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Lois Kemp at 301-253-2859 by 10/21 for tickets @ \$40.00 each.

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			12:30 PM Brown Bag Luncheon 5:30 PM SPRC at Wesley Grove 7:00 PM Choir		1:00 PM Farm Park Setup Charge Conference reports due to office	11 AM - 4 PM Harvest Festival
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship (World Communion)	8:00 AM UMM Breakfast	7:30 PM Lay Leadership	7:00 PM Choir Practice			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30 AM Sunday School Breakfast & Service Project 11:00 AM Worship (Laity Sunday)	7:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting		7:00 PM Choir Practice			
28	29	30	31			
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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

Turkey & Fried Oyster Dinner

**Saturday,
October 20
1 — 5 PM**



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