

# Wesley Grove **Messenger**

June 2019

## From Pastor John's Pulpit...

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We greet you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Even though we believe you probably know by now that we will be leaving the South Damascus Charge to serve just Asbury United Methodist Church on July 1, we feel it is appropriate that we send this farewell letter to all of you. We want to express our words of appreciation for the many good deeds and kindnesses you showed to the Ampiah-Addison family during our five-year stay with you.

For the sake of ministerial work, we have been given a new appointment starting July 1, but since we have made friends and families with all of you, it is extremely difficult for us to leave. Families can travel and move to different places and still remain families, and thus, we believe this new appointment will not separate us from the love we have for each other, for our church family, and for the Lord.

Over the past five years, we have shared a lot of moments together, and our family will carry with us these good memories, always cherishing the lessons, the love, the encouragement, the support, and the words of wisdom that you have given to our ministry. It is not our wish to leave, but this is what we are called to do as disciples of Jesus. We all have to venture out, take risks, and share the love of God with others in our community and in the world.

And so, it's hard to imagine how we will no longer be with you, our brothers and sisters that we have come to call our family. But there is something we can do for each other - we can pray for each other. Please pray for us as we pray for all of you.

We would like to close with these words from the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 13:11, "Finally, Brothers and Sisters, good-bye. Remember to always aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with all of you."

May the Good Lord continue to bless you and keep you until we meet again...

*Pastor John & Mercy*

## Lectionary Readings

**June 2, 2019** - *Ascension of Our Lord Sunday*  
*Christian Education Sunday*

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 22:44-53

**June 9, 2019** - *Pentecost Sunday*

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-35  
Romans 8:14-17  
John 14:8-17, 25-27

**June 16, 2019** - *Trinity Sunday*

*Father's Day*  
*Peace with Justice Sunday*

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Psalm 8  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

**June 23, 2019** - *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

1 Kings 19:1-15a  
Psalm 42  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

**June 30, 2019** - *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62



## June Birthdays

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

## April 2019 Financial Report

*Rick Monarch, Treasurer*

### Expenses

Apportionments	\$1,521.08
Pastor's Salary	\$1,416.66
Associate Pastor's Salary	\$385.94
Pastor's Benefits	\$597.50
Pastor's Professional Expenses	\$0.00
Church Secretary's Payroll	\$1,029.38
Choir Director's Salary	\$883.34
Payroll Taxes	\$87.43
Miscellaneous	\$75.00
Grass Cutting Costs	\$0.00
Snow Removal Costs	\$80.00
Custodian's Payroll	\$540.00
Parsonage Expenses	\$406.62
Programs	\$850.03
Office Expenses	\$0.00
Trustees - Maintenance	\$3,674.88
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,547.86</b>

### Income

Weekly Collections	\$7,690.08
Sunday School Collections	\$0.00
Cell Tower Rental Fee - Sprint	\$1,925.65
Cell Tower Rental Fee - Verizon	\$1,435.25
Church Dinner Proceeds	\$0.00
Use of Hall Fees	\$0.00
Miscellaneous - Insurance Claim Payment	\$6,760.05
In and Out Income	\$530.00
Rental Property Monthly Payment	\$1,000.00
Monthly Donation from Evening Circle	\$300.00
Parsonage Expense Reimbursements	\$927.95
(from other churches - includes 2 months from Salem)	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$20,568.98</b>

**New directories** with updated contact information for our members are available for pickup on the table in the vestibule. If you would prefer, you can email the church office at [wesleygrove208@verizon.net](mailto:wesleygrove208@verizon.net) and Tammy will send you one electronically.

## Administrative Council Meeting May 13, 2019

Meeting opened by Bob Burke at 7:32 p.m.

### In Attendance:

Becky Lewis, Pastor Karen, Bob Burke, Carol Stone, Jackie Hottinger, Tammy Monarch, Louise Burdette, Judy Hughes, and Rick Monarch.

### Devotional Reading:

Reading from the Bible, Proverbs 16, by Tammy. "The Lord has the final word... Share your plans with the Lord, and you will succeed... Better to be wise and sensible than rich... Kind words are like honey" are just a few thoughts from this chapter.

### Action Items:

Tammy made a motion to accept the March 11 minutes as written with a revision to note Judy Hughes was in attendance. A vote was taken and approved as revised.

### Prayer Requests:

Louise's niece is doing better.  
Her cousin, Jack Zimmerman, is with hospice.  
Donnie Hottinger will have hernia surgery tomorrow.  
Jackie Hottinger is doing better and goes back to work this Thursday.  
Ollie Gray is having knee replacement surgery tomorrow.  
Eugene Stone, Charlie's dad, is in rehab after suffering a stroke.

### Good News Items:

Yard Sale profit was \$1,148.20; thanks to everyone who baked goods for us to sell. September 21 is the next yard sale.  
Insurance check arrived for \$7,700 for roof damage.  
Great Mother's Day breakfast was served yesterday!  
Good help at Soup Kitchen in late April.  
Egg Hunt and Easter cantata were both successes!

### Old Business:

Outside motion sensor lights are working again—yay!

### New Business:

Emergency Plan – We'll have a practice drill in next few months (date TBD) to prepare ourselves for a fire or medical emergency. Tammy has names of those members who have CPR and other medical training.

### Committee Reports:

**Trustees** – Sent a letter to HOC about buses coming around our property. Discussion occurred

about blocking driveway, staying on black top, and tearing up our driveway aprons. Looking into barriers. TKO construction – donation check for ballfield usage is coming. A local Boy Scout would like to do his Eagle Scout project at our church. He needs to present his idea this week to Boy Scout Council. Rick and Tammy have spoken with him on this proposed project to sand, fix, paint, and/or replace ballfield and playground benches in need of repair, and add a step up into the parking lot between church and hall.

**Finance** – Met last Monday. Have money to put into new CDs. Scholarship monies have been decided.

**Christian Fellowship** – Farewell potluck for John, Mercy, and family on June 23. Will invite Mt. Tabor and Salem. Karen to put it in their bulletins.

**Missions** – Sent donation checks to Damascus High School Post-Prom Committee and Three Rangers Foundation, which helps military families transition back to civilian life. New Soup Kitchen is working well.

**Christian Education** – Continuing Old Testament women study until June 9. Have had two movie nights with 13-15 in attendance. Next one is June 14.

**Worship** – Next meeting is June 9. Ally to come up with special music for summer.

**Communications** – Josh provided Wi-fi password for use in the hall.

**Staff Parish Relations** – Haven't heard yet who our new quarter-time associate pastor will be. S/ he should be here starting July 1.

**Pastor's Report** - Karen mentioned that Charge Lenten Bible Study was successful, and BWI Annual Conference is coming up May 29-June 1.

### Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be on Monday, July 15, with Becky leading our devotions. A meet and greet with our new associate pastor will follow that night.

Meeting adjourned by Bob Burke at 9:12 p.m.

## Christian Fellowship News

*Becky Lewis, Chair*

For the past five years, we've had the privilege of listening to Pastor John's sermons on a regular basis, as well as enjoying the pleasure of the company of all of his family. As he moves on to the next phase of his ministry, please join our Wesley Grove family in wishing Pastor John and his family well on Sunday, June 23, when we will hold a potluck luncheon in their honor after the worship service. The Christian Fellowship Committee will provide fried chicken, paper goods, and beverages; please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share, and a card, note, or other expression of your good wishes.

We'll also be bidding "farewell" to a busy part of our fellowship schedule as we prepare for a quiet and calm summer that allows you time to rest and relax, and perhaps enjoy some time away for your normal routine. Before that happens, there are several other events on the June schedule, starting with Coffee & Conversation in honor of our graduates on Sunday, June 2. The Evening Circle as a group will host.

On Wednesday, June 5, the Daytime Circle holds its annual summer potluck luncheon in the Education Building. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share as part of this fellowship meal. The Daytime Circle will resume its Brown Bag Luncheon schedule in the fall.

Then, on Sunday, June 16, the women of the church will prepare a fellowship breakfast in honor of Father's Day. Serving time in the Education Building is 9:30 a.m.; please see Becky Lewis to find out how you can help. **Everyone** is invited!

Ladies Lunch Out will meet at Lu & Joe's on Wednesday, June 19, at noon, and will continue to meet throughout the summer.

The Christian Fellowship Committee will resume its busy schedule with the Charge Picnic on Sunday, September 8. Please mark this date on your calendars now.

Enjoy the summer, and don't forget to turn out for the Celebrate Damascus Parade and Fireworks on Friday, July 12!

## Worship News

*Sue Ketchum, Chair*

Our next quarterly Worship Committee meeting will be held after the morning service on Sunday, June 9 in our fellowship hall. We will plan worship and music for the summer months as well as how to welcome and include our new associate pastor beginning on July 1. If you have any ideas or changes that you would like to suggest, please see me or any other member of our committee before this date.

As this church calendar year comes to a close, the Worship Committee would like to thank everyone who helps with our services each Sunday. We greatly appreciate all who serve as greeters, ushers, and liturgists. We also want to thank Mary Ann, Matt, and Charlie for providing us with beautiful music each Sunday morning as well as all of the members of our fabulous choir. Please know how much you all add to our weekly worship experiences.

To continue to present meaningful and fulfilling worship services throughout the summer, please consider signing up for these duties. The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

## Christian Education News

*Tammy Monarch, Chair*

We will continue our Sunday School study of Old Testament women through June 9, focusing on Esther and Huldah. After this day, we will stop for the summer and then resume Sunday School again in September when we all return back to school.

On Sunday, June 2, we will celebrate Christian Education Sunday by recognizing and honoring our Sunday School students during our regular worship service. Our children and youth will receive their yearly attendance pins and certificates at this time. All of our graduates and scholarship recipients will be celebrated as well. There will be Coffee and Conversation after church in honor these folks. Please make plans now to join us on this very special day!

On June 16, 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 the other men of the church. Make plans to join us on this special morning, and please know that everyone in our church family are welcome!

## Missions News

*Jackie Hottinger, Chair*

The Missions Committee recently made two donations on behalf of our church. The first went to the PTSA Post Prom Committee at Damascus High to help support an event that gives prom-goers a safe and fun place to continue celebrating throughout the night. Post Prom has been occurring since the mid-'80s and continues to be fully funded by Damascus area businesses, restaurants, and churches. Our second donation was given to Three Rangers Foundation, which is an organization that aids veterans in transitioning back into civilian life after years in the military.

## Graduates



At Wesley Grove, we have two Damascus High School graduates to honor and celebrate this year.

**Kenny Benson**, the son of Ron and Debbie Benson, plans to attend McDaniel College in Westminster this fall. There, he will be able to continue his passion - playing lacrosse. Recently, he was selected and honored by Montgomery County as a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-County Boys Lacrosse Team, and as part of this honor, he played in the All-Senior County Game in late May. Congratulations, Kenny, and best wishes for all of your future endeavors!

**Emma Lynagh**, the daughter of Greg and Cara Lynagh, will also graduate from DHS on Friday, May 31. She will attend Salisbury University in the fall, where she plans to major in early childhood education. For the summer, she will continue to work part-time as a waitress at Gentleman Jim's restaurant in Gaithersburg. Emma, all of us at WG wish you the very, very best for your college career and beyond!



## Looking Ahead...

Please mark your calendars now for the "Celebrate Damascus!" parade on Friday, July 12, beginning at 7 p.m. at Damascus High School. Once again, Wesley Grove will sponsor 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 on Lewis Drive. Please let Tammy know if you are willing to join her in walking in this parade.

## Third Family Movie Night

### Join Us...



*The Incredible True Story of  
Colton Burpo's Near Death Experience*

**Friday, June 14, at 6 p.m.**

Bring a side dish to share.  
Hamburgers with all the fixin's,  
beverages, and dessert  
will be supplied.

Sign up in the vestibule.

Remember to restock your cars with **meal bags for the hungry** in our community. There are plenty available in the vestibule. Help us to help those who desperately need this outreach and ministry.



Our **Wesley Grove Care Bear** population has grown steadily in recent months. Please remember to take these lovable critters out and into the community and present them to folks who are suffering, healing, and recovering, and could use a cuddly bear to bring them hope, comfort, and love.



*We have received a letter from a Christian family living in northern Virginia that is looking to adopt a child aged 0-3. If you know of a baby or young child needing a good home, please contact the church office (301-253-2894) for more information.*

*Calling all men and children...*



Join us for our **Annual Father's Day Breakfast**  
on Sunday, June 16 at 9:30 a.m.  
in our fellowship hall.



We will begin with a brief Bible moment and then partake of a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, and more.

Women, if you can help with this event, please contact Becky at 240-338-3211.

## Happy Father's Day!

# June 2019

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2 Ascension Sunday</b> <b>Christian Ed. Sunday</b> 9:30 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship Service with Communion	3	4	5 12:30 PM - UMW Daytime Circle Summer Luncheon 7:00 PM - Choir Practice	6	7	1 American Legion Dinner <hr/> 8
<b>9 Pentecost - Wear Red!</b> 9:30 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship Service 12:30 PM - Worship Committee Luncheon & Meeting	10	11	12 7:00 PM - Choir Practice	13	14 6:00 PM - Hamburger Dinner & Movie Night 4-8 PM - Fried Chicken & Ham Dinner @ MTUMC	15
<b>16 Father's Day</b> <b>Peace with Justice Sunday</b> 9:30 AM - Breakfast 11:00 AM - Worship Service	17	18 <i>July Newsletter Deadline</i>	19 12:00 PM - Ladies Lunch Out @ Lu & Joe's 7:00 PM - Choir Practice	20	21	22
<b>23</b> 11:00 AM - Worship Service 12:30 PM - Farewell Luncheon for Ampiah-Addison Family	24 7:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting	25	26	27	28	29
<b>30</b> 11:00 AM - Worship Service 6:00 PM - Hymn Sing at 1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist of Damascus Church						



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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](http://wesleygroveumc.org)

# Farewell Pot Luck Luncheon

for Pastor John, Mercy, & Family



**Sunday, June 23**  
after the Worship Service

Please join us and  
bring a dish or two to share as well as  
a card or note for the family.

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