

Wesley Grove **Messenger**

July 2019

From the Office Manager...

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under Heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to harvest, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build up, a time to weep and a time to laugh... a time to love and a time to hate, and a time for war and a time for peace.”

The month of July always makes me happy, but also a little sad. It reminds me of this third chapter of Ecclesiastes — there is indeed a time for everything and a season for every activity under the sun. There’s a time for summer with its sunshine and heat, vacations, flowers, and gardens as well as a time for winter with its snowstorms, cold and ice, and sleds and skis.

As both a student and a teacher, I have always thought of the year in terms of two seasons — school and summertime — instead of the traditional four. Of course, each new school year starts in the fall, and each one comes to an end in early summer. The United Methodist Church follows this same pattern with its pastoral changes always occurring on July 1. So, as the writer of Ecclesiastes (probably Solomon) tells us, there is a time for everything, including new beginnings and sad endings, and the comings and goings of beloved pastors.



This month, we say farewell and send our very best wishes with **Pastor John**, his wife Mercy, and the whole Ampiah-Addison Family. We wish them all well as he begins the next step in his Christian faith journey as the pastor of Asbury UMC in Germantown and as the family awaits the birth of their first grandchild later this month.

We also say hello and welcome to our new Associate Pastor, **YouJung Jung**, as she joins us this month in our South Damascus Charge. YouJung was born and raised by her Christian family in South Korea. She moved here by herself to complete high school in the United States at the age of 17. In 2016, while attending undergraduate school at the University of Maryland as an international business major, YouJung received a calling from God to change career paths and become a United Methodist pastor. She is currently enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. In her free time, she loves to play the piano, work with children and youth, and watch movies and television.



YouJung, we are all thrilled and excited to be able to support, nurture, and encourage you as you begin your career for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, here at Wesley Grove UMC!

God’s Blessings to All,
Tammy

Lectionary Readings

July 7, 2019

2 Kings 5:1-14
 Psalm 30
 Galatians 6:1-16
 Luke 10:1-20

June 14, 2019

Amos 7:7-17
 Psalm 82
 Colossians 1:1-14
 Luke 10:25-37

July 21, 2019

Amos 8:1-12
 Psalm 52
 Colossians 1:15-28
 Luke 10:38-42

July 28, 2019

Hosea 1:2-10
 Psalm 85
 Colossians 2:6-19
 Luke 11:1-13



July Birthdays



- 9 Rick Monarch
- 15 William Briggs
- 23 Jim Kemp
Kay Snouffer
- 25 Skip Ketchum
- 28 Becca Benson

May 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	\$177.41
Church Secretary's Wages	\$671.00
Choir Director's Salary	\$883.34
Payroll Taxes	\$67.84
Grass Cutting Fees	\$270.00
Snow Removal Fees	\$25.00
Custodian's Salary	\$810.00
Parsonage Expenses	\$826.58
Program Expenses	\$307.62
Office Expenses	\$0.00
Trustees - Maintenance Costs	\$1,637.45
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$9,597.42

Income

Weekly Collections	\$5,214.25
Sunday School Collections	\$0.00
Cell Tower Rent - Sprint	\$1,925.65
Cell Tower Rent - Verizon	\$1,435.25
Church Dinner Proceeds	\$0.00
Use of Hall Fees	\$0.00
In and Out Income	\$5.00
Rental Property Monthly Payment	\$1,000.00
Monthly Donation from Evening Circle	\$300.00
Parsonage Expense Reimbursement	\$1,953.01
(from other two churches)	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total Income	\$11,833.16



Christian Fellowship News

Becky Lewis, Chair

It's summer, time to take a deep breath and relax, and the Christian Fellowship schedule also allows some time for relaxation... but only until fall gets here!

Ladies Lunch Out continues to meet during the summer months. On Wednesday, July 17 at noon, we will visit the new Quincy's Uptown in Damascus. We will decide there where to meet on August 21. Please join us if you can!

There's just one additional event on the calendar for each summer month. On Saturday, July 20, we will welcome our special needs friends for a summer party featuring picnic games, dinner, and post-dinner bingo. Activities get underway at 4 p.m. and will wind up by 7 p.m. Please see Becky if you would like to help with this very special outreach project.

On Sunday, August 18, we will reach out to our friends at Pleasant View and Lorien Nursing Homes with the gift of smiles and songs. We'll meet in the Education Building parking lot to leave in a 4 p.m. carpool; after we've finished our outreach ministry, we'll return to share a pizza and salad dinner. Please sign up in the vestibule to give us an idea about how much pizza to purchase.

And as promised, the schedule will gear up again in September with our annual charge outdoor worship and picnic on Sunday, September 8; the fall yard sale on Saturday, September 21; and lots more to come as we make our way toward the Advent and Christmas seasons. Plan now to join us!

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

Missions News

Jackie Hottinger, Chair

School is indeed out for the summer, and yet, it's not too early to be thinking about next fall and the new school year. Faith Connections, our community's ecumenical organization, will be once again collecting school supplies for needy students in the Damascus-Clarksburg area. A flyer with this supply list (which includes packages of notebook paper, journals, pencils, erasers, pens, crayons, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, etc.) is on the table in the vestibule. Feel free to pick up one of these lists, and if you are able, buy any of these supplies when you are out shopping this summer. Your donations can be placed in the labeled blue bins in the vestibule during the months of July and August. Faith Connections will then pick up these filled bins in mid to late August. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Calling All Readers!!!

A New Opportunity

I'd like to start a monthly book club for adults in our Wesley Grove Church Family. Everyone will share in the selection of the books we read. Clubs like this can be a lot of fun and expose all of us to books we might not ordinarily pick up and read.



If you are interested in joining this new club, please contact me, Linda Chatterton, at linda.chatterton@gmail.com or at 410-218-9243. Once I hear from all who are interested, we'll decide together when to begin and on what dates to meet.

Christian Education News

Tammy Monarch, Chair

Our Sunday School is now 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, both young and old, during our worship service on Sunday, June 2. Our school-age students received completion certificates and sixth-year pins. These students were David, Danny, Adam, and Andrew Wilson.

On this same Sunday, we honored and celebrated the high school graduates in our church family. Both Emma Lynagh and Kenny Benson graduated from Damascus High School on Friday, May 31. Emma plans to attend Salisbury University in the fall majoring in elementary education, and Kenny will be attending McDaniel College in Westminster. He is undecided as to his major, but he definitely plans to continue his passion in college – playing lacrosse.

We also recognized Becca Benson and Tim Lee during this service. Tim had just completed his sophomore year at Salisbury University, and Becca had just completed her junior year at Hood College in Frederick. Both students received scholarships from our Wesley Grove Church Family. We honored and congratulated the two of them for their outstanding academic performance, their continued community involvement, and their positive character traits centered around leadership and service. Both Becca and Tim are majoring in education and plan to teach when they graduate.

Please mark your calendars now for our return to Sunday School for all ages beginning on Sunday, September 15. Have a happy, healthy, relaxing, and safe summer – we hope to see all of you back in the fall!



It's Parade Time!

Please join us in "Celebrating Damascus!" on Friday, July 12 at 7 p.m. This annual parade will begin at Damascus High School and continue to the old carnival grounds on Lewis Drive. Once again, Wesley Grove will sponsor a float. Our theme is a military one—we will be honoring our U.S. service men and women. If you have hats or other accessories that we can borrow, please let Tammy know. We'd also love to have as many of you as possible walk with us as we distribute candy to the kids along the route. If you are willing to join Matt and Tammy as they walk the parade route and represent Wesley Grove in this fun summer event, please let her know.

*We are currently looking for two **window air conditioning units**. If you have a spare one (or two!) just sitting in your basement, attic, or garage that you are not using, please contact the church office at 301-253-2894. Many thanks in advance from our Board of Trustees.*

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 and Tammy will send you one electronically.



Special Needs Summer Party

Join Us...

*for a Fun Evening
of Outdoor Games,
Picnic Dinner,
and, of course, Bingo!*

Saturday, July 20 at 4 p.m.

Rain or Shine
*as we will be
in the Fellowship Hall*



Please consider attending this event as we can always use more friendly faces to greet and interact with our guests! Let Becky or Tammy know if you plan to join us.

Remember to restock your cars with **meal bags for the hungry** in our community. There are plenty available in the vestibule. Help us help those who so desperately need this outreach and ministry, especially in these summer months when The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen is closed.



Our **Wesley Grove Care Bear** population has grown steadily in recent months. Please remember to take these lovable, little 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. Please let the recipients know that each bear has been blessed and comes with many positive thoughts and prayers to God from our church family here at Wesley Grove.

Join us for our **Annual Summer "Caroling"**
on Sunday, August 18 at 4:00 p.m.
in our fellowship hall parking lot

We will carpool to both Pleasant View and Lorien Nursing Homes in Mt. Airy, and then return to Wesley Grove for a fellowship dinner of pizza and salad. Please sign up in the vestibule if you plan to join us for this fun, and very meaningful, event.



July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 <i>Happy Independence Day</i>	5	6
7 11:00 AM - Worship Service with Communion <i>Welcome Pastor YouJung Jung!</i>	8	9	10 7:00 PM - Choir Practice for Float Participants	11	12 6:30 PM - Parade Participants be at DHS 7:00 PM - Parade Begins	13
14 11:00 AM - Worship Service	15 7:30 PM - Administrative Council	16	17 12:00 PM - Ladies Lunch Out @ Quincy's Uptown	18 <i>August Newsletter Deadline</i>	19	20 4:00 PM - Summer Party for Adults with Special Needs
21 11:00 AM - Worship Service 12:00 PM - Fellowship Hour	22 7:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting	23	24	25	26	27
28 11:00 AM - Worship Service	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

Celebrate Summer and our Independence!

God is Good

**Thank Him
and our many
service men and women
for all the freedoms, privileges,
and rights that we enjoy
on a daily basis.**

Happy Fourth of July!



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