

# Wesley Grove **Messenger**

November 2019

## **From the Associate Pastor's Desk...**

Let me share a little bit of Methodist history with you all today. Even though there are now numerous female pastors in the United Methodist Church, women were not allowed to preach in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Methodism, and John Wesley himself did not allow women to preach. However, his position toward female preachers gradually changed over time, and one of the preachers who contributed to this change was Sarah Mallet (1761-1843).

Sarah received her extraordinary call to preach through an angelic vision from God while still in her twenties. At first, she resisted this call because there was "no friend to women's preaching." But then, she experienced an unique and very strange occurrence - she had a seizure - and during this, Sarah started to preach aloud. Although she was unconscious, she preached coherently and expounded on various scripture passages. Soon, her preaching began bringing people to Jesus.

Sarah's ministry started with preaching at her uncle's Methodist preaching house every other Sunday evening. While many, including her own family, opposed her, her ministry grew. More and more people came to hear her preach, and she received invitations to preach from other nearby towns. Sarah became one of the most celebrated preachers of her day.

In 1786, Wesley visited Sarah and was impressed by her extraordinary call and her unique spiritual experience. This impression convinced him to believe that she had been called by God to preach. He became one of her greatest supporters, giving her advice on preaching styles, encouraging her to stay firm against prejudice, and offering her financial support for her traveling expenses.

With Wesley's support, Sarah received written authorization from the Manchester Conference to become an official Methodist preacher. The letter read, "We give the right hand of fellowship to Sarah Mallet, and we have no objection to her being a preacher in our Conference, as long as she preaches Methodist doctrines and attends to our discipline."

This approval prompted significant action from Wesley, who as an Anglican clergy member had made his position clear on the opposition of women's preaching. He altered this stance, however, as he acknowledged God's call of women and His work in equipping them to become preachers.

Sarah could now conduct her ministry without hindrance from the opposition party. Much of the prejudice toward women preachers slowly diminished, and male preachers' attitudes toward females became more favorable and positive although there was still objection toward female preachers from many of their congregants. Sarah opened the way for other women to receive and act on God's call.

Throughout her 55 years of ministry, many people heard the Gospel from Sarah and converted to Christianity. She never stopped preaching and being obedient to God's call, even when she faced opposition or criticism from the church and her fellow preachers. This female trailblazer in the Methodism Movement paved the way for other women preachers to follow and drew many people to Christ through her outreaching ministry.

After her death in the mid-1800's, the status of women in England started to improve. In 1910, 67 years after her death, the Wesleyans officially withdrew their prohibition of women preachers. In 1918, they granted women the same rights, conditions, and privileges as their male counterparts. This action became a major landmark in achieving sexual equality in later Methodism, and Sarah Mallet played no small part in this significant change.

Peace to each of you,  
*Pastor Youjung*

## Lectionary Readings

**November 3, 2019**

***All Saints Sunday***

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms 119:137-144

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

**November 10, 2019**

***Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday***

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

**November 17, 2019**

Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalms 118

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

**November 24, 2019**

***Christ the King Sunday***

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-69

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

## November Birthdays

2 David Wilson

6 John Briggs

11 Eugene Swearingen

12 Lois Kemp

13 Mary Knox

Becky Lewis

14 Marcus Hull

17 Jed Snow

18 Ron Benson

23 Brian Hottinger

28 Kelsey Kunkle

Jane Shaub



## September 2019 Financial Report

*Rick Monarch, Treasurer*

### Expenses

Apportionments	\$1,521.08
Pastor's Salary	\$1,416.66
Associate Pastor's Salary	\$578.96
Pastor's Benefits	\$597.50
Pastor's Professional Expenses	\$30.99
Church Secretary's Wages	\$754.88
Choir Director's Salary	\$883.34
Substitute Musician Payments	\$0.00
Payroll Taxes	\$170.28
Capital Improvement - Millings for Driveway	\$2,600.00
Grass Cutting Fees	\$0.00
Snow Removal Fees	\$0.00
Custodian's Salary	\$540.00
Parsonage Expenses	\$116.03
Church Programs	\$1,343.74
Office Expenses	\$66.64
Trustees - Maintenance Costs	\$3,290.65
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,910.75</b>

### Income

Weekly Collections	\$5,228.00
Sunday School Collections	\$0.00
Cell Tower Rental Fee - Sprint	\$1,983.42
Cell Tower Rental Fee - Verizon	\$1,435.25
Church Dinner Proceeds	\$0.00
Use of Hall Fees	\$0.00
In and Out Income	\$0.00
Rental Property Monthly Payment	\$1,000.00
Monthly Donation from Evening Circle	\$300.00
Parsonage Expense Reimbursements (from Salem and Mt. Tabor UMC)	\$1,953.01
Miscellaneous	\$217.20
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$12,116.88</b>

## Administrative Council Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2019

Meeting opened by Bob at 7:31 pm.

### In Attendance

Rick Monarch, Tammy Monarch, Judy Hughes, Louise Burdette, Jackie Hottinger, Pastor Karen, Bob Burke, Carol Stone, Jim Kemp, Terri Sherwood.

### Prayer Requests

- Ollie Gray, Sharon Johnson, and family on Sandi's passing.
- Sue and Skip Ketchum and family on Sue's father's passing.
- Frank Miller and family on Frank's aunt's passing.
- Nuccio family on Phil's passing.
- Gue family on June's passing.
- Mehrle Staley will have a heart operation in November.
- Terri Sherwood smashed her finger with hammer today.

### Good News Items

- Thank you to all who helped with the Farm Park in any way. It looks like our profit will be about \$2,500.
- Louise Burdette's granddaughter purchased her first house in Frederick.

### SPRC Report on Pastors' Salaries

- Charge SPRC recommends increasing Pastor Karen's salary by 1 percent. That would make her salary \$51,510, divided by three churches. WG's portion would be \$17,170.
- Charge SPRC recommends keeping Pastor Youjung's salary the same since she has only been with us for three months. Thus, her salary would continue to be \$13,896, divided by three churches. Our portion would be \$4,632.

- Finance Committee confirms that these figures can be paid in 2020 by Wesley Grove.
- Terri, as SPRC Chairperson, made the motion to approve these two salary figures for 2020. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### Finance Committee

Tammy noted that all committee chairs need to get their 2020 budget requests to Rick by Sunday, November 3.

Finance Committee will meet on Monday, November 4, to review and confirm them before presenting the entire 2020 proposed budget at our next Administrative Council meeting in November.

### Concluding Prayer

Tammy ended the meeting with a prayer.

### Next Meeting

Next Administrative Council meeting will be on Monday, November 11, at 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned by Bob at 8:24 pm.

## Training Tuesdays

The BWC will host training webinars for all church officers on selected Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm during the months of November, December, and January. Please consider logging into one or more of these webinars as they share information on how our church committees can operate more efficiently and successfully: SPRC - 11/5; Trustees - 11/12; Finance - 11/19; Church Council - 11/26; Nominations - 12/3; Unified Board - 1/7.

To register and obtain the ZOOM address, visit [bwcumc.org/training-tuesdays](http://bwcumc.org/training-tuesdays) and click on the date of the class for more details.

## Fellowship News

*Becky Lewis, Chair*

The Christmas Season is nearly on us! Plan to get yourself in the holiday spirit by coming out to our annual Holly Days Craft Bazaar and Luncheon on Saturday, November 23, from 9 am to 3 pm. Bring your list, browse the many tables of vendors, and stop in the church craft room where you'll find something for everyone on your list. When you're done, refresh yourself with a delicious homemade soup and sandwich lunch and a sweet treat from the bake sale.

Lots of help is needed to pull off this major fundraiser. We'll be setting up on Thursday, November 21, at 7 pm, and Friday, November 22, at 11 am. Of course, we need help during the event as well, and donations of baked goods are always welcome. If you can help during any of these times, please let Tammy (301-253-0044) or Becky (240-338-3211) know.

Although the Bazaar is this month's major occasion, there are a number of other events on the Christian Fellowship calendar as well. The month starts off with a Rootin'-Tootin' Special Needs Roundup on Saturday, November 2, from 4 to 7 pm. We'll begin with some "cowboy games," followed by a chuckwagon supper of hot dogs, baked beans, French fries and more, and then of course, bingo. If you can help with this meaningful ministry, please let Becky know.

Also on the calendar are Daytime Circle Brown Bag Lunch on Wednesday, November 6, at 12:30 pm; UMM breakfast on Monday, November 11, at 8 am (Veterans Day); and Ladies Lunch Out on Wednesday, November 20, at noon at Lu & Joe's. Coffee and Conversation" takes place on Sunday, November 17, and the Evening Circle will provide a light luncheon on Sunday, November 24. If you missed the Bazaar – or you just couldn't make

up your mind – on Saturday, you'll have an opportunity to shop the Wesley Grove craft room as well.

And the busy times don't end there. Coming up in December, we have...

- Daytime Circle Christmas Luncheon, December 5
- Community Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 5
- Fellowship Hour after the Cantata, December 15
- Christmas Caroling and Dinner, December 22

Mark your calendars now, so you don't miss any of these special holiday events!

## Worship News

*Sue Ketchum, Chair*

The Worship Committee met on Sunday, October 20 to plan our worship services from now through the start of the new year. This time period, of course, includes Advent and Christmas. Like every year, we will light one new candle each week on our Advent wreath. If you and your family would like to be involved in this experience, please contact the church office before the end of November.

We plan to decorate our sanctuary for the Advent Season on Saturday, November 30, beginning at 9:30 am. Please join us if you can as the more hands we have, the quicker and easier this job is for all of us. And, of course, the result is always a joyous and beautiful way to celebrate the Holiday Season!

For those of you who like to plan ahead for the Christmas Holidays, our Christmas Eve worship service will be held at 9:00 pm. If this time does not suit you, feel free to celebrate and worship the birth of our Lord and Savior at one of our two sister churches. Salem will hold its service at 4:00 pm, and Mt. Tabor will hold its service at 7:00 pm.

## Education News

*Tammy Monarch, Chair*

Since we started back to Sunday School a month ago, we have been remembering and sharing our faith journeys as Christians thus far in our lives. We have reminisced about our early days in Sunday School and at Vacation Bible School. We have shared which ones of us attended church camps, weekend retreats, and youth group activities. We have discussed if we served as acolytes or singers in a children's choir, and we've shared the circumstances surrounding our baptisms and confirmations as beloved children of God.

Our Sunday School is light and easy and open to folks of all ages, so please feel free to join us any Sunday at 9:30 am and see what we're all about. We'd love to have you with us!

### Request From Damascus Help

Volunteers at Damascus Help would like you to consider this organization when designating where to send your 2020 workplace charitable campaign donation. It is able to receive donations from several different campaigns including America's Charities, Wells Fargo, United Way, and the Combined Federal Campaign. Its designation code for the United Way Campaign is 8425, and for the Combined Federal Campaign, it's 30335.

Damascus Help is an all-volunteer organization, that helps people in Damascus, Clarksburg, Hyattstown, north Laytonsville, southern Frederick County, and Germantown (north of Brink Road). It provides food, financial assistance, furniture, holiday meals, and transportation to those in need.

For more information, call 301-253-4100 or visit this website — <http://www.damascushelp.org>

## Upcoming Community Events

### National Christian Choir Concerts

**Community Concert** - Sunday, November 17 at 4:30 pm at John Wesley UMC in Hagerstown. This concert is free, and no tickets are needed.

**Christmas Concert** - Saturday, November 23 at both 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm at the International Community Church in Frederick. Tickets are required for this event. To purchase them, call 240-344-4497.



### NE Jurisdictional Conference Summer 2020

The Baltimore Washington Conference (BWC) is the Host Conference of the 2020 NE Jurisdictional Conference next summer from July 13 - 17 at the Delta Hotel in Hunt Valley. The Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen of Oxon Hill UMC will serve as our local host chairperson, and she is asking all of us for our help. We will host 192 delegates, our bishops, their spouses and assistants, and countless other guests.

As you can imagine, hosting such a large event takes the help of many hands, many heads, and many hearts. We need greeters, welcomees at the airports, train and light rail stations, pages, tellers, runners, and knitters (more information on this job will be forthcoming!).

If you are willing to help, email Rev. Allen at [pastorp527@gmail.com](mailto:pastorp527@gmail.com). Be sure to provide her with your name, best email contact, region and district, and how you would like to serve.

If you want to help, but do not see an area that interests you, email Rev. Allen with the ways you are willing to serve. She would love any and all help!



*It's almost Holiday Time  
and therefore,  
it's almost time for the  
Daytime Circle's*

## Annual Christmas Luncheon

Mt. Airy Tavern

Thursday, December 5

12:30 pm

**Everyone is welcome to attend!**

We will order from the regular luncheon menu, which is available online if you wish to look at it ahead of time, and pay for our meals that day.

We need to provide the restaurant with the number of people attending, so that the dining room will be set up to accommodate all of us.

Please let either Judy (301-253-5755) or Mary Jane (301-972-3089) know if you will be joining us no later than Sunday, December 1.



## Holly Days Craft Bazaar and Luncheon

**Saturday, November 23  
9 am to 3 pm**

*A few spaces are still available.*

*Please share with any crafters  
that you might know.*

## Community Prayers

*Faith Connections of Damascus* has started a church prayer list, from which all of our local congregations are asked to pray for two of our area churches and their ministries each month. For November, together as a community of believers, we will pray for:



- **Greenridge Baptist Church**
- **Iglesia Bautista International Church**

We all know just how great and miraculous the power of group prayer can be!

A big, huge thank you goes out to all of you that helped to make our Montgomery County Agricultural Farm Park's Fall Harvest Festival food booth such a great success for our church — we made a profit of about \$2,500! This event took many people and many days to order, purchase, prepare, cook, bake, and haul equipment. Special thanks go out to Jim Kemp for organizing the food and to Rick Monarch for organizing the workers for this event. We greatly appreciate all of you and all that you do to make our fundraisers so successful!



*Our Sympathies are extended to...*

**Ollie Gray and Sharon Johnson** - Sandi passed on September 30 after a stomach ulcer ruptured and caused her body's organs to shut down. A celebration of her life was held here at Wesley Grove on Sunday, October 6. If you would like to contribute in her memory, Ollie and Sharon ask that you give to Camp Jabberwocky, P.O. Box 1357, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568.

Please know that our condolences go out to both of you at this very sad time in your lives, and we ask that our Lord Jesus Christ be with you today and in the days ahead to grant you peace, love, and understanding.

# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>3 All Saints Sunday</b> 9:30 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship Service with Communion</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7:30 PM - Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6:45 PM - Lions Club Dinner</p>	<p><b>6</b> 12:30 PM - Brown Bag Lunch 7:00 PM - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>10 Tissue &amp; Organ Donor Sunday</b> 9:30 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship Service</p>	<p><b>11 Veterans Day</b> 8:00 AM - UMM Breakfast @ Tom &amp; Ray's 7:30 PM - Administrative Council Mtg.</p>	<p><b>12</b> 7:30 PM Charge SPRC Meeting @ WG</p>	<p><b>13</b> 7:00 PM - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>December Newsletter Deadline</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>17</b> 9:30 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship Service 12:00 PM - Fellowship Hour</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 6:45 PM - Lions Club Dinner</p>	<p><b>20</b> 12:00 PM - Ladies Lunch Out @ Lu &amp; Joe's 7:00 PM - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>21</b> 7:00 PM - Set up for Bazaar</p>	<p><b>22</b> 11:00 AM - Set up for Bazaar</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Holly Days Craft Bazaar and Luncheon</p>
<p><b>24 Christ the King Sunday</b> 9:30 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Worship Service 12:30 PM - Fellowship Luncheon</p>	<p><b>25</b> 7:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> Community Thanksgiving Eye Service @ St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Laytonsville</p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:30 AM - Decorate Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas</p>



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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)



## **Annual Holly Days Craft Bazaar and Luncheon**

**Saturday, November 23  
9 am to 3 pm**

**Join us for this very special start  
to the Holiday Season!**

We'll have about 30 crafters selling handmade items including knitted scarves and hats, Christmas decorations, homemade soaps, fudge, salsa, and holiday gift baskets. Lunch consists of delicious homemade soups and sandwiches as well as lots of yummy baked goods.

If you can help, call Tammy at 301-253-0044.

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