

Wesley Grove **Messenger**

January 2020

From Pastor YouJung's Pulpit...

As we begin to celebrate the New Year of 2020, we traditionally make resolutions and dream special wishes for the new year. Some people wish and pray thoughts like, "I want to feel better and stay healthy this year," or "I want to lose weight," or "I will spend less money and save more this year." Some of you might even make resolutions like, "I will read through the whole Bible," or "I will set aside some time each day to pray."

I am sure all of you are excited about your dreams and plans for the new year, but there is one thing more important than any of our plans and dreams. It is fulfilling the promise of God in our lives. When God commanded the Israelites, through Moses, to "go into the Promised Land of Canaan and take possession of the land," it seemed impossible for the Hebrew people to enter this land and take it as their own because the people already dwelling there were stronger than them.

But, this command was the Promise of God. He had already given them His Promise, and now was the time for them to fulfill that promise, to experience the results, and to bear the fruits. This was a great and tremendous blessing for the Jewish people to finally receive God's promise; however, it is an even greater blessing for us to fulfill His promise in our lives today.

Our Lord commands us to seek out His will for our lives and to live our lives fully alive. His command seems almost impossible for us to achieve by our own efforts, which is just what the Israelites thought when God commanded them to take over the Promised Land of Canaan. However, everything is possible in God and with God because His command is a promise for all of His children, and He will prepare everything for us to be able to fulfill that promise. For Deuteronomy 31:8 tells us, "Don't be afraid of failure because the Lord Himself goes before us and will be with us, and He will never leave us or forsake us."

I wish everyone a very happy, safe, and healthy new year, and I pray that you will experience our Lord fulfilling His Promise to all of us today, tomorrow, and throughout this coming year.

Blessings of peace to you,

Pastor YouJung

Lectionary Readings

January 5, 2020

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12
 Matthew 2:1-12

January 12, 2020

Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm 29
 Acts 10:34-43
 Matthew 3:13-17

January 19, 2020

Isaiah 49:1-7
 Psalm 40:1-11
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 John 1:29-42

January 26, 2020

Isaiah 9:1-4
 Psalm 27:1, 4-9
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Matthew 4:12-23

BWC Scholarship Information

The Baltimore-Washington Conference is offering college scholarships for the fall 2020 semester. Students can apply from January 3 through March 5 using the online application system.

These scholarships are available for students who will be attending colleges and universities in the United States full time. All applicants have to be active members of their churches for at least one year and have GPAs of at least 2.5. Official transcripts and contact information for two church references (the pastor and another member) will need to be provided.

To apply, visit www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/

November 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	\$0.00
Church Secretary's Wages	\$754.88
Choir Director's Salary	\$883.34
Substitute Musician Payments	\$75.00
Payroll Taxes	\$126.38
Capital Improvement	\$0.00
Grass Cutting Fees	\$0.00
Snow Removal Fees	\$0.00
Custodian's Salary	\$540.00
Parsonage Expenses	\$228.04
Programs	\$1,068.93
Office Expenses	\$195.94
Trustees - Maintenance Costs	\$1,512.57
Total Expenses	\$9,499.28

Income

Weekly Collections	\$7,624.00
Cell Tower Rental Fee - Sprint	\$1,983.42
Cell Tower Rental Fee - Verizon	\$1,435.25
Use of Hall Fees	\$60.00
In and Out Income	\$0.00
Rental Property Monthly Payment	\$1,000.00
Monthly Donation from Evening Circle	\$600.00
Parsonage Expense Reimbursements (from Salem and Mt. Tabor)	\$1,953.01
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total Income	\$14,655.68



January Birthdays

11 Betty Duvall
 15 Delaney Hagy
 16 Brian Lewis
 20 Lewis Burdette
 30 Joe Mallon

Christian Fellowship News

Becky Lewis, Chair

With the holidays behind us, it's time to start planning our Christian Fellowship activities for 2020. The committee will meet on Monday, January 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the hall to set the calendar for the new year, which will be listed in its entirety in the February newsletter. If you have any ideas, please contact Becky or any other member of the committee before this meeting.

A couple of events for January are already on the calendar — headlined by our annual Soup Sunday Luncheon after the worship service on Sunday, January 19. Be sure to look for the sign-up sheet in the Greeting Room to bring soup, bread/muffins, or dessert. Following lunch, there will be refresher training on the use of the defibrillator for all who are interested. This potentially life-saving tool is very user-friendly; the video training will walk us through all the steps.

Ladies Lunch Out will take place on Wednesday, January 15, at noon, at Ledo's in Damascus, and our United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast at Tom & Ray's on Monday, January 20 (Martin Luther King Day) at 8 a.m. The Daytime Circle Brown bag will resume in February.

Missions News

Jackie Hottinger, Chair

The Missions Committee would like to send out a HUGE thank you to everyone in our church family who contributed to make Christmas special for four needy families. We gave them presents to put under their trees and delicious, full food baskets to enjoy. Our Wesley Grove family is always so generous and willing to help those in need, and we thank you all for that!

Christian Education News

Tammy Monarch, Chair

Throughout January, we will study, discuss, and determine what makes us Christians, and more especially, United Methodist Christians. As always, feel free to join us any Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the hall.

On Friday, January 24, we will host another "Dinner and a Movie" at 6 p.m. Our meal will be pasta, salad, bread, beverages, and dessert, and our movie will be *The Preacher's Kid*, based on the parable of the Prodigal Son. All are welcome; please sign up in the Greeting Room.

Once again, we are searching for that special someone to lead and organize Vacation Bible School in 2020. The theme revolves around Jesus being our rock, our foundation. This amazing week will take place in the majestic Rocky Mountains. Please contact Tammy if you feel called or if you would just like more information.

Worship News

Sue Ketchum, Chair

Thanks to all of you who helped decorate our sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. As always, our church looked beautiful with the hanging greens, red bows, sparkling tree, and beautiful, red poinsettias.

Sadly, that season has come to a close, and it is now time to put away all of those decorations for another year. We will do this on Saturday, January 18 beginning at 9:30 a.m. and could use any and all help. If we have a good number of helpers, it should take only about two hours. Please join us.

The next meeting will take place in February. If you have any thoughts or ideas that you would like us to consider and discuss, please let Sue or any other member know.

Join Us for

UMM Breakfast

at

Tom & Ray's



Monday, January 20
8 AM



Help "Undecorate" Our Sanctuary

Saturday, January 18
9:30 AM

Ladies Lunch Out

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in Damascus

Wednesday, January 15
12 PM

Dinner and Movie Night

at the Hall

featuring "The Preacher's Kid"



Friday, January 24
6 PM

Reminders and Requests

- Be sure to pick up your 2020 giving envelopes if you have not already done so.
- Pick up any remaining Christmas poinsettias that you might have ordered.
- New church leadership positions begin this month. Please check your 2020 Lay Leadership Report to determine which committees you are a member of this year.
- Look over your personal information in our latest church directory to see if it is accurate and up to date. If you find any errors, please let the church office know ASAP. We will print and email an updated version for everyone in the very near future.
- There are good number of 2020 wall and pocket calendars on the table in the vestibule. Please feel free to help yourself.

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5 9:30 AM - Sunday School 11:00AM -Worship with Communion	<i>Pastor YouJung in Korea until January 24</i> 6 Epiphany 7:30 PM - Christian Fellowship Committee	7 6:45 PM - Lions Club Dinner	8 7:00 PM - Choir Practice	9	10	11
12 9:30 AM - Sunday School 11:00AM -Worship Service		14	15 12:00 PM - Ladies Lunch Out @ Le-do's in Damascus 7:00 PM - Choir Practice	16 7:30 PM - Communications Committee Meeting	17 February Newsletter Deadline	18 9:30 AM - Undecorate Sanctuary from Christmas
19 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00AM -Worship 12:30 PM - Soup Sunday Luncheon	20 8:00 AM - Break-fast, Tom & Ray's Administrative Council	21 6:45 PM - Lions Club Dinner	22 7:00 PM - Choir Practice	23	24 6:00 PM - Dinner and Movie Night	25
26 9:30 AM - Sunday School 11:00AM -Worship Service	27 7:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting	28	29 7:00 PM - Choir Practice	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

Soup Sunday



following the
Worship Service

on

Sunday, January 19

Sign up in the vestibule
to make a pot of soup,
to bake bread or muffins,
or to bring a dessert.

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