

# Wesley Grove Messenger

July 2021

*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, 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 bright 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 schedule with its pastoral changes always occurring on July 1. So, as the writer of Ecclesiastes (probably Solomon) tells us, there is indeed 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 YouJung** as she moves on in her Christian faith journey. We wish her well as she begins her new appointment as the pastor of both Prospect UMC and Marvin Chapel UMC in Mt. Airy.



We also say hello and welcome to our new Associate Pastor, **Nick Works**, as he joins us this month in our South Damascus Charge. Nick, along with his wife, Carla, son Jonathan (19), and daughter Kate (10), live on Tributary Lane in Gaithersburg. Although he grew up Southern Baptist in Arkansas, he earned both his master’s and doctorate degrees at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Nick has also worked at several United Methodist Churches, including Grace (in

Gaithersburg) and Damascus, where he served at both as the director of children’s and youth ministries. Currently, in addition to serving here in our South Damascus Charge, Nick works as the Assistant Director of Practice of Ministry and Mission at Wesley Seminary, which means he places, supervises, and mentors student pastors during their field experiences. Wesley Seminary also happens to be where his wife Carla serves as a professor of New Testament Studies.

Pastor Nick, we are all thrilled and excited to support and encourage you as you take this next step forward in your career for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, here at Wesley Grove UMC!

God’s Blessings to All,  
*Tammy*

## Lectionary Readings

**July 4, 2021**

***Happy Fourth!***

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

**July 11, 2021**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

**July 18, 2021**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalm 89:20-37

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

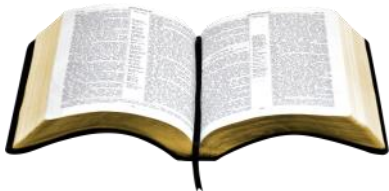
**July 25, 2021**

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalm 14

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21



Please contact Tammy  
at 301-253-0044  
to volunteer to serve  
as our liturgist  
during a Sunday morning  
worship service.



## May 2021 Financial Report

*Rick Monarch, Treasurer*

### Expenses

BWC Mission Share	\$1,413.58
Pastor's Salary (1/3 of total salary)	\$1,473.76
Associate Pastor's Salary (1/3 of total salary)	\$389.86
Church Secretary's Wages	\$960.75
Choir Director's Salary	\$0.00
Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$33.00
Payroll Taxes	\$73.50
Capital Improvement Costs	\$1,077.00
Grass Cutting Costs	\$810.00
Groundskeeper Costs	\$0.00
Custodian's Salary	\$350.00
Programs	\$370.04
Property Insurance	\$0.00
Administrative Expenses	\$232.26
Charge Treasury - Parsonage Expenses	\$368.44
Charge Treasury - Professional Expenses	\$29.57
Charge Treasury - Medical Insurance Cost	\$286.67
Charge Treasury - Retirement Contribution	\$313.18
Trustees - Maintenance Costs	\$787.22
Miscellaneous Church	\$8.99
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,977.82</b>

### Income

Weekly Collections	\$6,580.00
Cell Tower Monthly Rental Fee from Sprint	\$2,042.92
Evening Circle Contribution - Paid for Year	\$0.00
In and Out Income	\$0.00
Rental Property Monthly Payment	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$9,622.92</b>

# Fall Community Yard Sale

**Saturday, September 11**  
**9 am to 2 pm**

**It's not too early to reserve  
your spaces for \$20 each.**

**Contact Tammy  
at 301-253-0044.**

## July Birthdays

- 9 Rick Monarch
- 11 Jimmy Johnson
- 15 William Briggs
- 20 Debbie Pesce
- 23 Jim Kemp  
Kay Snouffer
- 25 Skip Ketchum
- 28 Becca Benson



## Happy Sunday, July Fourth!

**Come to worship  
and meet  
our new associate minister,  
Pastor Nick,  
and his family!**

**Wear red, white, and blue  
to celebrate our nation  
and our many freedoms  
under God.**



### Electronic Giving

The Finance Committee would like to remind all of you of our two newest ways to give...

You can click here —

<https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/wesleygrove>

to give a one-time gift or to set up a recurring weekly, biweekly, or monthly monetary gift that will automatically arrive in our church bank account from yours.

You can also text to this phone number — 301-720-0138 — to give as you wish.

And of course, you can also continue to mail or place your offerings in the collection plate on Sunday mornings. Please know that we appreciate each and every gift as well as all of you, the givers.

*Celebrate the Christ Child More Than Just Once a Year!*

Join us on **Sunday, July 25** during our 10 AM Worship Service for



# Christmas in July!



**Listen to the prophesy! Sing carols! Hear the beloved nativity story!**

Email the Church Office with your favorite carols by Wednesday, July 21.

Let Tammy know if you are willing to sing a solo or duet.

**Be festive and merry!**

Wear your favorite Christmas sweater (we'll have the AC pumping!),  
or more simply and a wee bit cooler, just wear red and green!



## School Supply Drive



Once again this year, we are helping needy students in the Damascus Community start the new school year off fresh and bright by donating brand-new school supplies. The list of needed supplies is below. Please place any and all items that you wish to donate in the large blue bins in the church vestibule *by Sunday, August 8*. You may also donate monetarily using PayPal or mail a check to Faith Connections, PO Box 28, Damascus, MD 20872. Make sure to write "School Supply Drive" on the memo line. Thanks to all of you in advance for your much-needed and much-appreciated generosity.

Lined paper (college- and wide-ruled)  
Composition books  
Pens (blue, black, and red)  
Markers (thin and thick)  
Erasers and eraser caps  
Glue sticks (not glue bottles)  
Dividers (5-7 subject)

Spiral notebooks  
Pencils  
Crayons  
Colored pencils  
Safety scissors  
Backpacks  
Pocket folders



# Blessings

God is Good!  
God is Great!

As we continue to move out of Covid-19 restrictions and begin a new sense of normalcy, think of all the ways Our Great Lord has blessed you and your family over the past year. Record those blessings below and then please return this page either electronically or physically to the church *by Sunday, July 18*. All of your responses will be compiled and presented in the near future. Adding your name is entirely up to you. Thanks in advance for helping with this project!

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Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_



Hopefully, this past year has brought each of you such opportunities.

May our Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones this year and in all the years to come.

Amen.

# July 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 4 <i>Fourth of July</i> 10:00 AM— Worship Service with Holy Communion and meet the Works Family	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 10:00 AM— Worship Service	12 7:30 PM— Administrative Council Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
18 10:00 AM— Worship Service <i>Return blessing list.</i> →	19 <i>Deadline for August Newsletter Submissions</i>	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Pastor Karen Out-of-Town</i> →
25 10:00 AM— Christmas in July Worship Service <i>Wear red &amp; green.</i>	26 7:30 PM— Board of Trustees Meeting	27	28 3:00 PM— Book Club Meeting at the Monarchs' Home	29	30 12:00 PM— Ladies Lunch Out at Ledo's in Damascus	31

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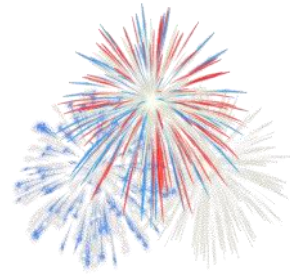
## As a church family that...

- \* covenants to walk together in Christ's love,
- \* believes that all persons are created equal, and
- \* affirms the inclusive love of Jesus Christ,

**we welcome to our work and worship all** —  
regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age,  
ability, sexual orientation, and/or economic  
circumstance.

**We're on the Web!**  
[wesleygroveumc.org](http://wesleygroveumc.org)

Celebrate  
Our  
Independence!



Happy July 4th  
to Each of You  
and Your Families!

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