

Wesley Grove **Messenger**

May 2022

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Memory is a power thing. Memory and our own memories shape who we are as people and who we hope to be. It seems to me that the month of May, more than any other month of the year, is a time when we celebrate memory. The first holiday in May that is dedicated to memory comes on the second Sunday of the month: Anna Jarvis, a woman who never married or had children, made it her mission in life to celebrate the woman who gave birth to her. Her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died in 1905, and it was then that Anna decided to dedicate her life to creating a day when children honor the sacrifices that their mothers made for them. She argued that so many American holidays were biased toward male achievements, so she began a letter writing campaign to newspapers and politicians urging the creation of a special day to honor mothers. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson agreed, and a day to celebrate mothers, their dedication, and their sacrifices was established as a national holiday. Anna spent many years and much energy working to remember and celebrate all mothers, especially her own.

The second national holiday that enshrines memory in our national conscience is Memorial Day. It is a day when we, as a nation, pause to remember those who died serving in our military. Dating back to the 1860's and our Memorial Decoration Day celebrations for veterans of the Civil War, this day of remembrance is often accompanied by civic parades and visits to cemeteries and national memorials. Every year, I pause to remember my father who served in the Vietnam War. A few years ago, I wrote a Facebook post about my memories of my father and his memories of his service. I remember as a 16-year-old visiting the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Washington, DC. My father asked about three men with whom he had served, and the docent told us where their names were located on the wall. My father took a piece of paper and etched their names. Years later, after his death, I found those rubbings among his most prized possessions.

During this month of May, we, as a church, continue to celebrate Eastertide. We spend this time remembering the Resurrected Christ who conquered death once and for all. This time of celebrating and remembering the Resurrection of Christ helps to remind us that our memories of our loved ones endure forever. We are reminded that these memories will go with us into the future to a time when we will be blessed as we are reunited with our Risen Savior around the Throne of God. On that day, many multitudes of saints will gather to worship with one voice the Lamb who was slain, the Lamb who has overcome. The end of the Book of Revelation reminds us that on that day, tears will be wiped away, and memories will be redeemed and revived. So, during this month of remembrance, let us remember the faithfulness of the saints who have gone before and the great meeting on that Good Morning. That is my prayer this Eastertide!

In God's Peace,
Pastor Nick



Lectionary Readings

May 1, 2022

Pastor Karen, preaching

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

May 8, 2022

Mother's Day

Pastor Nick, preaching

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

May 15, 2022

Pastor Karen, preaching

Choir singing

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

May 22, 2022

Heritage Sunday

Frank Miller, preaching

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22 — 22:5

John 14:23-29

May 29, 2022

Ascension Sunday

Memorial Day Weekend

Pastor Karen, preaching

Bell choir performing

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26



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



March 2022 Financial Report

Rick Monarch, Treasurer

Expenses

BWC Mission Share	\$1,281.91
Pastor's Salary (1/3 of total salary)	\$1,503.25
Associate Pastor's Salary (1/3 of total salary)	\$389.86
Church Secretary's Wages	\$926.89
Choir Director's Salary	\$0.00
Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$0.00
Payroll Taxes	\$70.91
Capital Improvement Costs	\$0.00
Grass Cutting Costs	\$0.00
Snow Plowing Costs	\$1,262.00
Groundskeeper Costs	\$0.00
Custodian's Salary	\$490.00
Programs	\$497.21
Property Insurance	\$1,565.25
Administrative Expenses	\$141.02
Charge Treasury - Parsonage Expenses	\$375.83
Charge Treasury - Professional Expenses	\$113.92
Charge Treasury - Medical Insurance Cost	\$286.67
Charge Treasury - Retirement Contribution	\$319.45
Charge Treasury - Administrative Costs	\$12.50
Trustees - Maintenance Costs	\$1,994.22
In and Out Expenses	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Church	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$11,230.89

Income

Weekly Collections	\$10,341.76
Cell Tower Rental Fee - Sprint	\$2,104.21
Evening Circle Contribution - Paid for Year	\$0.00
Use of Hall	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
In and Out Income	\$0.00
Rental Property Monthly Payment	\$2,150.00
Total Income	\$14,595.97

Fellowship News

Becky Lewis, Chair



There's still time to clean out your closets and rent a space at the **Spring Community Yard Sale**, set for Saturday, May 7, from 9 am until 2 pm. Contact Tammy at 301-253-0044 to rent one.

Or if you find yourself with too few items for your own space, you can donate them to the church to sell. Please have these items at the hall by Friday, May 6. The hall will be open to accept donations from 1-5 pm on this day if you prefer to bring them then.

Either way, plan to come out on May 7 to check for "treasures" among the "trash," treat yourself to breakfast or lunch (or both!), and take home some freshly baked goodies for later.

If you can help us with setup, takedown, or sales during the day, please contact Becky at 240-338-3211 or Brian at 240-338-3210. Donations of home-baked goods, preferably packaged in individually sized portions, will be appreciated.

Help is also needed the following day, Sunday, May 8, as the men of Wesley Grove prepare our **Annual Mother's Day Breakfast**. Please contact Brian about this event as well. **Everyone** is invited to come, celebrate the women here at Wesley Grove, and join in this fellowship meal with our church family beginning at 9:30 am.



Looking ahead to June, the cooking duties will fall turnabout on our women for our **Annual Father's Day Breakfast** on Sunday, June 19. Note that the time for this event has been changed to **9 am**, as we will switch to our summer worship hour of 10 am on this day.



Fundraiser FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

Friday, May 6

Mt. Tabor UMC (one of our two sister churches) on Route 108 in Etchison will host a carry-out fried chicken dinner fundraiser from 4-7 pm. All dinners include four pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, and a roll and cost \$17. Placing your orders in advance by calling 301-253-3871 and leaving a message (including your name, number of dinners, and pick-up time) is strongly recommended although drive-up ordering is certainly possible. Home-baked goodies will also be available for purchase during this event.



Graduates within Our Church Family

These young people are graduating from high schools and colleges this spring, and we want to celebrate them all.

David Michael Wilson, the son of David and Alicia Wilson, will graduate from Damascus High School on June 2. While at DHS, David's outstanding academic performance placed him on the Honor Roll all 16 quarters, earned him the Damascus Pride Award last fall, and made him the top student in AP Calculus AB during the 2020-2021 school year. This summer, he will continue to work at Rock Hill Orchard on Route 27, just north of Damascus, and in the fall, he plans to attend Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, where he will major in engineering. Best wishes to you, David, from all of us here at Wesley Grove!

Also graduating from Damascus High School on Thursday, June 2, are **Sam Allman, Tim Benson, Ryan Cooper, and Nicko Hull**. Congratulations to all four of you! May Our Good Lord bless, guide, and watch over you throughout all of your future endeavors, both in school and out!

Timothy James Lee, the son of Tammy and Rick Monarch and Jon and Theresa Lee, as well as the grandson of Jim and Lois Kemp, will graduate on Saturday, May 21, from Salisbury University in Salisbury, MD. Tim is currently student teaching in Wicomico County Public Schools, but he hopes to move back here this summer and secure a position teaching physical education this fall in one of our local school systems. While at SU, he made the Dean's List each semester, and he enjoyed playing and captaining the ultimate Frisbee team as well as living and working in Ocean City each summer. Congrats and best wishes, Tim, from your entire church family!

May Birthdays

- 4 Marne Hughes Rammling
- 5 Judy Hughes
- 6 Cherie Morris
- 7 Donnie Hottinger
- 9 Susie Cooper
- 10 Lou Lynagh
- 11 Karen Davis
- 14 Jeff Lewis
- 21 Sue Ketchum
Frank Miller
- 25 Clark Kunkle
Kate Works



THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST

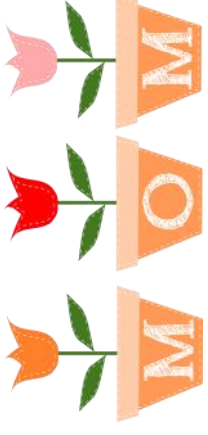


Jesus rose to Heaven 40 days after His Resurrection.

This year, in the United Methodist Church, we will recognize His Ascension on Sunday, May 29.

To honor this miracle, please wear white to the church service on this day.

May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 AM— Sunday School 11:00 AM— Worship Service with Communion	2 7:30 PM— Finance Committee Meeting	3 6:45 PM— Lions Club Dinner & Meeting	4 7:00 PM— Choir Practice	5 7:30 PM— Memorial and Scholarship Com- mittee Meeting	6 1-5 PM— Set-Up and Pricing for Yard Sale 4-7 PM— Fried Chicken Din- ner at MTUMC	7 7:30 AM— Set-Up 9 AM to 2 PM— Spring Community Yard Sale
8 Mother's Day 9:30 AM— Breakfast 11:00 AM— Worship Service	9 7:30 PM— Administrative Council Meeting	10 11:00 AM— Memorial Service for Mary Knox	11 3:00 PM— Book Club Mtg. @ Cathy's House 7:00 PM— Choir Practice	12 Pastor Nick — on vacation	13 vacation	14
15 9:30 AM— Sunday School 11:00 AM— Worship Service	16 4:30 AM— Chesapeake Bay Fishing Trip	17 6:45 PM— Lions Club Dinner & Meeting	18 <i>Deadline for June Newsletter Submissions</i>	19 12:00 PM— Lunch Out in Fred- erick w/ Roberta (location TBA)	20	21
22 Heritage Sunday 9:30 AM— Sunday School 11:00 AM— Worship Service	23	24	25	26 <i>Ascension Day</i>	27	28 9:00 AM— Handbell Practice
29 Ascension Sunday 9:30 AM— Sunday School 11:00 AM— Worship Service — <i>Please wear white.</i>	30 1:00 PM— Lord's Table Soup Kitchen at Epworth UMC in Gaithersburg	31	1 BWC Annual	2 Conference (June 1-3)	3 (held virtually)	4

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As a Church Family that...

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

We Welcome All to Our Work and Worship,
regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age,
ability, sexual orientation, and/or economic
circumstance.

We're on the Web!
wesleygroveumc.org



Spring Community Yard Sale

**Saturday, May 7
9 am to 2 pm**

Come to help, browse, eat, and enjoy!

Contact Tammy if you would like
to rent a space or
Becky if you can volunteer this day.

Donations of home-baked goods
would be greatly appreciated.

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