



**WESLEY  
FAMILY  
NEWS**  
AUGUST 2006 ISSUE

***WESLEY PEACH FESTIVAL***  
***AUGUST 5th, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.***



**The Wesley United Methodist Church Annual Peach Festival is a family friendly fun event with peach sundaes & desserts, a moon bounce, dunk tank, kids' games, crafts, dancers, singers, martial arts demos, and many local community events, and.....of course, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Snow Cones, and Popcorn.**

**BEST YET - IT IS ALL FREE!!!**

**The church represents Divine Charity and during the Peach Festival we extend this charity to the local community, in an up close and personal way. We feed them, we provide games for the children, we entertain them, we serve them most delicious desserts, and we open our doors and welcome them.**

**Thomas Merton writes in "*No Man is an Island*" that we have Divine Charity only to the extent we give of the Divine charity we have. If the Peach Festival does not provide church growth in terms of increased numbers to our membership, might it not provide growth in our individual and collective Divine Charity? Ultimately, is that not the kind of growth we strive to achieve?**

*"You will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others." Henry Drummond*

**ADMIT ONE**

*St. Matthew's UMC*

*8617 Little River Turnpike*

*Annandale, Virginia*

*Invite you to attend*

*A concert performed*

*By*

*The Raleigh Ringers*



*September 9th,*

*First concert - 2 p.m.*

*Second Concert - 7 p.m.*

*Tickets: \$15 person  
(\$12 for groups of 10 or more)*

*See Betty Harris  
for more information.*

**Calling All Laity**

**Discover God's Call  
A Weekend Retreat  
at the Virginia  
UM Assembly Center  
Blackstone, Virginia**

**September 22-24  
Sponsored by the  
Foundation for Evangelism  
of the UMC**

**Spiritual Speaker  
will be  
Rev. Larry Jent  
(former editor of  
The Advocate)**

**Registration fee is \$170  
(includes room and board and  
all course material)  
Includes Friday lunch thru  
Sunday lunch.  
Scholarships are available.**

**Call the Alexandria District  
Office for more information.  
703-820-7200**

# Birthdays, Anniversaries, In-Service



- 1 Beth Green
- 2 Ron Clingenpeel  
Greg Williams
- 3 Bonnie Rathbone
- 4 Connie Dohm
- 5 Diane Smith
- 8 Betty Sneddon
- 13 Tessa Nixon
- 14 Marjorie Doeppner
- 15 Trish Skidmore
- 17 Tom Chandler  
Olivia Pryor  
Olga Johnson  
Kay Tomlinson
- 18 Jonathan Convery
- 19 Ian Williams
- 20 Larry Dohm  
Margaret Minney  
Clarke Slaymaker
- 21 Nancy Convery
- 22 Ruby Bowen  
Candice Tomlinson
- 24 Rosemary Speers
- 26 Edie Skidmore
- 27 Pat Barry
- 28 Corky Walker

- 29 David Magill
- 31 Shirley King
- 31 Nancy Nixon



- 1 Bill & Annette Hinkle
- 2 Ben & Tobi Rowland  
Cindy & Douglas Talbot
- 4 Ken & Kris Murphy
- 13 Lance & Di Tracey
- 18 Tom & Tracey Ciuba
- 27 Don & Betty Harris
- 31 Richard & Connie  
Lorentzen

AUGUST

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### Mt. Vernon Nursing Home

- Sue Hunt

### The Gables

- Jean Martines
- Mary Lou Mearns

### Recuperating at Home

- George West
- Pat Calloway

## IN-SERVICE FOR AUGUST 2006

DATE	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	NURSERY	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	COUNTERS
August 6	Kellianne Tomlinson	Gary Denick	9:30 a.m. Di Tracey 9:55 a.m. Ryan Tracey	Nancy & David Restifo	Watson Pryor & Steve Skidmore
August 13	Kelly Loftus	TBD	9:30 a.m. Hannah Nees 9:55 a.m. Diane Nees	Betty & Don Harris	Mike & Donna Adams & Gayle Besemer
August 20	Joseph Forstall	Clair Travis	9:30 a.m. Devin Loftus 9:55 a.m. Kellianne Tomlinson	Mary Ruth Forstall	Kerry & Pam Pealer & Linda Baublitz
August 27	Anna O'Lenic	Erika Swartz	9:30 a.m. Jonathan Convery 9:55 a.m. Joey Forstall	Marcy Baggette	Jeff Nees & Bill Convery
September 3	Conrad Swartz	Bonnie O'Lenic	9:30 a.m. Mary Pryor 9:55 a.m. Katie Pryor	Jane Barnes	Lou DeVaughn & Jim Sohn

### ***WESLEY UMC SUMMER MISSION TRIP, AUGUST 12-19***

Hurricane Katrina was one of the costliest and deadliest hurricanes in the history of the United States. It is possible that Hurricane Katrina, which came ashore along the Gulf Coast on August 29, 2005, was the largest hurricane of its strength to approach the United States in recorded history. Its sheer size caused devastation over 100 miles from the center and well inland.

This summer, from August 12-19, Wesley UMC will be sponsoring a trip to Pascagoula, Mississippi, to work with UMCOR in Hurricane Katrina recovery. In coordination with other Mount Vernon area organizations, the approximately 15-20 Wesley youth and adults will be helping to rebuild the homes of the most marginalized in the area. Specific projects that we will be working on include (but are not limited to): roofing, dry walling, and carpentry.

The Mission of the Mississippi United Methodist Katrina Response is “to be a living expression of God’s love by alleviating the suffering of those impacted by Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast and throughout the state of Mississippi.” Furthermore, the Mississippi Annual Conference of the UMC acknowledges that, “There is quite a lot of work to do in Mississippi, and there will be for years to come. Persons are displaced all over the state and the task of getting them back into homes is monumental.” ([www.mississippi-umc.org](http://www.mississippi-umc.org))

We have set as a goal to raise \$5000 for this trip. This will cover the cost of the rental fee for multiple 12-passenger vans that will transport us, the gas to keep those vans moving, and other related travel expenses. As a church committed to mission, we ask that you – the members of Wesley UMC – consider donating towards this church mission trip.

We will be selling Stock in this Mission Trip throughout May and June. You may buy shares in any amount – all that you can give would be much appreciated! These shares will be on sale before and after each Sunday morning worship service (just look for the people in the construction hats!), or by contacting Clair Travis at [clairtravis@yahoo.com](mailto:clairtravis@yahoo.com). Following the Mission Trip, there will be a shareholders dinner meeting in which all donors will learn about their investment through a slideshow and testimonies about the trip.

You may also donate to the trip by filling out the pledge card below and placing it in the church offering or mailing it to the church:

Wesley United Methodist Church  
Attn: Clair Travis  
8412 Richmond Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22309

**Please support this church mission goal and the Wesley UMC Summer 2006 Mission Team!**

I pledge at least \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Wesley UMC Summer 2006 Church Mission Trip. I understand that this pledge must be paid in full.

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Wesley UMC with “*Mission Trip*” in the memo line.



**Saturday, August 5, 2006**

**Work Area Coordinators and Assistance Still Needed:**

1. Communications - Jim Sohn & Mary Pryor: Responsible for internal and external communications (newspaper, posters, flyers, etc.).
2. Quartermaster - Lou DeVaughn: Responsible for all procurements with the exception of the peaches and ice cream for the desserts. Also, the cooking grills are to be procured by food services. Lou needs a couple of people to assist him with the procurement pick-ups and re-supply during the event.
3. Food Preparation and Service Coordinator – Watson Pryor: Responsible for food preparation, staffing qualified cooks, arranging breaks and supervising food supplies/resupply and flow to insure that supply meets demand. Needs about 10 people in support of cooking and food services.
4. Peach Dessert Coordinator – Nora Rudd: Responsibility for all phases of peach dessert preparation. Need the support of men and women for peach peeling, dessert preparation and operating the dessert serving line on a shift basis.
5. Games Co-Coordinator – Donna Adams : Responsible for establishing game activities, obtaining materials, prizes and equipment. Also insures timely set-up & staffing schedule for supervision and operation of all game activities and plan for the safety of children. Coordinates with Troop 993, pre-school director, youth director and entertainment coordinator.
6. Entertainment Area Coordinator & Peach Festival Consultant – Nancy Nixon: Coordinates music, special presentations and performances. Determines and draws layout plans and distributes to all area coordinators. Insures performance schedules are published and provides schedules to program area coordinators. Basically ALL actions related to organized entertainment. Need workers to install and operate the sound system and configure the Master of Ceremony area.
7. Physical Infrastructure Set-up and Tear-down coordinator – Sue Davis, Troop 993 Scout Liaison: Responsible for supervising and employment of troop 993 scouts for set-up and tear-down of the physical infrastructure including physical support structures, chairs, tables, trash containers, etc. Two adults are needed to work with Sue and the scout troop on the afternoon of 4 August and during the peach fest on 5 August.

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8. Church and Community Connection coordinator – Pastor Tony: Coordinates with the Counsel of Ministries (COM), Youth Director and other church sub-groups, as well as pertinent links to the Mount Zephyr and Mount Vernon Community area.

9. Community Liaison Coordinator – Connie Lorentzen: Coordinates schedules with those community elements choosing to participate in Wesley’s 6 th Annual Peach Festival. Coordinates with Pastor in identification of community elements linked to Wesley Church.

10. Commercial Sector Coordinators – Charles Anderson & Mary Pryor: Coordinates with business sponsors in the local area, and offers the commercial sector the opportunity to participate in the Wesley Peach Festival.

11. Schedule of Events and Published Program Coordinator – Gayle Besemer: Prepares program and schedule of events. Coordinates program inputs with other area coordinators to insure information and commercial ads are included in the program and for timely distribution of the program.

12. Master of Ceremony (MC) for the Peach Festival – Lance Tracy: Responsible for introductions, announcing events, music, providing information as the day unfolds, and closing remarks including the farewell song by our own Wesley Quartet.

**Let’s support our community and church with an outstanding Peach Festival outreach effort and at the same time, have fun.**

*A Thank You...*

United Community Missions would like to thank the VBS for the 136 pounds of food donated this past month. Thank you!

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***A Note From Trinity Circle -- See you Monday, August 28th. Same time, same place...***

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***Enjoy your summer and safe travels for you all! And...  
Get excited about the Mission Trip!!***

***Clair Travis  
Youth Director***

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***PEACH FESTIVAL TIME***