



WESLEY FAMILY NEWS March 2010

Wesley United Methodist Church 8412 Richmond Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22309-2328

Saturday, March 13th

International Dinner and Silent Auction

Save the night of March 13th for dining on foods from around the world and shopping for treasures here in our Fellowship Hall. It will be an evening of fun and fellowship, and will help the UMW to raise funds for needs here in our church and to make donations to local charities.

Mary Pryor will coordinate the food dishes. If you would like to prepare a dish, please call her at (703)619-9204.

We urge our members to search out new or gently used items to donate to the auction. Gayle Besemer, (703)780-7624, and crew will set up tables on the 12th. Items may be brought to the fourth classroom (Youth Room) of the Fellowship Hall, and put on the metal shelves there from now until the 12th. Gayle is looking for help on Friday afternoon to set up tables and to display items.

One popular feature of the auction is bidding on gift certificates from local restaurants and merchants. Jody Taylor, (703)780-6330, is heading up that committee, and would appreciate help in obtaining gifts from our members' favorite businesses.

If you can help in any way, please contact the ladies in charge. Bring a friend or neighbor, and be in the Fellowship Hall Saturday night, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. for food, fun and fellowship. Tickets (\$10 for adults, \$5 for 12 to 6 year-olds) will be sold after church February 28th and March 7th.

Current Special Needs:

UCM---tomato sauce, pasta, rice, beans, canned vegetables and fruits, Enfamil with iron, canned tuna, juice boxes, small-sized snacks and large size diapers

Rising Hope---microwaveable macaroni and cheese, Vienna sausage, spam, tuna, pasta, tomato sauces, peanut butter, jelly, single-serving canned fruit, cup-of-noodles, rice baby cereal, baby formula, baby food, and diapers all sizes



Do we have your Current mailing and/or email address?

If not, please contact the church office to make any changes.

Wesley Family News is a monthly publication of the Wesley United Methodist Church staff in Alexandria, VA . It is published to convey information with the members and friends of the church about The Virginia Annual Conference, The Alexandria District and the program offerings of Wesley as a connectional member of the United Methodist Church.

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From
Pastor Tony

(Galatians 1:3-5) Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, {4} who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, {5} to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

So often we add to the simplicity of the Gospel message many things that while important, are not the main thing. Paul's greeting to the churches of Galatia is a brief statement that reminds us of what God is really up to and where our focus needs to be. Verse 4 in the passage above is the basic outline of this affirmation. Let's look at it in its parts.

Who gave himself for our sins

Else where in Paul's letters he writes that Jesus gave himself for our Sin or he gave himself to conquer sin. Sin is both an idea and a reality. The idea of sin however finds its reality in the sins of persons, both individually and corporately. Our sins as persons and as communities are all evidence of Sin the idea. This first phrase reminds us that it is we, you and I, and anyone else we care to name that is the one who Jesus died for.

We are sinners, we are hopeless in our sinfulness, we have no recourse or way to escape we are enslaved to our sin. Jesus is the one who is given as ransom for us and our sins.

To set us free from the present evil age,

This means we are set free from, one, the present reality of sinfulness that has enslaved all the earth and its inhabitants. We live within this situation, often noting both the continued challenges we face dealing with sin and the obvious problem that often Sin and sins seem to be in no way conquered or diminished despite our faith. But it is held in earnest.

According to the will of our God and Father

This all has been done because God wants it to be so. Your salvation and freedom in Christ is God's doing and God's gift. You may choose not to accept it or use it, but it is no less given, offered and real. But if you choose to accept and live it means you are both saved and in the way of salvation.

The freedom won by Jesus Christ for us is not license to self-indulgence, gratification, exceptionalism, or freedom to do anything we please. Rather it is freedom from pointless misery and poverty of Spirit and entrance in to and inauguration of a life lived in obedience to God's plan. Freedom that is unrestricted by boundaries and self-defined is the worse enslavement of all. Freedom bounded by the exact contours of true humanity and life is a joy and peace that is unavailable anywhere else.

Easter Musical

The Wesley United Methodist Church Choir will present a dramatic musical experience for Holy Week titled “The Living Last Words”. This musical conveys Christ’s words deftly and passionately, and the music is emotional and moving. The program centers around images depicted from Calvary’s mountain as Jesus endures the crucifixion.

Throughout the musical, scenes are depicted through monologues of those who witnessed the death of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

“Truly this Man was the Son of God!” With these powerful words, the centurion responded to the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. He had witnessed both the humanity and the divinity of Christ’s suffering, and was transformed by Christ’s final utterances from the cross.

The choir will be accompanied by a small chamber ensemble and feature dramatic presentations by other members of the congregation.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 28. The program will be presented during the ten o’clock worship service and again for the general public in the evening.

A love offering will be collected to offset the expenses and a nursery will be provided. Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer

**WANTED: NURSERY VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 28TH.
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER.**

**Label
Collection**



With all of the snow and cold weather, many of you will have an abundance of labels. Please clip them and drop them off in the church narthex.

Youth News

This summer, July 11th-17th, the Wesley Youth group and friends are going on a mission trip to the Appalachia region of Tennessee. We will be doing some light construction work on the homes of those in need in the area. We are beginning our fundraising by selling "stock" in the youth group. "Stock" will be sold during fellowship time over the next several Sundays. Please help the Wesley youth group if you can.

March Kid Venture

Virtue: Honesty—choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do.

Memory Verse: “The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.” Proverbs 12:22, NIV

Mar 7, 2010 – Week 1

Bible Story: Cover Up (Joseph’s brothers lied to Jacob)
• Genesis 37:17b-36; 45:25-28

Bottom Line: When you’re not truthful, you hurt the people you should care about most.

Mar 14, 2010 – Week 2

Bible Story: Backfire (Haman’s plot to destroy the Jews)
• Esther 3; 4:8b; 5:6-10; 7:1-6, 9b-10

Bottom Line: Lying to hurt someone else really hurts YOU.

Mar 21, 2010 – Week 3

Bible Story: Do Over (Jesus and Zacchaeus)
• Luke 19:1-10

Bottom Line: Truthfulness builds friendships; dishonesty tears them down.

Mar 28, 2010 – Week 4

Bible Story: Exposed (Judas betrays Jesus)
• John 12:3-6; Matthew 26:14-16,20-25,47-50; 27:1-5

Bottom Line: You can lie so much you forget what matters.

United Methodist Women Thank...

Those persons who brought items to share with children at Woodlawn Elementary School. There were 71 pairs of socks, and 6 pair of underwear. The staff expressed appreciation for our concern.

Those of you who are checking out unused household items, outgrown toys, and clutter of yours that may be treasures to someone else to donate to our upcoming Silent Auction.

Our good Wesley cooks who are checking out recipes for the International Dinner. Our own band who will share their talents with a pre-dinner concert.

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Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your generous gift to United Methodist Committee on Relief. **100 percent** of your contribution will go to Heifer Project International, Advance # 982531, through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church.

Your gift of \$100.00 is supporting family livestock programs around the world.

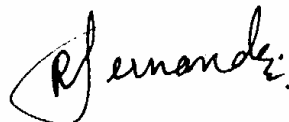
Because you gave, UMCOR is able to "Be There" and "Be Hope" on your behalf. UMCOR programs provide food for the hungry, help farmers grow plentiful and nutritious food, and support people left destitute by natural disasters and war. Your gifts go a long way to bring healing and hope to people in need. We give thanks for your generosity.

You can find out more about UMCOR's work by visiting our website at <http://www.umcor.org>. To receive weekly updates about UMCOR's work, sign up on our website for the UMCOR Hotline, a weekly email about the latest happenings at UMCOR.

Please let us know if you have questions and/or concerns, we welcome the opportunity to speak with you. The Gift Processing Unit can be reached at 212-870-3611. To learn more about The Advance, please visit <http://www.advancinghope.org>.

This gift will bring hope to those who need it most.

Grace and Peace,



Roland Fernandes
General Treasurer
United Methodist Committee on Relief
General Board of Global Ministries



Shawn Bakker
Associate General Secretary
The Advance



Dear Wesley Church Family,

We can't find words to thank everyone for all you have done for us. Your prayers, cards, calls and meals have been greatly appreciated. It has made every day easier knowing we had your support.

Thank you also for the many prayers for Matthew and his family. They are all doing great. I received 60% of Matthew's liver and within 3 to 4 weeks his liver had regenerated to almost full size. He returned to work in January. I was more concerned about the risk to him than my own health. I count my blessings everyday that everything worked out okay. He recently went sleigh riding with his 4 year old son so I feel he is back to normal again.

The doctors and medical staff have been wonderful. I have so many things to be thankful for. I only know that modern medicine is truly a miracle from God's healing hands. Currently we go back to the hospital weekly for lab work and other medical tests. Our visits with the surgeon is now monthly, so I feel we are making progress.

It has been so wonderful to be back in Alexandria and see familiar faces. I am praying for an early spring and the flu season is over so we can all get out of the house. Again thank you to EVERYONE! May God richly bless you for blessing us with your thoughtfulness, love and prayers.

Love,

Judy & Art

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone at Wesley for the delicious food, cards, calls, visits and support we have received during my father's (George Talbot) illness. I cannot adequately express my gratitude for all of your kindness. Please stop by the house, my dad loves visitors.

God Bless,

Lori Talbot

(Lori had several dishes that were dropped off without names. Please stop by the church office to claim your dish)



Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the friends and family of Jennifer McFarland and her family on the passing of her husband Dave (Mac) McFarland on Saturday, February 20th. Jen and Dave have three sons; Jake, 5; Cole, 3 and Mitch, 1.

CROP Walk

CROP Walk this year is scheduled for Mar. 21, 2010 at Heritage Presbyterian Church. Donations and walkers needed. Donations may be made in person; preferably by check made payable to CWS/CROP walk and given to Bud West you may also donate online at <http://www.cropwalkonline.com> follow the prompts to either my personnel page b.west or to our teams page Wesley UMC. All donations are appreciated and tax deductible. No donation is too small.

Foster and Adoptive Parent Training

The UMFS Northern Virginia Regional Center offers a training program for all families interested in becoming foster and adoptive parents. The next program will begin Tuesday, April 6, and continue through Tuesday, May 11. All training sessions will be 6-9 p.m. and will be held at the regional center, located at 6335 Little River Turnpike in Alexandria. Participants must participate in an orientation session before enrolling in the training program. For more details, please call the UMFS Northern Virginia Regional Center at 703-941-9008, ext. 308.

UMFS, formerly known as United Methodist Family Services, has served children, youth and families throughout Virginia for 110 years.

Wesley Family News Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles/items of interest for the Wesley Family News is at **Noon, the 15th of each month**. Please submit all items in writing. When possible, please send them via email to WesleyChurch@verizon.net



03/02 Kerry Pealer
 03/04 Robert Green
 03/04 Olive Powell
 03/04 Dorothy Shultz
 03/04 Shane Lindstrom
 03/05 Edith MacCormac
 03/06 Jason G
 03/07 Tom Hammitte
 03/08 Gregg Englert
 03/08 Danielle Murphy
 03/08 Liora Tomlinson
 03/09 Caleb B
 03/11 Harley McClees
 03/12 Linda Broertjes

03/12 Nancy Restifo
 03/14 Janko Jackson



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/14 Lisa Mitchell-Galoci
 03/14 Emily Dillon
 03/15 Jeff Shimek
 03/15 Emily Anderson

03/17 Betsy Jo
 03/18 Ronald Kenney
 03/18 Karola Scarce
 03/20 George Bowen
 03/20 Richard Dovel
 03/20 Donna S
 03/21 Lance Tracey
 03/25 Roni Walker
 03/26 Marcy Baggette
 03/27 Laurel Ichter
 03/29 Erik L
 03/30 Kimberly Clark
 03/31 Brian Matthews

03/20
 George & Ruby Bowen


Happy Anniversary

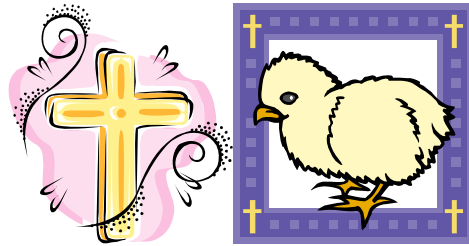


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 John & Cornelia Inlow

Date	03/07/2010	03/14/2010	03/21/2010	03/28/2010
Acolyte	Olivia P	Jack S	Jarrold D	Elizabeth F
Lector	Bud West	Girl Scout Sunday	Patti Calloway	Lance Tracey
Counters	Bill Convery & Charles Anderson	Lou DeVaughn & Jeff Nees	Watson Pryor & Steve Skidmore	Donna Adams & Corey Tullar
Nursery	Gwen & Kelly Loftus	Margaret Minney & Connie Lorentzen	Diana Tracey & Ryan Tracey	Donna Adams & Brenda Denham
Coffee Hour	Ben Robinson & Rose Ball	Donna & Mike Adams	Dixie Eng	Audrey Pomerening
Sunday School	Tom Swartz & Ken Denham	Ken Denham & Edie Skidmore	Edie Skidmore & Bud West	Bud West & Jeff Nees
Youth Lunch	Pryor's	Convery's	Volunteer Needed	Bud West
Communion Steward	Dale & Harry Swartz			

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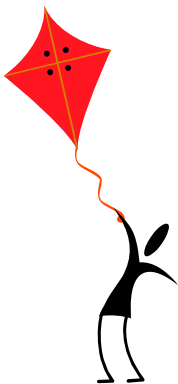
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Pre-School Registration Begins 10:30a Bible Study 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7p BS Troop 993	6:30p CS Webelos I 6:30p CS Tiger 7p Women's AA	6:30p CS Wolves 7p UMYF 7p Adult Choir Practice	5:30p GS 2426 7p Webelos II 7:30p Harmonica Club 8:30p AA		8a UMMen Breakfast 6p All Nations Prayer Meeting
7	10:30a Bible Study 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7p Pack 876 Cmt Mtg 7p BS Troop 993	10a ROCK/Elks 6:30p CS Tiger 7p Women's AA	6:30p CS Wolves Den 2 7p UMYF 7p Adult Choir Practice	5:30p GS 2426 6:30p GS Service Unit Meeting 7p CS Bears 7p Webelos II 7:30p Harmonica Club 8:30p AA	12p International Dinner Set-Up	 6pm International Dinner 6p All Nations Prayer Meeting
Joint Sunday	10:30a Bible Study 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7p BS Troop 993	10a Circle Meeting 7p Women's AA	St Patrick's Day 5p Staff Meeting 7p UMYF 7p Adult Choir Practice	5:30p GS 2426 7p Pack 876 Mtg 7p Trustee Meeting 7p Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee 7:30p Harmonica Club 8:30p AA	10a Pre-School Party	5p Blue and Gold Banquet 6p All Nations Prayer Meeting
21	10:30a Bible Study 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7p Trinity Circle Mtg 7p BS Troop 993	6:30p CS Webelos I 7p Venture Crew 993 7p Women's AA 7:30p BS 993 Cmt Mtg	7p UMYF 7p Adult Choir Practice	5:30p GS 2426 7p CS Bears 7:30p Harmonica Club 8:30p AA		5p MZCA Spaghetti Dinner 6p All Nations Prayer Meeting
28	10:30a Bible Study 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7p BS Troop 993	7p Women's Step Group AA	7p UMYF 7p Adult Choir Practice			
Spring Break FFX County Schools						



Wesley Preschool and Kindergarten March 2010 Newsletter

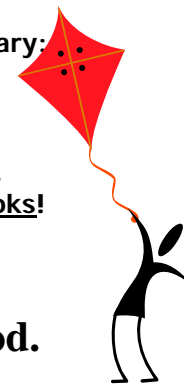
Registration begins in March! Registration begins on March 1st for the 2010-2011 School Year. • Your child must be 3, 4 or 5 by September 30, 2010 to register in the 3 Year Class, Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten respectively. The registration fee is \$60.00.

- ❖ Dr. Seuss' Birthday is March 2. We will celebrate his birthday on March 3rd by making "Green Eggs and Ham." Don't bring a snack that day.
- ❖ Irvin Simon Photographers will be here on March 17th for spring (outdoors) pictures. Please try to be present that day; we will be doing class photographs as a part of the package. The 3-year class will be the first to be photographed, starting promptly at 9:15 a.m. The whole process takes less than an hour. Please be on time to school that day. If you are a Tuesday/Thursday student: Parents please bring you child to school in the morning so that they will be included in the class photo.
- ❖ Spring Break: March 29th through April 5, we return to school on Tuesday, April 06th.



Good books to check out at your local library:
"Gilberto and the Wind", by Marie Hall
"Earth", by Alfred Leutscher,
"St. Patrick's Day", by Mary Cantwell
"Spring Green" by Valerie M. Selkove.
Don't forget all of the great Dr. Seuss books!

As the March wind blows,
May my thoughts soar to you O' God.



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Address Correction Requested

March 6	8:00 am	United Methodist Men Breakfast
March 13	6:00 pm	International Dinner & Silent Auction
March 14	10:00 am	Girl Scout Sunday
March 21		Crop Walk
March 28	Palm Sunday	
	10:00 am	“The Living Last Words” Wesley Choir and Friends
April 1st	Maundy Thursday	
	7:30 pm	Service at Rising Hope Mission Church
April 2nd	Good Friday	
April 3th	Easter Day	
	07:00 am	Pancake Breakfast
	09:30 am	Easter Service
	11:00 am	Easter Service
	Noon	Easter Egg Hunt



**Daylight Savings Begins
Sunday,
March 14th**

