



WESLEY FAMILY NEWS November 2010

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Stewardship

The month of November is a good time to consider our blessings and look to the needs of others. Two of our worship services this month will be centered on stewardship. You will be invited to present a financial pledge on November 21st and November 28th.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Matt 6:25-27

Jesus taught the disciples that God will provide for them. During the time the gospel of Matthew was written, all the rules of community life were changing. No longer were the laws of the synagogue necessary, Jesus taught that he and he alone was the way to God.

The church is the vehicle that Jesus Christ chose to carry the gospel out into the world. The church has incomparable value in God's eyes. With that knowledge, how can we worry about our common life together? Our faith means we trust that God will provide for us physically and spiritually. Our faith reminds us that everything we are and everything we have is from God. We are to be good stewards of God's gifts, indeed of all creation. Serving God in every aspect of our lives means that we make an assessment of where we spend our time and our money. I invite you during the month of November to make a commitment to increase your giving in the year ahead. Make a step up to trust further in the ways that God will provide for you. God will bless your faithfulness in new and meaningful ways. Every time we make a sacrifice for the sake of another, we align ourselves with Jesus Christ.

In our contemporary world, the rules of community life are changing also. Our stewardship in the church relies on the faith of an individual, however good stewardship goes beyond and extends into the community. We use banks that allow us to collect interest in our accounts. Endowments are being created more frequently to ensure ministry through the church will continue. There are other ways that we can collect financially through partnering with businesses. The church needs to be resourceful about how God provides. I invite you to consider that partnerships with businesses and schools are redefining how the church can share the gospel in our world. Let's think creatively about our stewardship here at Wesley UMC. Our faithfulness is meant to be shared so that God's love is released into our world.

Wesley UMC Finance Committee

Current Special Needs: UCM

Canned meat and tuna fish	Dry Milk	Small boxes of raisins
Canned soups	Baby Food	Disposable utensils
Canned fruits and vegetables	Diapers	Small toiletries
Canned beans	Small juice boxes	Paper & plastic shopping & grocery bags
Pasta, Rice	Small individual serving boxes of cereal	baby cereal
Tomato Sauce	Pop-top or peel-off cans of meat, fruits & applesauce	baby formula
Cereal, Macaroni & Cheese		baby food
Peanut Butter & Jelly		diapers (all sizes)

Current Special Needs: Rising Hope

Tuna - 6 1/8 oz. cans, water packed	Juice - 42 to 48 oz bottles and cans	Rice/Pasta = 16 oz. packages
Cold Cereals - 18-20 oz. boxes	Peanut Butter - 16 oz. Jelly - 15 oz.	Macaroni & Cheese - 7 1/2 oz.
Ravioli & Pasta - 15 oz. cans	Crackers - 16 oz.	Canned Vegetables - 16 oz. (corn, green beans, peas, carrots, etc.)
Canned Fruit - 15 to 16 oz (pineapple, fruit cocktail, applesauce, peaches)	Spaghetti Sauce - 26 oz. cans & jars	Soups - 10 3/4 oz. can

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Joy in the
Journey



Practicing Thanks Giving.

The Greek verb for thanksgiving is **eucharistos**, as in Col 3:15, “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts... and **be thankful.**”

Here are a few ways we can practice thanks giving any time of year:

- Say or sing grace not only before meals but also before work, before opening a new book to read, before taking a walk outside or any other activity that you are thankful for.
- Tell someone you are thankful for their presence in your life.
- Make a thanksgiving journal- for one year make a daily record of all that you are thankful for.
- Take a prayerful thanksgiving walk. Dedicate each step toward thanking God for the blessings in your life. With kids, make a game, like hopscotch and let your children count their blessings.
- At every red light, remember your thanksgivings.
- Our favorite family grace before meals was to do the alphabet grace- starting with A on the first of the month, tell God all that you are thankful for using words that begin with A. “We are thankful for apples, aunts, automobiles, and animals.” Each member of the family takes a turn each night as you proceed through the alphabet.
- Find poetry or songs that reflects the depths of thanksgiving and read or sing to one another. Two of my favorites; Billy Collins, *The Lanyard* and Cecil Alexander’s *All Things Bright and Beautiful*.
- Share a meal, this is not for thanksgiving only! And take a basket of food to a family in need or a shelter.

The Christian practice of **Eucharist**, is the celebration of all that God has done for us through Jesus Christ. The Great Thanksgiving is the prayer offered to God before we come to the Lord’s Table. We offer ourselves in thanksgiving and in thanksgiving, we receive the nurturing and sustaining body and blood of Christ. Come and practice thanksgiving with us at Wesley UMC, it is sure to bring you joy in your journey.

Janet



*Special
Thank You!*



Dear Friends,
Many thanks the congregation for your prayers, phone calls and visits during my recent hospital stay. I feel truly blessed to be part of such a loving congregation.

God Bless you All,
Irene Bowman

Dear Friends,
Thank You for you prayers, cards, food and rides in September and October.
You are God sends!

Millie

Dear Friends,
I want to thank everyone for their support during my recent health problems, the cards, visits, prayers and calls. I could feel God working through each of you.
Margaret Minney

Dear Friends,
Please give my love and thanks to my Wesley family for all their love, get-well cards, visits and prayers after my back surgery on August 31st at Fairfax Hospital; then “inpatient” rehab here in my community, The Fairfax.” I am home now and each day I thank God for his healing and all of you.

I would be remiss not to thank our dear Pastor Janet for being with me prior to surgery and afterwards in “inpatient, rehab and home visits. My dearest friend, Rosie, keeps me posted on everything at church and always is here for me, too.

I miss seeing all of you at Wesley and look forward to being back in church with all of you.

In God’s love,
Jean Wilson

Dear Wesley Church Family,
I want to thank you for the cards, notes, flowers, and delicious food to show your appreciation for your pastor last month. Paul and I, both, are so thankful to serve God with you and we are learning so much from your faithfulness. We thank you for the compassionate prayers for our son and family. I am blessed to be your pastor and look forward to God is leading us toward at Wesley UMC.

Love and blessings on each one of you,

Janet



Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the friends and family of Mellie Chandler and on the passing of her husband, John Chandler, on October 18, 2010.



Advent
Breakfast

United Methodist Men Meetings

November breakfast Meeting will be November 13th at 8:00 am in the Parlor.

Our Wesley UMM will host the congregation for an Advent Breakfast 10:00 a.m. on December 4th in the fellowship Hall . Will have a time together and fellowship and a small program with music.

United Methodist Women

Ladies, you are invited to come to the Mount Vernon Inn on Monday, December 6 at 6:00 pm to celebrate the Christmas season with good food and fellowship. All United Methodist Women are invited.

Please call Gayle Besemer, 703-780-7624, to reserve your seat for this fun evening.

United Methodist
Women
Dining Out



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 ChurchOffice@wesleyva.org

Helping Others Have A Thanksgiving Meal

The United Methodist Women are spearheading the collecting food for families in need in cooperation with Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church. As in the past, please donate non-perishable, seasonal groceries. Examples are canned fruits and vegetables, instant potatoes, rice, corn meal, stuffing, cake or cookie mixes, dry milk, etc. Please bring the food to the church by SUNDAY, NOV 14th.

Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church

Linda Surrige, Coordinator of Food Ministry
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Holiday Food Needs: *Thanksgiving And Christmas*

Hams, Turkeys, & Roasting Chickens



Canned Broth or Gravy

Boxed Stuffing

Mac & Cheese

Boxed Corn Bread & Muffin Mix

Canned Vegetables

Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes

Canned or Powdered Milk

Canned Fruit

Boxed Potatoes (Mashed, Scalloped, Au Gratin, Etc.)

Ongoing Food Needs:

Canned Meats

Canned Soups

Baked Beans, Dried & Canned Beans

Mac & Cheese

Canned Vegetables

Canned Fruit

Pasta, Rice, Spaghetti & Elbows

Cereal

Label Collection



Keep Clipping!

Cut the UPC symbols from labels of Campbell products; put in a small envelope or plastic bag; put in boxes in narthex. We are helping the Henry Fork Center in Rocky Mount, Virginia collect enough to win a second van. The Center provides a preschool, and before and after school care in an economically depressed area in central Virginia.

Wesley United Methodist Church September 2010 Financial Report				
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>2009 Year to Date</u>	
Budget Income	12,326	122,408	127,233	
Budget Expense	13,531	120,879	138,789	
Net Budget	(1,205)	1,529	(11,556)	
Non-Budget Income	10,777	41,015	17,709	
Non-Budget Expense	275	15,361	17,442	
Net Non-Budget	10,502	25,654	267	
Pre-School Income	4,657	31,791	30,069	
Pre-School Expense	4,541	30,660	36,542	
Net Pre-School	116	1,131	(6,473)	
Total Income	27,760	195,214	175,011	
Total Expense	18,347	166,900	192,773	
Net Total	9,413	28,314	(17,762)	
	<u>12/31/2008</u>	<u>12/31/2009</u>	<u>9/30/2010</u>	
Cash Balance	52,615	50,223	78,737	
General Fund	5,718	3,317	5,464	
Preschool Funds	10,817	2,860	3,991	
Capital Campaign Funds	17,839	23,438	39,269	
Our General Fund is positive. We can start paying some of our District Apportionments!!				



Chrismon Advent Project

There is an interest to decorate a Chrismon tree this Advent. Chrismons are special ornaments depicting symbols of Christ. They are gold and white. They cannot be commercially sold and so traditionally, Chrismons are handmade. Please see Fran West for details about how you can get involved in designing, creating

and decorating a Chrismon tree this year. Plastic canvas is easy to work with and makes lasting ornaments. It would be wonderful to have the women of the church gather after church one Sunday to make Chrismons.

United Community Ministry Events

Save the Date--

The Capital Steps Are Coming: 01/30/2011

Put January 20, 2011 on your calendar because the Friends of UCM will be hosting the Capital Steps to benefit UCM. Seriously fun satire is in store! You can plan on enjoy a fun-filled evening with great raffle prizes and laughs that just don't stop. Watch for more info to come, but make sure you save the date.

Join UCM for a Fun-Filled Evening

Write down April 2, 2010 in your calendar as a night you can look forward to! The Friends of UCM will be hosting their annual evening of silent auctions, raffles and great food to benefit UCM. Watch for more information to come in the following months, but make sure you mark your calendar today!

November 2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 7p BS Troop 993 @ FH	Election Day 2 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 7p Women's AA @ FH #1 7:30p Harmonica Club @ LL	3 6p Wednesday Night Dinner @ FH 7p UMYF @ Youth Room	4 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 8:30p AA @ FH #1	5 6:30p MZCA Meeting @ FH	6 10:30a Cookie Coordination @ FH #3	7 9a Christian Ed@ FH 10a Worship 11a UMYF @ FH 1p GS Fall Activities Day @ FH 1:30p GS 849 @ FH CR#3
8 6:30p CS Committee @ LL 7p BS Troop 993 @ FH	9 10a ROCK @ FH/Elks 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 7p Women's AA @ FH #1 7p Admin Board Mtg 7:00 pm @ Parlor 7:30p Harmonica Club @ LL	10 6p Wednesday Night Dinner @ FH 7p UMYF @ Youth Room	Veterans' Day 11 Church Office Closed 6p GS Service Unit Mtg @ FH CR #3 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 8:30p AA @ FH #1	12 3p GS 1177 (Daisy) Investiture @ FH	13 8:30a GS Program Aid @ FH 10:30a GS 6400 @ FH	14 9a Christian Ed@ FH 10a Worship 11a UMYF @ FH 12:30p GS Brownie Try-it @ FH 1:30p GS 849 @ FH CR#3
15 7p BS Troop 993 @ FH	16 10a Circle Meeting @ Parlor 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 7p Women's AA @ FH #1 7:30p Harmonica Club @ LL	17 6p Wednesday Night Dinner @ FH 7p UMYF @ Youth Room	18 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 7p Trustee Meeting @ Parlor 8:30p AA @ FH #1	19	20 8a Stephen Ministry set up 12p Stephen Ministry Commissioning	21 9a Christian Ed@ FH 10a Worship 11a UMYF @ FH 1:30p GS 849 @ FH CR#3
22 7p BS Troop 993 @ FH 7p Trinity Circle @ Parlor	23 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 7p Women's AA @ FH #1 7p Thanks- giving Service @ Sanctuary 7:30p BS 993 Mtg @ FH 7:30p Harmonica Club @ LL	24 6p Wednesday Night Dinner @ FH 7p UMYF @ Youth Room	25 Thanksgiving Day Thanksgiving Day @ United States 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 8:30p AA @ FH #1	26	27	28 9a Christian Ed@ FH 10a Worship 11a UMYF @ FH 1:30p GS 849 @ FH CR#3 6p Davis COH @ Sanctuary
29 7p BS Troop 993 @ FH	30 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 7p Women's Step Group AA @ FH #1 7:30p Harmonica Club @ LL					



Happy Birthday!

November Birthdays

- 11/01 Cheryl Kenney
- 11/03 Fran West
- 11/08 Andrew Inlow
- 11/10 Todd Denick
- 11/12 Janet Magill
- 11/14 Nathan Stewart
- 11/16 Amy Chase Flick
- 11/16 Ally-Anne Rigoli
- 11/18 Tobi Rowland
- 11/20 Paul Anderson
- 11/21 Jim Sohn
- 11/21 Erika Swartz
- 11/22 Lauren Brittain
- 11/23 Frankie Myers
- 11/26 Hannah Nees
- 11/27 Cathy Hinkle
- 11/29 Annetta Matthews
- 11/30 Eric Ferreira

November Anniversaries

- 11/03/1990 Calvin & Deborah Bucholz
- 11/09/1995 Rick & Marcia Brown
- 11/23/1992 Linnie & Janet Baker
- 11/26/1966 Janko & Sallie Jackson
- 11/26/1994 Chris & Bilyana Anderson
- 11/27/1969 Bob & Dorothy Shultz



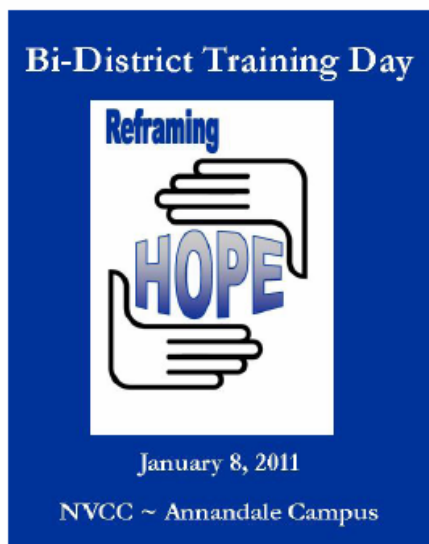
November In-Service

Date	11/07/2010	11/14/2010	11/21/2010	11/23/2010	11/28/2010
Acolyte	Trish Skidmore	Jarrold Denham	McKenzie Clark		Marina Dohm
Lector	Audry Pomerening	Kristin & Danielle Murphy			
Ushers	Kym Clark Bud West Diane Nees Fran West	Jim Sohn Odell Wareham	Gus Beach Bob Lawson	Watson Pryor Kym Clark	Audrey Pomerening Bud West
Counters	Watson Pryor & Steve Skidmore	M/M Adams & Corey Tullar	Linda Baublitz & Dave Restifo	Bill Convery & Charles Anderson	Lou DeVaughn & Jeff Nees
Nursery	Margaret Minney & Connie Lorentzen	Gwen & Kelly Loftus	Shirley King & Kay Tomlinson		Donna Adams & Brenda Denham
Coffee Hour	Kay & Karl Tomlinson	Nancy & Charles Anderson	Connie Dohm		Nancy & Bill Convery
Sunday School					
Communion Stewards	Jody Taylor & Patti Calloway				



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



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Bi-District Training Day -Information You Can Use

October 15 - December 18 On-time registration will be open, via either on-line with your credit card, or mail in with your check. Registration is NOT completed until all workshops are chosen and your payment is received in the bi-district office. Don't delay, register soon!

\$30 for 3 workshops and a box lunch if registered on or before 12/18

\$60 for on-site registration on January 8, 2011

January 8, 2011 On-site registration opens. Registration is \$60 at the door, and the number of workshops available will be limited.

Please register during the October 15-December 18 time frame!

Bi-District Training Day Registration is now live. Register online at www.novaumc.org by Dec. 18, 2010 and the cost is only \$30 (includes box lunch). Walk-in registration is \$60 (includes lunch and limited workshop choices). Everyone needs to register by Dec. 18 (online or by mail).

This link will take you to a full description of the conference
<http://www.novaumc.org/bdtd.html>

Reframing Hope 2011 Key Note Speaker

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt currently serves at Western Presbyterian Church, an innovative, intergenerational congregation in Washington, D.C. which is also the home of Miriam's Kitchen, a feeding program that serves hot, nutritious breakfasts and dinners to over 200 homeless men and women each weekday. Carol is an award-winning author who, in addition to writing for several magazines and journals, has authored *Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation* (The Alban Institute, 2007) and *Reframing Hope: Vital Ministry in a New Generation*. Carol blogs at www.TribalChurch.org and co-hosts God Complex Radio, an Internet radio show with Bruce Reyes-Chow, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA).



It's time to welcome November, a month to be thankful for what the Lord has given us. We should remember our loved ones and those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Our classroom is excited about the falling leaves, turkeys, pilgrims, Native Americans, thankful blessings and all of the other wonderful "November things."

Our annual tradition of having a "Thanksgiving Feast for Families" will be on November 17th starting at 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Each class will perform a small song or skit for your enjoyment. Bring your cameras! A sign up sheet for "Feast dishes" will be located on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please feel welcome to bring "any" traditional celebration food. Not limited to "American" Thanksgiving foods!

Thanks to all who bought and sold pies! We made a profit of \$501.45. Thank you so much! Pies will be delivered on November 10th.

Parents and guardians! You're doing great getting to school on time! Thanks! You do however need to work on judging your time to pick up at noon promptly! Lately we have had to spend as much as 30 minutes waiting for a pick-up. This is the last "warning" notice. I will start charging late pick-ups an additional \$10.00 per 15 minutes as stated in our policies and guidelines. The staff needs the time between 12 and 12:30 for planning and cleaning. We also have appointments to keep and family to pick up. Thanks for understanding and for all of you who are always here on time, "God Bless you!"

Important dates for the fridge!

November 08^h: Picture Day at Wesley, Be on time!

November 10th: Pie delivery day. Remember pies are frozen so be prepared.

November 17th-Wesley Preschool & Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast, 10:30-noon

November 19th- Preschool and K are invited to Adult Day care at South Co. center.

November 24th, 25^h, 26th -NO PRESCHOOL or Kindergarten, Thanksgiving.

December 17th-Wesley Preschool and K Christmas Program, 10 a.m-11:30

December 20-Jan. 3rd - Christmas Vacation, Happy Birthday Jesus! NO

SCHOOL

Reading Recommendations for November	"First the seed, and then the grain;
"One Tough Turkey," by Steven Kröll	Thank you, God, For sun and rain.
"Stone Soup" by various authors.	First the flour and then the bread;
"Indian Two Feet and His Eagle Feather," by Margret Friskey	Thank you, God that we are fed. Thank you, God, for all your care;
*"The First Snowfall," by Anne and Harlow Rockwell	Help us all to share and share." ~ Lilian Cox

**Yep! It's that time of year again.*

Get familiar with our inclement weather policy in the Wesley Parent handbook.

- ❖ Fairfax county (FFC) no school-Wesley no school.
- ❖ FFC one-hour delay, Wesley hours 10-12.
- ❖ FFC two-hour delay, Wesley-no school.
- ❖ When in doubt...call Mrs. Spurlock cell/703 244-0223. ☺

Please get involved with your child's education! Read! Read! Read!

You won't regret it!

A cornucopia of blessings to all!



Wesley United Methodist Church

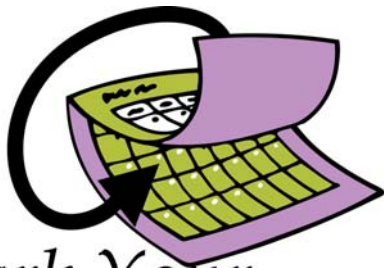
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Calendar*

November

- 9 Administrative Board 7:00 pm
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 13 UMM Breakfast 8:00 am
- 16 Morning Circle Meeting 10:00 am
- 18 Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 22 Trinity Circle 7:00 pm
- 23 Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm
- 25 Thanksgiving Day

December

- 4 Advent Breakfast Hosted by the United Methodist Men 8:00 am
- 6 United Methodist Women Dining Out at the Mount Vernon Inn 6:00 pm
- 9 Blue Christmas Service 7:00 pm
- 19 Christmas Cantata 10:00 am
- 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm