



WESLEY FAMILY NEWS September 2010

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

Rally Day Is Sunday, September 12!

Rally Day is the day we come together to celebrate the start of a new year in Christian Education. We will celebrate the start of a new year of Sunday School for both children and adults. Holy Communion will be served during our Worship Service. We will then sit down and break bread together during a time of fun and fellowship. Come on out and bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. Why not bring a friend too!!



When: Sunday,
September 12, 2010
10:00 a.m.

Where: Wesley United
Methodist Church

Bring: A side dish or dessert
to share.

Hamburgers, hot dogs
and drinks will be
provided.

See you there!

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.



Label Collection

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Joy in the Journey



All summer long we have reflected on ways to grow deeper in our relationship with God. Growing in our faith is not something we practice for ourselves alone. Our relationship with God is not for our own self gratification but is lived out for the sake of others. This Fall, we begin a series that will help us grow in relationship with one another. We will have opportunity to consider about how God builds a faith community.

How do we respond to those we meet who say, “I have a spiritual life, I just don’t need to go to church.”

Maybe you don’t see yourself as an evangelist, and I certainly understand why. The word evangelist carries a lot of baggage from the Christian tradition. Evangelists are mentioned after apostles, in Ephesians (4:11) In our last newsletter, I wrote what it means to be an apostle. An apostle is one who is sent, while an evangelist is one who shares the good news. An evangelist shares the good news from where they are. Sharing the good news is most authentic when it is offered through the first person experience. I cannot tell you anything about God, that I do not know through my own experience of God. We learn from one another’s shared experiences. That is evangelism. Next time someone says, “I have a spiritual life....” You can listen and then say, “I have a spiritual life too,” and share authentically your own experience of Jesus Christ.

I would like to meet with those who want to share faith with the unchurched, but don’t know where to start. If you are one of those people, please contact me at jansalbert@wesleyva.org. Sharing our faith always brings more joy in the journey!

Janet

Wesley United Methodist Women (UMW)



PURPOSE: The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

KICK-OFF COFFEE

An invitation is extended to all the women in our church to come for a time of fellowship on Saturday morning, September 18th, at 10 o' clock, in the parlor. Our pastor Janet will be our special guest. Plans for the year and new studies will be discussed. Come, and bring a friend.

Trinity Circle will meet Monday evening, September 27th, in the parlor at 7:00 P.M., and Gayle Besemer is chair. The Morning Circle will meet in the parlor on Tuesday morning Sep. 21st, at 10:00 A.M. and Dale Swartz is chair.

Please remember to save your Campbell Soup logos for the Henry Fork Center in Rocky Mount, Virginia. There is a box in the narthex for them. They are trying to earn a van for their mission work.

A Note From Pastor Tony

Dear Folks,

A long overdue thank you for your gracious and warm send off for Mary Ruth, the family and me. The stoles are absolutely beautiful...they looked good in photos...they are even more so in reality. As I use them, I'll send photos.

We are settling in nicely and getting ready for the school year.. The photo of Wesley will be hung as soon as we get to the picture hanging phase of setting up house keeping.. I will be a fond reminder of those we love.

Again, thanks for everything!

In Christ's love,

Tony, Mary Ruth and the family

Beginnings: An Introduction to Christian Faith

Come join us for a comfortable and inviting program, which is designed to be an authentic, rewarding and informative experience. Beginnings does not preach, instead it gives people a place to talk, discuss, ask questions, connect and build relationships.

The format is simple, each week, will come together to share a meal and view a thought provoking video. Then in a relaxed setting, we will explore some of the questions that were raised during the video.

- WHEN: Wednesday Nights from 6:00-8:00 pm
 DATES: 15 September until 10 November (9 weeks)
 WHERE: Wesley UMC Fellowship Hall
 WHO: Adults and Youth (ages 12-17)
 BONUS: Dinner is included

If you are interested in attending, please complete information at bottom of flyer. If you have questions, please contact Ken Denham, 571-312-6171 or Kym Clark at 703-780-5019.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Number attending: _____ Adults _____ Youth (12-17)

Do you require childcare: ____ Yes (ages 11 and under) ____ No

Please call the church office if you need childcare. 703-780-5019

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



United Methodist Men Bi-District Rally

Saturday, September 11, 2010

08:00-11:00 am

Celebrating 100 years of Scouting Our keynote speaker is Rev. Ken Jackson Alexandria District Superintendent A longtime supporter of scouting activities. Join us for the Alexandria & Arlington United Methodist Men Bi-District Rally on Saturday, September 11, from 8—11 am at Old Bridge United Methodist Church, 3966 Old Bridge Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am with a district business meeting and program to follow.

New Member Sunday

Membership is a privilege! Membership means that we have made a covenant to share the journey of faith with the body of Christ. In the Methodist tradition, the requirements for membership are 1) a rejection of the evil forces in our world 2) a belief that you have freedom to choose right relationship with God through prayer, worship and Christian action 3) a confession that Jesus Christ is Lord. The Methodist church believes that the Holy Spirit is responsible for gathering individuals to membership in the church. We also believe that every member has a unique way of sharing faith using their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Our next new member Sunday is September 19th. Please contact Rev. Janet Salbert if you would like to discuss becoming a member of the Wesley UMC congregation.

Welcome to New Members

John & Christa Cook
3102 Little Creek Lane
Alexandria VA 22309
703.780.5289

Janet, Paul & Daniel Salbert
7141 Twelve Oaks Drive
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Birthdays

09/02 McKenzie Clark	09/13 Glenda Holcomb
09/03 Nick Skidmore	09/15 Bonnie O'Lenic
09/04 Bob Shultz	09/15 Gary Walker
09/05 Rebecca Barry	09/16 Rhonda Hallesy
09/06 Gwen Loftus	09/17 Joseph Anderson
09/08 Nora Rudd	09/18 Kevin Walker
09/09 Matthew Grigsby	09/19 Greg Harris
09/11 Brent Erickson	09/26 Abigail DeVaughn
09/12 Pamela Pealer	09/29 Devin Loftus
09/13 Linda Baublitz	09/30 Joan Conner



Anniversaries

09/01/2007 Tom & Forouzan Grigsby
09/07 Jim & Pat Price
09/10/1977 Bill & Nancy Convery
09/10/1988 Nancy & Dave Restifo
09/22/1990 Steve & Edie Skidmore
09/23/1989 Donna & Clarke Slaymaker

September In-Service

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Date	09/05/2010	09/12/2010	09/19/2010	09/26/2010
Acolyte	Kelly Loftus	Trish Skidmore	McKenzie Clark	Jack Skidmore
Lector	Bud West	Watson Pryor	Kym Clark	Ken Denham
Counters	Donna Adams & Jeff Nees	Steve Skidmore & Dave Restifo	Bill Convery & Charles Anderson	Lou DeVaughn & Corey Tullar
Nursery	Connie & Marina Dohm	Shirley King & Kay Tomlinson	Gwen & Kelly Loftus	Margaret Minney & Connie Lortzen
Coffee Hour	Mary & Watson Pryor	Rally Day	Gayle Besemer	Kym & McKenzie Clark
Communion Steward	Diane Nees			

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7p UMYF @ Youth Room	2 Pre-School Open House 7:30p Harmonica Club @ LL 8:30p AA @ FH #1	3	4 6p All Nations Prayer Meeting @ Sanctuary
5 9a Christian Ed @ FH 10a Worship @ Sanctuary 12p All Nations Methodist Church @ Sanctuary 1:30p GS 849 @ FH CR#3	Labor Day 6 7p BS Troop 993 @ FH	School Begins 7 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 7p Women's AA @ FH #1	8 7p UMYF @ Youth Room	9 6p GS Service Unit Mtg @ FH CR #3 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 7:30p Harmonica Club @ LL 8:30p AA @ FH #1	10	Patriot Day 11
Rally Day 12 9a Christian Ed @ FH 10a Worship @ Sanctuary 11a UMYF @ FH 11a Rally Day Potluck @ FH	13 7p BS Troop 993 @ FH	14 10a ROCK @ FH/Elks 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 7p Women's AA @ FH #1 7:30p Harmonica Club @ LL	15 6p Wed Night Dinner @ FH 7p UMYF @ Youth Room	16 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 7p Trustee Meeting @ Parlor 8:30p AA @ FH #1	17	18 8a GS Chalk for Peace @ Parking Lot 8a UMW Coffee @ Parlor
19 9a Christian Ed @ FH 10a Worship @ Sanctuary 11a UMYF @ FH 1:30p GS 849 @ FH CR#3	20 7p BS Troop 993 @ FH	21 10a Circle Meeting @ Parlor 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 7p Women's AA @ FH #1 7:30p Harmonica Club @ LL	22 4:30p Staff mtg @ Pastor 6p Wed Night Dinner @ FH 7p UMYF @ Youth Room	23 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 8:30p AA @ FH #1	24	25 1p Anna Jones Memorial Service @ FH
26 9a Christian Ed @ FH 10a Worship @ Sanctuary 11a UMYF @ FH 1:30p GS 849 @ FH CR#3	27 7p BS Troop 993 @ Fellowship Hall 7p Trinity Circle @ Parlor	28 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 7p Women's AA @ FH #1 7p Admin Board @ Parlor 7:30p BS 993 Committee Mtg @ FH 7:30p Harmonica Club @ LL	29 6p Wed Night Dinner @ FH 7p UMYF @ Youth Room	30 6p CS Pack 876 @ FH 8:30p AA @ FH #1		

Looking Ahead:

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.

The following are websites with good Chrismon design information.

<http://www.grovecityalliance.org/chrismons/index.htm>

<http://www.umcs.org/chrismons/>



**We're
Searching for
Volunteers**

Sunday School teachers
Please Contact Brenda & Ken
Denham 571.312.6171

Children's Message
Please Speak with Pastor Janet
703.780.5019

Nursery Coordinator
Please Talk with Kym Clark
703.780.5019

Nursery Volunteers
Please Call Kym in the
Church Office 703.780.5019

Ushers
Please See Donna Adams
703.360.4439

WELCOME! Wesley Preschool and Kindergarten September 2010

September is such an exciting month for the Preschool and Kindergarten. There will be a lot of new faces and new friends. For teachers and children, it's a month of change and new beginnings, new surroundings, new friends, new experiences, new skills and new challenges.

This month our children will explore the world of learning and will develop many new basic skills. Everyone should encourage their child to practice and develop these new skills at home. During the coming weeks in the preschool we will begin to: follow directions, read and write our letters, identify community helpers, develop a broader understanding of the world around us, work and play together, count and compute, practice good citizenship, question and experiment. Wow! We're going to be busy.

Please take time to discuss each school day with your child. Ask open-ended questions and offer positive feedback. Review all work brought home and set aside a special place for displaying the work. Your constant interest will play an important part in your child's learning success.

A big welcome back to Mrs. Schwenk! Mrs. Schwenk had her plan book ready to teach another year of Kindergarten at Wesley. Unfortunately, we did not have enough students to have a viable class. I offered the 3-4 year class to her and she accepted! Mrs. Brenda will be working as a co-teacher with me in the Pre-K class and I am looking forward to a truly great year!

Important dates to remember:

September 2-Open house from 11:00 until Noon September 7-School starts at 9:00 a.m. (for K, 5-day, and 2-day)

September 8-School starts at 9:00 a.m. (3-day)

October 11-No school, Columbus Day

I hope you will visit often to share in the growth and excitement-taking place in our school. Don't forget to read, read, and read! Classroom volunteering begins after Oct. 1. We need a month to get to know our classes. Remember doors open at 8:55 a.m. Escort your student to classroom (please do not enter classroom) kiss goodbye at the door and we will see you at 12:00 p.m. sharp! (Late charges will be added for all late pick-ups.)

Blessings,

Darlene Spurlock

Brenda Denham

Elizabeth Schwenk

Fun Books to read in September:

"Lunch," written and illustrated by Denise Fleming

"Rosie's Walk", written and illustrated by Pat Hutchins

"Ten Apples Up on Top", by Dr. Seuss

Join us for Worship on Sundays at 10 am!

Wesley UMC welcomes one and all!

Great new Fundraiser starts on September 20!

Order pies for Thanksgiving and they taste wonderful! Top seller gets \$100.00 off of December's tuition!

Wesley United Methodist Church

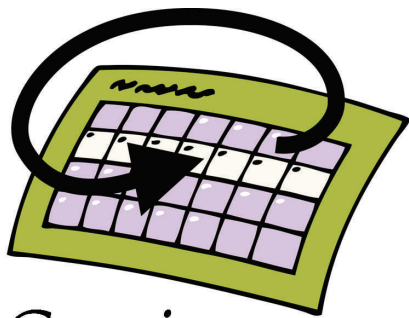
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*Coming
This Month*

- September 11 Patriot Day
- September 12 Rally Day
- September 14 Route One
Corridor Kitchen
- September 15 Wednesday Night
Dinners & Bible Study
begin 6:00 pm
- September 16 Trustee Meeting
7:00 pm
- September 19 Circle Meeting
10:00 am - Noon
- September 27 Trinity Circle
- September 28 Administrative Board
Meeting