

The Wesley Times

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Ushers October 11

8:30 Children of Wesley
8:50 Matt Collins, Susan Hughes, Jacquie Spear, Rick Mullikin
11:00 Children of Wesley

Ushers October 18

8:30 Nic Troutman, Sharon Shaffer, Dale Whetzel, Jerry Hansen
8:50 Steve Williams, Will Woodcock, Hugh & Linda Caldwell
11:00 Rick Cameron, Al Zay, David Jones, Sam McGowan

Greeters October 11

8:30 Dale & Jane Whetzel
8:50 Susan Barnes & Dale Haskins
11:00 George & Joan Pidot, and John Luke

Greeters October 18

8:30 Dona & Ron Burrell
8:50 Hugh & Linda Caldwell
11:00 Tony & Libby Young

Pewpad October 11

8:30 Buster & Teresa Rush
11:00 Dale & Jane Whetzel

Pewpad October 18

8:30 Beau Simcoe
11:00 Sharon & A. Q. Smith

Body Builders

October 11 Betty Rackman & Sue Wall
October 18 Carolyn & Bob George

Holly Tree

October 11 Oscar White-man

October 18 Wesley Youth

“IS ANY ONE OF YOU SICK?” James 5:14

A great part of the joy we experience at church each Sunday comes from visiting with our church family. We love each other and enjoy being together. But during a flu season, coming together can present an opportunity to pass along the various flu bugs that are out there. As a people of love, we want to be together but none of us want to make another person sick. So, if you are sick, please remember that the best thing you can do to show your love for your church family is to stay home; you will heal more quickly and you will not spread any viruses. If you are healthy, please, do not fear germs more than you love Jesus. Come to church and join in worship.

To try to keep everybody healthy, we are implementing a few minor changes around the church. In the Gathering Hall and at the entrance to the gym you will find bottles of hand sanitizer. We encourage each person to use a little as they come in. None of us knows what germs we might have picked up before we arrived so this is a way to help you protect yourself and others. Also, please know that we will understand if you prefer not to touch the pastors or other people because of a concern about virus transmission. If you'd like, you may raise your hand with a wave, make a gentle bow, or stick out your elbow to receive an elbow bump. These forms of greeting are being used in other areas as forms of greeting when viral transmission rates are high.

We will also be refining the way communion will be served. All communion servers will use hand-sanitizer before serving. The bread servers will tear off a piece of the bread and hand it to you instead of allowing you to tear off your own piece. This will reduce the number of people who actually touch the bread. The cup servers will tip the chalice slightly toward you so that you can easily dip the bread without touching the chalice. With these minor changes we think our communion services can continue to be the loving, sacred times they were intended to be while minimizing the risk of spreading sickness.

In closing, let me remind each of you that if you are sick or unable to come to worship for any reason, the church is always available to visit and bring the communion elements to you. You are a part of the family of God and a valued member of our church. Remember, nothing shall separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord!

-All for Jesus, Bill Adams

Visit our website at <http://www.welcometowesley.com>!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009

8:30 & 11:00 SERMON: “CHILDREN - WHAT A BLESSING!”

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 127

PREACHER: Rev. Margaret Hockett

8:50 SERMON: “HOW HARD IT IS”

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:17-31

PREACHER: Rev. Bill Adams

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009

8:30, 8:50, & 11:00 - LAITY SUNDAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR those dealing with hardships and difficult illnesses.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are now available at the 8:30 and 11:00 am services on Sunday mornings. Ask an usher if you would like to have a bulletin with larger print.

WESLEY TUTORS AT HOLLY TREE - A group of folks from Wesley provide the only tutoring for first grade readers at Holly Tree Elementary School. We meet the kids once a week for an hour, with a prepared course syllabus. The class is based on one on one tutoring so we need lots of helpers. The progress they make is amazing and the relationships we develop are precious. Because Wesley people are busy, I usually need one or two substitutes per week when the regular tutors are away. If you would be willing to declare yourself available as a substitute, I would be delighted. Please call (352 2038) or email (pidot@charter.net).

CROP WALK IS COMING! - Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 11th to join your friends and neighbors in a walk around Greenfield Lake. All donations are given to organizations locally and globally who are working to overcome poverty. Registration starts at 1:30 pm across from the amphitheater. The walk takes about 2 hours and we'll have music to start us off and pizza and cold drinks at the finish. Come on out with your friends, family, Sunday school class - any group and join Wilmington as a Community Responding to Overcome Poverty. Contact Lynn Weaver at 799-9772 for more information.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD- The Administrative Board will meet Monday, October 12th at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!

VIM LUNCHEON - There will be a VIM (Very Important Methodist) luncheon at Eddie Romanelli's on Tuesday, October 13th at 12:00 pm. A carpool will be leaving from the church at 11:30 am. Anyone may attend, but please call Joyce Burris (791-4950) for reservations.

FAITH FOR MEN, a new men's Bible study, will begin on Sunday, October 18th at 9:50 am, in room 502(enter thru the front door, room is on the left) in the new Wesley House located next to the Activity Center parking lot. The age focus is 35 to 50 years old. The class is taught by Tim Leuck.

MORE COOKIES NEEDED for NCCIW (Women's Prison in Raleigh) October 22-25. The directions are the same as for Pender Kairos. Please leave the cookies in the church office by October 20th. If you have questions, please contact Geraldine Kepley (253-6584).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! - Volunteers are needed to collect food for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard on Saturday, October 24th, at the Food Lion on Independence and Carolina Beach Roads. A volunteer is also needed to pick up and deliver the food to Mother Hubbard's. To sign up for a shift, or for more information, please call Lana Winneberger (392-3651).

THE UMY NEEDS BAGS of individually wrapped candy (for prizes) and assorted cakes and cookies for the Cake Walk at our annual Children's Carnival, October 26th. Candy may be brought by the church office at any time. Cakes and cookies should be brought on October 25th (Sunday) or October 26th. Thank you for making this event an annual success.

VAN DRIVERS NEEDED! -On Saturday, November 7th Wesley vans will be used to transport volunteers for the YMCA's largest fundraiser, the Beach2Battleship triathlon which will begin in Wrightsville Beach and end at the Battleship. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit the "Y's" programs. Van drivers must be members of Wesley but no special driver's license is needed. Please volunteer for one of the four shifts scheduled throughout the day beginning at 6:30 AM and ending at midnight. Contact Diane Caster at 452-1282 or harmonybelle@bellsouth.net.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th!



MUSIC NEWS



The Chancel Choir would like to extend a very special "thank you" to the following Sunday School classes that participated in the talent show: Third Grade, Fourth Grade, Fifth Grade, New Day, Traveling Mercies, Cheers, Grace, and O.H. Joy!. We'd also like to thank all the individual performers: Bradley & Bailey Barefoot, Lauren Kimel, Nicolas and J'nelle Ruscetti, David Caulkins, Beth Palmer, Turner Medicott, Walker Ballard, and Kristine Kesling. Another special "thank you" goes to the Seekers Sunday School Class who gave a student scholarship. This has been presented to Steffanie Chambers in order for her to attend the Lake Junaluska Choir Member retreat. "Thank you" to Steve Jeremias for taking the time to run the sound for the dress rehearsal and the show. Lastly, we would like to say "thank you" to the entire congregation for coming to our talent show and spaghetti dinner. The funds that were raised will help defray the cost of all twelve choir members who will be attending the Junaluska event on October 23-25.

On October 11th (Children's Sabbath Sunday) we will be richly blessed by our children's choirs. All four of our children's choirs will be singing at both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. They will be leading our hymns, singing special anthems, playing the colored bells, hand chimes, and the Melody Wave instruments along with leading us in the Lord's Prayer and the reading of Psalm 100.

On October 18th Julie Chambers will be singing a solo for the 8:30 service. For the 11:00 worship service, our Adult Handbell Choir will be playing a special Prelude and accompanying the Chancel Choir in an arrangement of the well-known hymn "I Love You Lord".

CHILDREN'S NEWS



Children's Sunday is coming **THIS** Sunday, October 11th at both 8:30 & 11:00 worship services. All children's choirs will be singing and children will be participating in various parts of the service! We'd love to have lots of children in our congregation. Please join us as we celebrate children and God's love for them!



Upward Basketball League Registration deadline is October 16. We have teams for boys and girls grades K-6th and this league is open to anyone in our community. Share this great league with your friends and neighbors. We also are looking for church members to coach/assistant coach, as we role model for our children good Christian character. For more information, call Leslie Key at 791-4092. Also check out our new photos on our Upward Camp this summer!! Upstairs hallway, beside 4th grade room.



*A special THANKS to all the children who participated in "Wesley's Got Talent".
You represented the children very well and we're all proud of you!*



TRUNK OR TREAT! - "Trunk or Treat" at Wesley on Saturday, October 31st. We need families of all ages, senior adults, youth, and any one else who would like to join the FUN! All you need to do is bring your car, decorate your trunk, bring some candy, & kids enjoy "treating" from trunk to trunk!! Pick a theme, find decorations you have around the house, it can be anything (just nothing scary, please). Call Leslie Key for more information or to participate!! What a great way to involve our very own Pumpkin Patch and our community!!

UMW NEWS

THE FARRAR-HIGGINS CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, October 14th at 3:00 pm in room 404 of the AEC. Dottie Matthews will be the hostess. Please bring a box of cake mix and tub of icing for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Visitors are ALWAYS welcome!

WHITE ELEPHANT - We need all of your unwanted but still useable items for the Bazaar White Elephant Sale on Saturday, October 24th. Items may be dropped off at the Activity Center Gym, Monday, October 19th - Friday, October 23rd **ONLY!** For more information contact Pat Gray (313-3195).

Church Photo Directory



Have you made your appointment to have your family picture taken for the new church directory?? Scheduling of appointments may be made both before and after each Sunday service and during the Wonderful Wednesday suppers, until October 25th. If you choose, you have a wider selection of appointment times by going online at www.signup.olanmills.com; or, you may call 1-800-866-2263 and an Olan Mills representative will schedule an appointment for you. Please submit photos of any family members currently serving in the Military. For questions, please contact Carol Gande-Jones at 458-0255.

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*Win them to Christ, Disciple them in Christ,
Send them for Christ to serve and to witness*



"He does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number. He gives rain on the earth and sends waters on the fields" Job 5:9-10.

YOUTH NEWS

UMYF - Sunday night UMYF is from 6:30-8:00 after Circuit Riders rehearsals. All youth, 6th grade -12th grades, join us for snacks, games, music, and devotion.

DONATIONS - We are so blessed to have a large group of youth with us each Sunday night, and along with them come healthy appetites! Donations of 2 liter drinks and snacks would be greatly appreciated. Drop-off in the church office or youth lounge. Thank you in advance!

RUSH - Wednesday night "RUSH", (Radically United Serving Him), has begun! Our youth RUSH hour is from 7:00-8:00 in the gym, for all 6th-12th grade students. Come join us and bring a friend! We are inviting other churches in our community to join us each week, and rotate with us with youth bands and youth sharing the message. RUSH is Youth Worship, for youth, by youth. **October 21 we will go to Pine Valley UMC as they will host this community ministry.**

5TH QUARTER - We will have our last 5th Quarter, (after football game community youth social), will be Friday, October 9 from 9:00pm-midnight. Come join us and bring friends for food, game room, and gym fellowship.

THE GATHERING PLACE will be open Friday, October 16 from 7:00-9:00. This is a casual gathering for those with and without disabilities high school age and up, to enjoy the game room, gym, music, food, fellowship, and even some drumming! Come join an evening of unforgettable rewards; your help is what makes it possible, and this ministry is truly meeting a need in our community. Youth and adults are needed to help set up, make new friends, and clean up. Contact Bill Parker or Kristin Bednarczyk, 791-4092, at the church to sign up.

PUMPKIN PATCH! - Pumpkins are here, the Patch is beautiful, and we still have 3 more deliveries! Please come help to unload on Saturday mornings at 9:00am and look for the Bartlett's who are once taking care of shift scheduling throughout the week. They will be set up in the Gathering Hall and Activity Building before and after worship services and at UMYF. Thank you in advance for supporting our youth in this blessed fundraiser.

New 2009/2010 Youth T-Shirts are available for \$10. Make sure to get yours before supplies run out!