

# Wesley United Methodist Church



## *PASTOR TINA'S TIDBITS*

How truly blessed we are when we wake up to the sun rising in the east and the sound of birds chirping. How blessed when we watch the sun set in the west to the moon's rising. I will be honest, when Herb and I moved to Tyrone, I wasn't sure what to expect in our new environment. I had never lived "in town" before. I grew up in a little town called West Decatur, got married and moved to Houtzdale and then moved to Morrisdale. Even though I only lived in 3 towns, I moved 9 times before I moved to Tyrone. Each place I lived was on a dead end or a back road with little traffic. What was it going to be like living on one of the busiest streets (or so I was told) in Tyrone? In my short time here, I have seen the hand of God and his beauty at 1203 Clay Ave. I have seen it in the beauty of the flowers in the front of the house. I am not a flower person. I think they are beautiful, but I know the names of about 3 flowers. However, when I went to see the parsonage for the first time, there were purple flowers growing in front of the house. When we moved in, those purple flowers were gone and there were yellow flowers. Soon light orange flowers appeared; then these beautiful burgundy ones and black eyed susans. It amazes me how God provides us with such beauty and color through a simple flower. It reminds me that we can look at someone and in our minds think of them as a simple person, but when we look at them through the eyes of Jesus, we see them as someone of beauty, someone with a purpose. Maybe they can't see that beauty in themselves, maybe they have yet to discover that purpose, but as a child of God, I pray that we are to help them see who they are in Christ Jesus. I have seen the beauty of "love thy neighbor" in both the beautiful gift baskets presented to Herb and I by our new church family and by those who live near us as they have welcomed us to the neighborhood and have already invited to take us for a ride to Sinking Valley to show us where to get all the good produce available; food that is produced by the hard work of the sowing and reaping of others. Though the thing that has amazed me the most from God's hand is almost every night I sit on the front porch and watch the hundreds of fireflies in our front yard. We have always lived in what would be considered the country and I have never seen that number of fireflies anywhere I lived. I remember as a child catching fireflies and putting them in a jar. I have shared that with my children and my grandchildren.

It was a privilege I thought we had because of where we lived. God has shown me in my short time here, His beauty is everywhere if we take the time to stop and look. Too often we are so busy that we fail to stop and see the beauty of nature, of people, even our own beauty. There is a wonderful hymn that reminds us of God's beauty "For the Beauty of the Earth", and the chorus says "Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise." May we always look for the beauty surrounding us and give the Lord praise for it all. I praise Him for placing me here with such beautiful people. May He bless us richly in our time together as we look for the beauty in those who are not yet here.

*Our Mission: As members of Wesley Church we are called by God to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.*

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## **TRUST AND OBEY, THY WILL BE DONE, MAKE ME A SERVANT**

*By Darlene Ritter*

Have you ever had a day, or maybe two or three in a row, where everything seems to go wrong? You know, you get up late, you can't find your glasses, or you go into your home office to work on information for the newsletter and find a roadblock? Well, that was me yesterday. There was an Ad Council meeting on Sunday after church and I had the information in my hand when I entered the office in my home, I realized the room was sort of M-E-S-S-Y!! Papers scattered everywhere! The only thing left to do was clean up before I started. I attacked the mess; filed all the paperwork, tossed what wasn't needed, and cleaned out and organized several folders. I sat down at my PC to organize my thoughts and to check all the information I had for the August Newsletter, where was it, I cannot find it; looked through the trash, checked all the previously filed papers while trying not to have a panic attack! You see, I had many notes in those papers that I needed and now I had nothing.

But then all at once, that still, small voice within my heart and my head told me to "stop, take a deep breath", so I did. I got up, closed the door and left. Next day, I found the papers in a matter of minutes and once again, I looked up, closed my eyes, and said "Thank you Lord, thank you Jesus for taking care of me". At that moment, the words of a hymn came into my mind, "Trust and Obey, for there's no other way". I wasn't even praying for help in finding the needed papers. I was furious with myself. But God did not let me go there. He came to my rescue.

Has God given you messages and direction through your thoughts, through music, through scripture and other ways? Has He come to your rescue, or given you peace when you were troubled? Have you, like me, sometimes missed the messages He is sending. We come to church and we praise his holy name through the music and scriptures we share. We recite the Lord's Prayer and every week, we say "Thy Will Be Done" and for several weeks now before we leave, we sing the benediction song, "Make Me a Servant". WOW, powerful words; but are we really asking God to lead our lives according to His will; are we ready to become his servant and go where he wants us to go and do what he wants us to do? Do we trust and obey when He speaks to us? These are the questions I had to ask myself after my messy moment in my office and the revelation of the papers the next day. Are we ready to serve our Lord; are we ready to do his will, even if it means moving out of our comfort zones?

As a church family we go through "high moments and low moments", but we must never forget that we are the church! We have gone through another change, this time in only three years, and another shepherd has been sent to lead us. Pastor Tina Hawkins has been sent to Wesley UMC Tyrone to meet our ministerial needs, to share in our triumphs and bring comfort in our mishaps, and to guide us, to question us, and to prompt us to serve to the best of our abilities. If you haven't met her yet, please do. Come to church on Sunday morning (9:30 am), meet her and hear her message, and if you would like a one-on-one with her, email her at [thawkins@susumc.org](mailto:thawkins@susumc.org), call the parsonage (814) 682-7309 or the church, (814) 684-3341. May the Lord continue to bless all of you each and every day and may you "expect the unexpected" and be open to that still small voice that is part of all of us if we have accepted Jesus as our Savior.

***Disclaimer: the words and thoughts in this column were inspired by the Lord and were written by me. If you have comments or questions, please contact me either in person or by phone, (814) 684-4834. Darlene J Ritter***

*Experience is a good teacher, but a hard one. She gives the test first and the lesson afterward.*



### August schedule of events

**Sunday 9:30 am** Worship Service

**Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8:00-9:00 am** Yoga classes in the nursery

**August 19 - Wesley Annual Breakfast in the Park - 9:00 am** breakfast, **Table #2**; 10:00 am church

**August 25 – “Tyrone Christian Family Faith Day” 9:00am–3:00 pm** downtown; movie “Wonder” at Reservoir Park starting at 8:00 pm

**August 26 – Community Church Service – 6:30 pm**, Christian Missionary Alliance Church

**September 16 - Sunday School Kickoff – 9:00 am**, church service at 10:30 am

**September 23 – First Sunday Breakfast at 8:30 am** in the fellowship hall; open to all

*(See Upcoming Events, page 6 for further details)*

A day hemmed in prayer never comes unraveled



### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Staff Parish Relations Committee:** Our prayers are with our custodian, Judy Rodgers, as she recovers her health and builds up her strength. In the meantime, we are asking for volunteers to help with her housekeeping chores. Luckily, it's summer so we can get by with minimal maintenance until mid-September when Sunday school begins again. Weekly help is needed with vacuuming, dusting and keeping restrooms clean and tidy. Please see the sign-up sheet on the sanctuary table for available weeks and chores. If we pitch in, we can keep the church looking great for Judy when she returns! With thanks -Staff Parish Relations Committee.

**Finance Committee:** Randy Miles, Chair gave the following report. Total income received isn't going to meet the total expenses for the first six months of 2018 or our July expenses. Randy and our Endowment Committee Chair, Wayne Hall, provided a solution to the shortage of cash flow that we are experiencing. At their recommendation

and with the approval of the Administrative Council Committee, we are moving \$6000.00 from the Burley Endowment Fund into the General Funds account in order to cover expenditures through the end of August. We are hoping that weekly tithing over the coming weeks will cover the deficit. Additional upcoming expenses include the removal of a dead maple tree at the parsonage and repairs to the leaky boiler in the church/SS building (see Trustees report).

**Trustee Committee:** David Hess, Chair, reported the church parking lot and the parsonage driveway have been repaired and sealed. Funds for this project came from the “Trustees Wish List Fund”. Boiler repairs will be made by D.C. Goodman. Cost is unknown at this time, but the boiler leak must be fixed before the heat is turned on again. A dead maple tree at the parsonage will be removed by Travis Shauf (Tree Service), at a cost of \$900.00. A new mower will be purchased at an estimated cost of \$250.00-\$300.00; both of

these expenses were approved by Council. David is also investigating the cost of having outdoor entrance signs placed at the main entrance to the church and the office. Carpeting for the front portion of the church office and entries to the parking lot and chairlift will be installed. The cost is being covered by a generous benefactor. We are most grateful for these gifts.

**Endowment Committee:** Chair Wayne Hall reported that he contacted Karen Corrado-Knote, representative from Stifel, regarding our current endowment funds. In discussing our Investment Policy Statement, Karen informed Wayne that we need to revamp our goals for investment performance. A meeting with the committee will be held the first week of August and a meeting with Karen will be held mid to late August.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Tina thanked everyone for the warm welcome she and Herb have received from Wesley. She shared the contents of a letter that will be sent to all members.

She discussed our locked-door policy and suggested that we may want to try leaving it open on Sunday morning. A locked door is not an inviting door. No official decision was made, but the worship committee will look into the suggestion that at least one usher stay by the main entrance door if we decide to leave it open. We will lock the other doors after the service starts.

Pastor Tina is hoping to start a "Story Time on the Lawn" with the neighborhood children on Wednesdays from 10:00 am-10:30 am.

Saturday night services were discussed. We shared that attendance was low and at this time there is no one to provide musical support. The decision was made to discontinue the services at this time. Pastor Tina shared that she believes that we need to make disciples for the transformation of the world. We discussed some of our weaknesses and our strengths. We need to be open to

others, have open communication and find ways to reach out.

**Congregational Life Committee:** Karen Rumberger, Chair, reported that Wesley UMC will be participating in the "Tyrone Christian Family Faith Day," on Saturday August 25 on E. Tenth Street. We will have a table and pass out Faith Day bags. We need 144 items to fill the bags. Anyone that may be interested in contributing items for the bags will need to give them to Karen by **August 12**. The committee will pack the bags in the Fellowship Hall on August 13. We also need to borrow pictures of our church activities to make a display board for Faith Day. Karen also shared that Wesley will hold its Annual Breakfast in the Park on August 19 at 9:00 am with a worship service to follow. Further details can be found on page 6.

**Wesley Choir:** Our Summer Special Music is soon coming to an end. We have been filled and are still being filled with inspirational music every worship service throughout our summer months. "Thank You" to all guests outside of our church family and especially to all of our choir members who are so willing to share their God given musical talents in praising His name through song.

***Wesley Choir Begins!*** Our choir has experienced a major change this past year when we moved from our one and a half hour rehearsal on Wednesday evenings to a forty-five minute rehearsal block on Sunday mornings following our worship service. Our church organist, Beth Foster who was the accompanist for our choir and no longer able to meet with us on Wednesdays, offered to practice with us on Sundays after our worship service. We were so grateful to still have our accompanist, but it was a difficult change for our choir to make with the shortened rehearsal time to prepare anthems and also the increased membership absentees due to family obligations on Sundays. We will soon begin our second year with our newly acquired rehearsal times knowing that God

has helped us through this change and He is Faithful! Thank you Beth and Choir for your commitment and faithfulness!

And Now!! Come join us! Our first rehearsal for our new year will be Sunday, August 26 at 10:45 am following the worship service. Our first performance will be September 16; high school age and up are welcome!! If you love to sing that is all you need in order to join.

**Children's Ministry:** Wesley Children and Youth Sunday took place on May 20, in our fellowship hall due to carpet installation in our sanctuary. Amy Stever was in charge of coordinating all of our kids in reading scripture, collecting offering, ushering, performing music and also performing a "skit." Thank you to Amy, our kids, and a big thank you to all our families who are placing at the top of their priorities Sunday school and church attendance.

***Sight and Sound Trip:*** On June 12, a caravan of cars traveled to Lancaster with 36 children, youth, and adults from our church family and friends to see the show "Jesus". Our Children and Youth Ministries were excited knowing that our spaghetti fund raiser in March, along with several large donations made it possible for all of our kids to go cost free. All who went highly recommend to anyone who has not seen the show to put it on your calendar and go! It was an amazing time spent in seeing our Lord and Savior's three year ministry take life on stage.

***Sunday School Fall Kick Off*** is coming soon! Sunday School Fall Kick Off is scheduled for September 16. It begins at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall with registration and breakfast munches. That will be followed with games, prizes and a tour through the classrooms where you will meet your teachers and finally seeing what our youth choir, The Praise JAM Singers, is all about. Check the bulletin for more information as it gets closer to the date.

**Hospitality Committee:** Darlene Cupp, Chair, reported that she met with Pastor Tina to discuss the role of the Hospitality Committee.

They reviewed the information that is given out to first time visitors to the church and discussed changes that will be made. They also discussed home visitations.

**Request From our Church Office:** To committee chairs and others. If you schedule meetings to be held in a room in the church or Sunday school buildings, please inform the office of the date, time, and which room you will be using. LeVonne will enter the information on her calendar and place the information on the custodian's calendar. This will help us avoid double bookings of rooms and will give our custodian a heads-up on which rooms she should check/clean after the meeting has taken place.

**For Sale:** Wesley UMC has red paving bricks for sale. *Cost - make an offer.* Bricks are being stored at Wesley Church. If interested, please call the church during office hours; 9:00am - 12:00pm. If the office is closed, contact David Hess at (814) 937-2621.

*A pastor always used the phrase, "It could be worse," when some calamity would come his way. One day a friend said to him, "I have something to tell you, and you won't be able to use your favorite phrase. I dreamed last night that I died and went to hell." "It could be worse," said the preacher. The friend said "How could it be worse?" The preacher said, "It could be true."*

*Fellowship, food & fun*

**CHURCH  
BREAKFAST**



**August 19** - Wesley Annual Breakfast in the Park at **Table # 2** starting at 9:00 am; church service will begin at 10:00 am and children activities at 11:00 am. We are asking those attending to bring any food that one would enjoy for breakfast to share. Whether you bring food or not, please come and enjoy breakfast, fellowship and the worship service. The church will be furnishing coffee, tea, juice for the kids, table covering, plates, cups and tableware. You may want to bring a folding chair to be used for the service.

**August 25, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**, "Tyrone Christian Family Faith Day." Join others on E. Tenth Street for live music, food, vendors, special guests and activities for all. Wesley Church will have a table and pass out Faith Day bags. The movie "Wonder" will be shown at Reservoir Park at 8:00pm.

**August 26, 6:30 pm**, A Community Church Service will be held at Christian Missionary Alliance Church. Wesley Choir will be joining other church choirs in providing music for this service.



**September 16, 9:00 am**, "Sunday School Kickoff;" church service will be at 10:30 am. "Praise JAM" singers will practice from 10:00 am to 10:20 am in the fellowship hall. There are two adult classes and classes for children and youth of all ages. A spaghetti dinner will be held after worship service in the fellowship hall. Watch the church bulletins for more details as we get closer to the date.

**IN OUR SANCTUARY**



Have you ever looked at the small portion of the window in the Chancel area and wondered what each of the symbols mean? For instance, what does the portion pictured above that is located above the Cross?

The following information was taken from the Consecration Service booklet, held on Sunday, March 8, 1964. The jeweled base section at the reredos is intended to represent, through colors that God's love is with us both day and night. The center small circle symbolizes Christ. The blue colors that radiate from Him represent dawn to night. Four smaller red circles symbolize that God's love extends to the four corners of the earth. Christ, represented by the red circle, the yellow and gold colors represent the Holy Spirit radiating from God, depicted by the blue glass, complete the jewel impression.

We will continue to describe the rest of the beautiful sanctuary windows in upcoming newsletters. Be sure to watch for them. If you are curious before the Sept./Oct. newsletter comes out, come to church and get a view of all the windows at once.



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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES NO  
LATER THAN AUGUST  
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**THOSE SERVING IN OUR MINISTRIES FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST**  
*(Schedules are subject to change)*

**Acolytes:**

- 5 Nick Ashcroft
- 12 Colby Daughenbaugh
- 19 Breakfast in the Park
- 26 Meaghan & Haylee Foster

**Liturgist:**

- 5 George LeGrand
- 12 David Hess
- 19 Breakfast in the Park
- 26 Joyce Hewel

**Greeters:**

- 5 Ron Hildebrand
- 12 Revel Kemp & Amy Stever
- 19 Breakfast in the Park
- 26 Walt & Jean Harader

**Nursery:**

- 5 Amy Stever & Ann Ammerman
- 12 Jean Harader & Linda Albright
- 19 Breakfast in the Park
- 26 Kendra Daughenbaugh & Jean Bressler

**Ushers:** - *Team #3:* Scott Hunter, Walt Harader, Melvin Rhine & Aaron Jeffries

**Chairlift:** Pete Dutrow

**Altar Guild:** Barb Stever

**Communion Steward:** Julie Dillon

**Birthdays**

- 10 Fred Miller
- 16 Mary Ann Kurtz
- 19 Joan Arnold
- 20 Wendy Isenberg
- 23 Pat Hovan
- 24 Tim Campbell & Barb Stever
- 26 Bob Smith
- 27 Tim Ashcroft
- 28 Ann Ammerman

**Anniversaries**

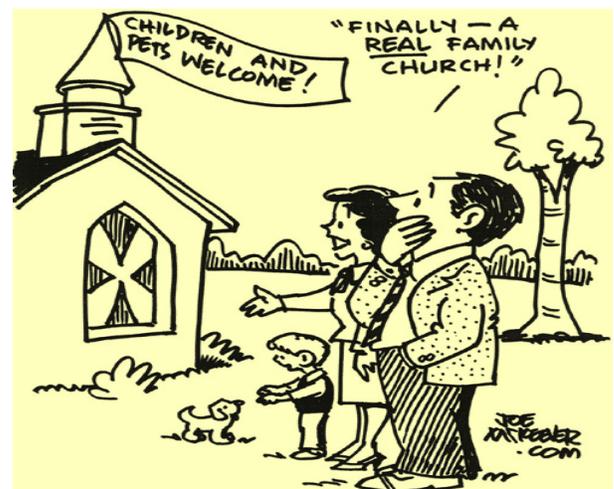
- 7 Ron & Peggy Adams
- 12 Lynn & Janice Drake
- 15 Jim & Jennifer Irons

**All Things Bright And Beautiful Word Search**

This is a bit of a challenge but get Mum and Dad to help!

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| WONDERFUL | LORD   | GOD      | MADE      |
| THEM      | PURPLE | HEADED   | MOUNTAIN  |
| RIVER     | SUNSET | MORNING  | SKY       |
| EYES      | LIPS   | ALMIGHTY | WELL      |
| AND       | COLD   | WIND     | SUN       |
| RIPE      |        |          |           |



Feelings come and feelings go  
 And feelings are deceiving,  
 My trust is in the Word of God,  
 None else is worth believing.  
 ~ Martin Luther

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***"The mystery of seeking God is that He is the one who finds us."***