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A NOTE FROM PASTOR'S DESK – MAY and JUNE

Dear Wesley Church,

Thank you! Over these last three years we have done great things together. We have explored strange new things, tried and failed a few times to do different activities. We have laughed and celebrated. We have cried and we have mourned. When Meghan and I arrived in Tyrone 3 years ago, we walked into a church family that we did not expect. I have shared that I did not expect to come to an appointment right out of seminary that was only one church. I know that when Meghan and I arrived, we were not what you expected either. Over these last three years, we have grown as disciples of Jesus Christ together. You have supported Meghan and me. You have loved us and I hope that you have felt loved by us. You have taught me a great deal these past three years that I will never forget. I thank you. You have taught me great lessons that seminary can only try to teach. You have taught me lessons that I will keep with me for the rest of my ministry. I thank you.

One of the hardest parts of this system is saying goodbye. It is all a part of the grief process. You have come to love us and we have come to love you as well. Saying goodbye is never easy; it is not desired. But in our case, it is now necessary. We will mourn together, but we also celebrate. We will celebrate God's undeniable love for us. We will celebrate what God has done, is doing, and what he has yet to do in our lives. While Meghan and I are saddened to leave this wonderful place, we are indeed excited for the next chapter in our lives and in our part of God's ministry. I am also excited to see what God has in store for you. Our God is the God of Tyrone. God is not done with you yet.

I have but one last request of you. Pray, Pray, Pray. Pray for Meghan and me as we begin this next part of the journey; as we pack, move and settle into the new place. Pray for us as we begin ministry with our new appointment that God may be glorified in all that we do. This will be greatly appreciated. Pray for Pastor Tina and her husband, as they finish at their current appointment, packing and beginning to settle in here in Tyrone. Pray for your church. Pray that as people of Wesley that you may continue to be in ministry and

desire to be one with Christ, one with each other and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory and together we are reunited in God's kingdom. This will be my prayer and I hope that you will join me in these prayers; for prayer is powerful, prayer is meaningful and prayer is life changing. May God's grace and love fill you now and forever.

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

THE EASTER SEASON AND CHANGE

By Darlene Ritter

Lent and Easter Sunday have come and gone, but the Easter season remains. What is this you ask? In the church, this is the period of time when we should study, reflect, and celebrate the events of Jesus' resurrection, his visits with the women and the disciples, his visits with others, the messages he left for the disciples and others, the forgiveness he showed Peter, and all the other events that led up to the ascension of our Lord and Savior. Easter season is the seventh week period between Easter Sunday and Pentecost.

The Christian holiday of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. Some Christians believe this event represents the birth of the Church. It does signify an important event in the history of the early Church that enabled the rapid spread of Christianity. Within a few decades important congregations had been established in all major cities of the Roman Empire.

The biblical narrative of Pentecost is given in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. Peter's sermon in Acts 2: 14-36 stresses the resurrection and exaltation. In his sermon Peter quotes Joel 2:28-32 and Psalms 16 when speaking to the people. About one hundred and twenty followers of Christ (Acts 1:15) were present, including the twelve apostles, Jesus' mother Mary, other female disciples and his brothers. Peter stood up with the eleven and proclaimed to the crowd that this event was the fulfillment of prophecy. In Acts 2:17, it reads: "And in the last days, ' God says, 'I will pour out my spirit upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams." Acts 2:41 then reports: "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." This event was the beginning of a continual outpouring that would be available to all believers from that point on, Jews and Gentiles alike.

Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and commissioning caused many changes in the lives of his apostles. They chose to change; they chose to be the leaders. They went forward and did the work they were called to do after they were empowered by the Holy Spirit.

But what about us? How do we handle change? Change can be frightening or it can be exciting! Do we embrace it and work with it, do we run and hide from it, or do we just go on our merry way as we have done in the past. After we experience and participate in Lent and Easter, what do we do? Are we filled with the Holy Spirit and ready to make a change in our world and the world around us? Do we join with other believers in spreading the good news, do we reach out to meet the needs of others following Jesus' request "to feed my sheep". This year Pentecost will occur on Sunday, May 20th and again we will have an opportunity to follow Jesus and reach out in service.

Soon our Wesley UMC family will face change once again. Pastor David will be leaving and a new pastor will be joining us. The Methodist policy with regard to the assignment of ministers is an itinerant system which means the ministers are moved when there is a need. Sometimes the move is the request of the pastor, sometimes it is requested by the church family and sometimes it is the conference who asks for and makes the move. Every pastor has gifts that come from God, but not all pastors have the same gifts nor do they have all of the gifts that God has given. In serving a congregation, a pastor is placed because the conference believes they have the gifts to meet the needs of the congregation. Also, all church members have gifts that when shared may help the pastor grow in his/her ministry.

So, as we say good-bye to Pastor David and Meghan, we wish them well in their new ventures in serving our Lord. We pray that God will continue to bless them. God has a plan for all of us; our church family, Pastor David and Meghan, and our new pastor. Are we ready for what God has in store for us? This change can be the beginning of a new and fantastic journey in serving our Lord. Let's embrace it!!

The best form of spiritual exercise is to touch the floor regularly with your knees.



May-June schedule of events

Sunday 8:30 am Breakfast in fellowship hall
 9:00 am Children and Adult Sunday School Classes
 10:00 am Praise JAM singers' rehearsal
 10:30 am Worship Service
 11:45 am Wesley adult choir rehearsals
 Saturdays 6:30 pm Worship Service in fellowship hall
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8:00-9:00 am Yoga classes in the nursery

May 12 – Wesley Church annual women and children’s dinner 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall

May 13 – Mothers’ Day “Happy Mothers’ Day!” Carnations will be purchased and the children will distribute them to all women during the service.

May 20 – Children and Youth Day - Our youth will take the lead in the Sunday service.

June 3 – Farewell reception for Pastor David and Meghan following 10:30 worship service.

June 12 – Youth ministry trip to see “Jesus”

June 17 – Father’s Day “Happy Fathers’ Day.” Candy will be given to all the men during the service.

When you're on your knees you can't stumble



Wherever God calls you in the church may you always strive to do the will of our Heavenly Father in bringing others to Christ.

God Bless You.

We will hold a farewell reception for Pastor David and Meghan in the Choir Room on Sunday, June 3rd following the 10:30 am worship service.



Thank You Lord for giving me vision and purpose. I have faith that I can do anything that You have called me to do.
Proverbs 29:18

Wesley UM Church Trivia:

1. What is the name of the only male organist in the history of the Wesley Church?
2. What is the symbolism behind carrying the candle lighters out of the church with the flames still lit?
3. Who currently holds the record of most years of membership in our church family?
4. In 1927 the Sunday School building was built at a cost of \$95,000. What did the ladies of the church do to help raise the funds for this facility? - (Answers can be found on page 6)



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff Parish Relations Committee: On Sunday, April 15, Dr. Kathy Kind, District Superintendent, introduced the SPRC committee to our new Pastor, Tina Hawkins. Pastor Tina has been appointed as a full-time local pastor to Wesley United Methodist church starting July 1, 2018. She was called by God throughout her life, serving in many volunteer roles in the church including secretary, janitor and lay speaker before she finally left her full-time job to pursue her theological education at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

For the past 12 years, Pastor Tina has been serving churches in the Morrisdale/West Branch region and currently has four charges. She feels community outreach, visitation, children's programs, and prayer are important ministries as well as establishing good working relationships with other churches in the community. In addition to caring for her congregation, Pastor Tina said she also wants to reach out to "the least, the last and the lost" to make Disciples of Christ. She added that she believes in not asking others to do something she wouldn't do! Pastor Tina and her husband Herb are the parents of four grown children and there is a special connection to Wesley. Herb is Maribeth LeGrand's brother.

We will learn more details in May about the moves. In the meantime, continue to keep both Pastor David and Pastor Tina and their families in our prayers as they transition to their new charges.

Trustee Committee: As reported in last month's newsletter new carpet will be installed in the sanctuary as well as the chancel area. The carpet was shipped from California on April 19 and should arrive by the end of April and the installation should be sometime in May. The plan is for the installation to be done so that we are only out of our sanctuary for one Sunday if all goes well. On that Sunday, we will hold Sunday morning service in Fellowship Hall.

Pastor David's Commissioning: Annual conference will be held May 31-June 2 at the Hershey Lodge. Saturday, June 2, Pastor David will be commissioned, which will put him one step closer to ordination; one step closer to fulfilling his dream of ministry and God's plan for his life. If anyone from the congregation would like to attend this service they are welcome to do so; contact Pastor David for details. Congratulations and best wishes Pastor David, from all of us. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him.

Worship Committee: In 2017, members of Wesley met to discuss our worship services. From this meeting, it was decided to form a new committee to assist in coordinating a well-rounded meaningful service. Questions asked were “Are we making the most of the time we spend in worshipping our Lord” and “Can we find ways to make it better?” At the end of the year, Darlene Ritter was elected to serve as the chair of this committee, effective January 1, 2018.

Darlene has been having conversations with the people who serve during worship. Members of the Committee are Myra Hess, Music; the lead usher of each usher team; Karen Rumberger, Acolytes, one or two of our Nursery Attendants, Joyce Hewel; Altar Guild; and Lori Eckert, Communion Steward.

We have recruited five new nursery attendants. With these additional volunteers joining our former volunteers, we will be able to have two people in the nursery for all services. Security is a top priority and Darlene will continue to work with and seek input from our usher teams with the hope of keeping our sanctuary and Sunday School building as safe as possible.

During May, Darlene will be scheduling meetings with all of the different groups involved to gather their thoughts and input on the services. She will also continue to work with LeVonne Angelo in preparing the bulletins for our services. LeVonne will continue to schedule the nursery workers and the greeters.

Confirmation Classes: On Sunday, April 15th Wesley Church had the pleasure of welcoming Haylee Foster and Annie LeGrand as full members of Wesley United Methodist Church. The young ladies had attended 16 weeks of preparatory classes under the direction of Pastor David. Both Haylee and Annie have been attending Wesley for years along with their family. We are so grateful for these new members and ask for God’s

blessing for each of them as they continue on their path to serving Him.

New Ministries

“*Meals Ministry*” has been formed to serve those in need at Wesley. We will provide meals for new mothers, and for those who have returned home from a hospital stay. Meals are homemade or purchased by volunteers and will be delivered to those in need.

“*Wesley Notes*”. We have started a new email notification system. Information will be emailed to members to share changes in worship service, special events and prayers for those in the hospital, births, bereavements, etc. If you do not wish to be included in these email notifications, please contact Joyce Hewel at 684-2919 or email her at jhewel55@gmail.com.

Children’s Ministry-Youth Sunday: On Sunday, May 20th our youth will be leading our worship service. They will be greeters, ushers and will provide the liturgical readings. They will also be presenting a skit entitled, “The B Store”. Special music will be by the Praise JAM Singers. Also, during the service, Pastor David will be presenting the students who graduated from third grade with a Bible. Come and worship! Come and support the youth of our church family.



Vacation Bible School: Wesley, Christ United and Church of the Good Shepherd will be having Bible School starting on July 23 through 27, from 6:00 to 8:15 pm. The theme is “*Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus*”. We will be gathering at the Church of the Shepherd for games, crafts, singing, and Bible Discoveries about how Jesus rescues

everyday! Check the bulletin for more information as we get closer to July 23rd.



Mission Central Project: Donations are needed for the following items; **Regional Activity Kits** – binders, folders, book sox, notebooks, filler paper, composition books, copy paper, sharpeners, pencils, erasers, pens, colored pencils, rulers, scissors, crayons, pencil boxes or pouches, glue sticks and stickers. **Personal Care Items:** - (male or female) shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, laundry detergent, new and/or gently used shoes (all sizes).

Sunday Breakfast: Breakfast is being served in the fellowship hall starting at 8:30 am before Sunday school. Maribeth LeGrand and Karen Rumberger come to the church early every Sunday morning and graciously prepare a light breakfast for our church family. There is a different menu each week that includes one of the following: pancakes and sausage, waffles, bacon, a variety of cereals, scrambled eggs and other items. On Easter Sunday, the ladies prepared and served a full breakfast after the Sunrise service. There was plenty to eat and time to share in fellowship. If you don't have time to eat breakfast at home, consider joining the ladies for breakfast (the breakfast is free), stay and attend Sunday school and then morning worship. Many thanks to Maribeth and Karen, and all of the others who help them serve the Lord in serving us. May God continue to bless you in your ministry and all that you do to glorify Him.



May 12 – Wesley Church annual women and children's dinner will be at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The dinner will be catered by Dan Durbin; menu-roast turkey and all the trimmings! Tickets must be purchased on or before Sunday, May 6. You can purchase tickets from: Adda Frye, Karen Rumberger, Lori Eckert, Amy Stever, Joyce Hewel, Jean Bressler, and the church office. Tickets are Adults - \$11.00, Children (4-12) \$5.00 and children 3 and under are free. Wesley men's quartet will entertain us following dinner.

June 12 - Youth Ministry trip to see the show "Jesus" at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster. We have 24 people going and we have 14 extra seats available. Tickets which include show and dinner are Adults \$70.64 and children 12 and under \$35.59. **Payment deadline is May 1st.** A signup sheet will be on the back table in the Sanctuary. We will caravan from the church leaving at 7:00 am with show time starting at 11:00 am.

Answers to Trivia:

1. Edmund LeBlanc.
2. This represents the "Light of Christ", the light is carried in to start the service and we are to carry it with us as we leave to serve.
3. William Hitchings, Adda Frye's cousin, who is currently residing at Heartside Nursing Home in State College.
4. The ladies of the church held many dinners and made and sold hundreds of donuts to raise funds!!



Building Security: Just a reminder, all doors to the church will be locked at all times. There is a bell at the main door. During office hours, LeVonne will remotely open the door after you ring the bell. On Sundays, the main door will be open from 9:45 until our worship service starts at 10:30 am; at that time the door will be locked. Also, a bell has been installed on the 12th Street entrance. If you are coming for meetings or other events on that floor, ring the bell for admittance.

MEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS AND CONGREGATION ACTIVITIES



Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser

The Youth Sunday School class raised over \$1,000.00 through tickets and donations given towards their Spaghetti dinner held on March 18. The monies received will help pay for their trip on June 12 to see the show, “Jesus” at the Sight and Sound theater in Lancaster.

that held surprise gifts within the layers of clear wrap. Afterward, due to rainy weather all the youth went on an indoor Easter Egg Hunt in our church building. A big thank you to Maribeth LeGrand and Karen Rumberger for the delicious breakfast and also to Amy Stever who organized the games and the hunt.

EASTER PARTY



EASTER BREAKFAST



Our Sunday School classes began Easter Sunday with a great Easter breakfast at 8:30 followed with a fun game where everyone took turns unwrapping a giant Saran wrapped Easter Egg



EASTER EGG HUNT



WHERE ARE THOSE EGGS?!?

**MISSION CENTRAL
ALTOONA DISTRICT HUB**



Our Sunday school youth had a great day on Saturday, April 7. Five of our youth as well as four adults worked at the HUB assembling and packing baby kits, first aid kits, and school kits to be shipped off to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg. It was a great learning experience of living out our church Conference motto, "Better Together". We all agreed it felt good to be helping others. After lunch at Chick Fil-A, we went to Galatic Ice and ended the afternoon with the kids doing a lot of laughing, falling on ice, and getting better at skating each time around.



Our Sunday school youth went on an outing in March to see the movie "Paddington 2". After the movie they all enjoyed eating pizza. We all agreed it was a great movie and a great time being together.

THAT WAS SOOOO GOOD!!!



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THIS SUMMER**



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camp brochure and on line
registration. www.susumcamps.org**

THOSE SERVING IN OUR MINISTRIES FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY & JUNE

MAY

Acolytes:

6 Sean Foster
13 Nick Ashcroft
20 Childrens' Day
27 Meaghan & Haylee Foster

Greeters:

6 Shirley Bailey
13 Sean Foster
20 Childrens' Day
27 Tom & Karen Rumberger

Liturgist:

6 Joyce Hewel
13 Pat Hovan
20 Childrens' Day
27 David Hess

Nursery:

6 Jane Ashcroft & Carol Elder
13 Kendra Daughenbaugh & Jean Bressler
20 Nursery open - no attendants
27 Joyce Hewel & Jane Ashcroft

Ushers: - **Women's Team:** Ann Ammerman,
Amy Stever & Julie Dillon

Altar Guild: Shirley Bailey

Chairlift: Dallas Eckert

Communion Steward: Julie Dillon

Birthdays

May

2 Colby Daughenbaugh & Zack Estright
8 Bernie Hand
11 Gaynelle Shimmel
12 Joan Smith
18 Janet Stewart
20 Dick Hewel
21 Donna McFarland
24 Revel Kemp
25 Cooper Kean
27 Tom Rumberger & Jack Gill

Anniversaries

12 Stanley & Gaynelle Shimmel
15 Earl & Jean Bressler
26 Kendra & Buddy Daughenbaugh
29 Norman & Miriam Miller

JUNE

Acolytes:

3 Colby Daughenbaugh
10 Sean Foster
17 Kasey Daughenbaugh & Annie LeGrand
24 Mattie Cherry

Greeters:

3 Lynn & Darlene Cupp
10 Jerry & Peg Campbell
17 Lori Kirke
24 Ron Hildebrand

Liturgists:

3 Kendra Daughenbaugh
10 George LeGrand
17 Pat Hovan
24 Wayne Hall

Nursery:

3 Ann Ammerman & Amy Stever
10 Jean Bressler & Linda Albright
17 Carol Elder & Julie Dillon
24 Jane Ashcroft & Kendra Daughenbaugh

Ushers: - **Team #1:** Revel Kemp, Steve Lucas,
Tom Rumberger & John Ott

Altar Guild: Donna McFarland

Chairlift: Joyce Hewel

Communion Steward: Lori Eckert

Birthdays

June

1 Jennifer Keen
4 Emily Estright
7 Caitlin Gomes, Jenna Dillon & Pastor David
9 Suzanne Cherry & Maribeth LeGrand
11 Amy Stever
12 Mackenzie Latchford
13 Janet Anderson
15 Marcella Hunter
17 Jennifer Irons
20 Joby Hunter
26 Stanley Shimmel

Anniversaries

3 Dallas & Lori Eckert
15 Jerry & Peggy Campbell
20 Karl & Debbie Estright, Tyler &
Courtney Estright
24 Bill & Darlene Ritter
25 Dick & Joyce Hewel
29 Rick & Barb Stever

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