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Wesley Way Window

“Working as God’s living water, winning a world for Jesus Christ”

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As Seen from the Meadows

June may just be one of the busiest months here at Wesley Way UMC. With VBS, Annual Conference and River of Life every week is filled with ministry. We are blessed to be part of a congregation that seeks to be in ministry.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School has a long history in many denominations. In the smaller towns children fill their summers going from one VBS to another. It is a time of fun and spiritual development. Don't miss the opportunity to be involved in our VBS, June 7-10. Make sure you register your children and sign up to volunteer. This year I will be overseeing the Bible stories once again and I am seeking some assistance. I need players to share the stories with children each day. If you would be willing to help contact me at greg@wesleyway.org.

North Georgia Annual Conference

The North Georgia Annual Conference will be June 16-18 in Athens, Georgia. This is where we celebrate the blessing of God and make plans for the coming year. Business is done and worship is shared. Once again Sonia Forster will be our delegate to Annual Conference. I encourage everyone to pray for God's wisdom and discernment for all the decisions that must be made. I am looking forward to seeing colleagues and friends that I have made throughout the years.

River of Life

What can I say about River of Life? In 1997 I had my first experience with ROL. I was serving as the Associate Pastor at Thomson First UMC and I took a group of youth to Lincolnton, Georgia to participate

in the River of Life. We worked hard and worshiped even harder. It was a blast! Last year we showed just what could be done when Christian youth and adults come together to share God's love and grace with the community. This year will be even better. If you have not gotten involved yet don't miss out on this blessing. We will share our closing worship on Sunday, June 27. We will gather at 9:30 a.m. to share breakfast with all the ROL participants and then move right into worship at 10:30 a.m. This will be a service that includes worship music from By Grace and Sweet Sunday. We will hear testimonies from some of the youth and I will share a message of celebration from the week. Last year there were too many of you that missed out on this service. Please don't let that happen this year. It truly will be a blessing.

Every month I share with you our current membership and average worship attendance. It is important that we are aware of these two ministry areas. As of May 16, 2010 we have 547 members. Our average worship attendance has been 280 for Sundays, May 2, 2010 – May 16, 2010. Remember these numbers represent people. People we love and care about. Let's try and encourage each other in our worship attendance. If someone is missing give them a call, send them an email or a card. We need to be in ministry to and for each other. If you don't know how to contact them or feel uncomfortable doing so, let me know. I will help you and we can contact them together. May God continue to bless us as we strive to be God's people and God's church.

Yours in Christ,

Greg



Vacation Bible School

Galactic Blast – A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!

Dates: June 7th – 10th,
Time: 9am until 12noon.

Spread the word! All children are welcome!
Many volunteers will be needed. Please consider giving your time for the children this

week. Please check out the VBS bulletin board for registration forms, the sign up sheet to volunteer, and items needed! Thank you for your support!

They Deserve a Break

Our Sunday School teachers give so much to our children and adults! We are certainly blessed to have each one of them. It may seem a little early, but I would ask that you prayerfully consider being a “summer substitute,” for one of our children or adult Sunday School classes. If you are able to volunteer for a Sunday or two, or a month, so these teachers can take a well deserved break, please let me know the dates you are available. Sunday school is from 9:30am – 10:20am. Lesson plans and supplies are provided.

As always, please contact me with any questions or suggestions.

Cindy Bednarz – Director of Christian Education

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Esther Brooks

person who joyfully touches our souls each Sunday morning with the gift of her music.

By the age of 2 or 3, Esther Brooks could play the piano by ear, starting with Brahms Lullaby, the song that was sung to her each night as she was tucked into bed. She giggles as she tells other stories of her music and life. Esther had a few years of piano lessons as a youngster and took advantage of summer music workshops through the Southern Baptist Association, but is basically self-taught. By the age of 9, she had already accepted her gift from God and answered the call to serve. She began playing the piano in Jr. Church during the open assembly time. At age 13, she filled-in during her sister's, who was the organist at Church, absence. By age 14, Esther was her sister's assistant and then took over for her sister as Church organist. She has been involved with the ministry of Church music ever since. It wasn't until after her boys had been born that she had the opportunity to go back to her first love, and play piano in the Church.

Family is a very important part of Esther's life. Esther is the youngest of seven children, raised in a spiritual family with the intent to serve the Lord and touch the lives of others. She loves her family, both the natural ones and her Church family. She is proud of her three sons, who are her anchors. She is blessed with daughter-in-laws and grandchildren. She says she cannot say enough about her family, the love that she feels, and how she is watched-over. Esther was raised in the Baptist faith, but dearly loves the Methodist faith since being given the opportunity to be a part of it.

Esther feels like God has given her a responsibility and considers it an honor and privilege for him to use her. Currently, on Sunday's she plays piano for the Men's Quartet, plays at the 10:30 Church service, and then presides over the adult Hand-bells Choir. On Wednesday, she holds practice for the Children's Handbell Choir and then plays for the practices of the Chancellor Choir. On Thursday, it is the Youth Handbell Choir. Esther indicates that she has passions for instilling in others the love of music and encouraging young adults and others to use their musical gifts in the Church.

Esther is a Para-professional in a Kindergarten class at New Hope Elementary. In her spare time, she sings in The Covington-Conyers Choral Guild. She is excited about their invitation to go to Normandy, France next summer to perform for the D-Day Celebration. She also plays at dinner parties and concerts around the state.

Esther says she is humbled and blessed to be a part of us, but I think we are humbled and blessed by her presence among us.

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians that every member of the Body of Christ has been given some spiritual gift that is an evidence of the Holy Spirit's working in his life. All the gifts are intended to build up the members of the Christian community and are not to be used for selfish advantage. How true this is for the



Wesley Way In Touch Ministry

This past school year the church sent care packages monthly and birthday packages to 11 college students within the church. This ministry is a way for our church to stay “in touch” with our college students as they venture into the world of making their own choices. Parents are not there to say, “Get up it's time for church”. History shows so many students move away from God, church and try to choose the pathway of doing “it on their own” during this period of a student's life. I was tickled when I recently went to Camp Glisson to pick up my son from a retreat he was attending. Alan and I were walking down the path to view the water fall and saw a brochure that had been dropped on the ground. Being the boy scouts that we are, we picked it up and read it. It was a brochure designed to give churches ideas on how to keep in touch with college students. God truly works in mysterious ways. It turns out, we at Wesley Way are doing it right according to the brochure-sending care packages, emails, birthday cards. Not only do these care packages remind our students we love and support them, the majority of them take the opportunity to share Christ with another college student. A huge thank you for the support given to the Wesley Way In Touch Ministry this year from: The Koinonia Sunday School Class, The Ladies Sunday School Class, The Ladies Promise Circle, Brian Bouts and the donations you gave and Ruby Bastian. We are so blessed to have a strong youth group at this church which provides a foundation to students. Our hope is they will continue their journey with Christ as they proceed through their college careers.

Our ministry collects college student information during the month of August. Current “In Touch” students don't forget to update your information. New or existing college students, if you would like to participate next year, please provide your information to me or to the church office.

Cassie Parker

Wesley Ramblers

Wesley Way Ramblers is a group of older members and visitors meeting together for Christian fellowship, food and fun. We meet at various times depending on our plans for the day, it may be the IMAX, some gardens, the rodeo or just to a new place to eat. Whatever we are doing you are welcome to join us. Watch the bulletins for the latest happenings. For more information on any of our dates contact Betty Brown at 770-914-6702.

Tuesday, June 1 – Meet at the church 8:30am and go to Hills and Dales (www.hillanddales.org) home and gardens in LaGrange \$15.00 plus lunch.

Thursday, June 17 – Meet at the church at 6:00pm, we will go out to dinner

Thursday, June 24 – Serving dinner for River of Life

Friday, June 25 – Game night at the Breckenridge's at 6:30pm

Our June hosts are The Breck's, please RSVP's to them at 678-957-6857.



The United Methodist Men want to personally invite all men 16 years and older to share in Christian fellowship and community outreach. Check the upcoming schedule and see when and where you can join us. We have

some great projects planned for the summer. Hope to see you there. For more information about UMM or upcoming events please contact Chris Anderson at 678-898-9518.

Stewardship Report



May 2, 2010

Attendance	8:30 — 37
	10:30 — 191
Sweet Sunday — 40	
Confirmation Retreat — 14	

Total Attendance 282

Regular	12,734.12
Building	110.00
Building (Principal)	470.00
Benevolence	723.00
Communion	59.75
UMCOR	10.00
MYF	100.00
Guatemala	300.00
Total	14,506.87

May 9, 2010

Attendance	8:30 — 53
	10:30 — 249

Total Attendance 302

Regular	11,820.00
Building	420.00
Building (Principal)	70.00
Benevolence	250.00
Wesley Woods	65.00
Missions	25.00
Handbells	100.00
Total	12,750.00

May 17, 2010

Attendance	8:30 — 46
	10:30 — 210

Total Attendance 256

Regular	5,757.70
Building	110.00
Building (Principal)	70.00
MYF	80.00
MYF NLB	80.00
Total	6,817.70

May 23, 2010

Attendance	8:30 — 63
	10:30 — 169

Total Attendance 232

Regular	7,091.50
Designated Building	700.00
Building (Principal)	70.00
Guatemala	50.00
Total	7,911.50



Church Sextons for June

6 th	Shawn Anderson
13 th	David Pope
20 th	John Uessler
27 th	Beetle Bailey

Servant Schedule

June 6, 2010

Greeters: Front Door—Brenda Craig, Leigh Brannon and Pam Buckner
Side Door—Jack Brassell and Miriam Brassell
Ushers: Mike Craig (TL), John Webb, Steve Collins and Mark Howington

Liturgist: Mike Barr
Cookie Delivery: Barb and Bob Jessop; Janet Smith

June 13, 2010

Greeters: Front Door—Sharon Anderson, Clyde Gaddy and Steve Bednarz
Side Door—David Brassell and Betty Moore
Ushers: Frank Bailey, Jr. (TL), Tim Godwin, Tony Baird and Jack Brassell

Liturgist: Jason Forster
Cookie Delivery: David and Shawn Anderson; David and Helga Brassell

June 20, 2010

Greeters: Front Door—Shirley Hotch, Julie Davies and Arch McGarity
Side Door—Leon Going and Kathy Going
Ushers: Jim Braswell (TL), Chris Anderson, John Uessler and Nelson Fonville

Liturgist: Tommy Thompson
Cookie Delivery: Steve and Phyllis Abbott; Kathy and Leon Going

June 27, 2010

Greeters: Front Door—Tom Jones, Pat Spieks and Chris Anderson
Side Door—Bob Jenkins and Edie Coppolino
Ushers: Kim Alley (TL), Steve Bednarz, Mark Maycock and Doug Foreback

Liturgist: Cindy Jones
Cookie Delivery: Tom and Cindy Jones; Rob and Lisa Beall



6-3	Maegan Foreback	6-16	Brielle Leeth
6-4	David Pantelakis	6-17	Meredith Foreback
6-4	John Webb	6-19	Samuel Iddings
6-4	Eddie Wood IV	6-19	Carter Lemelin
6-5	Dylan Headrick	6-20	Gary Wofford
6-6	Doug Foreback	6-20	Marissa Henderson
6-7	Jennifer Chumbler	6-21	Toby Knowles
6-8	Ron Smith	6-21	Joy Sims
6-8	Brooke Alley	6-21	Dalton Newbold
6-8	Nick Pantelakis	6-22	Mark Katafias
6-8	Hannah Brassell	6-23	Karen Brooks
6-9	Lance McDaniel	6-25	Alec Settle
6-10	Ron Griffith	6-26	Lauren Wright
6-10	Philip Keen	6-26	Catherine Spainhour
6-11	Arch McGarity	6-27	Steven Fowler
6-11	Gerald Privin	6-27	Jake Radford
6-12	Elizabeth Myers	6-28	Kathy Lunsford
6-12	Taylor Gonsman	6-29	Amy Clemens
6-12	Elizabeth Katafias	6-30	Joel Brown Jr.
6-12	Chad Brooks	6-30	Bill Walden
6-14	Jennifer Patrick	6-30	Sharon Fonville
6-15	Brian Bouts	6-30	Rob Beall
6-16	Terry Chumbler	6-30	Michael Loughner
6-16	Micah Blanton	6-30	Austin Williams



June 6, 2010

Crib Room —Georgette Underwood
Toddler Room — Blake and Joy Sims
4 to 5 yrs — Kevin and Amy Lemelin
1st and 2nd — Darla Pantelakis and Laura May

June 13, 2010

Crib Room — Tim and Aimee Leeth
Toddler Room — Jane Orendorff
4 to 5 yrs — Chris and Amanda Anderson
1st and 2nd — Susan Holmes and daughters

June 20, 2010

Crib Room — Edie Coppolino
Toddler Room — Elizabeth Graf
4 to 5 yrs — Buck and Lori Treadwell
1st and 2nd — Doug and Pam Foreback

June 27, 2010

Crib Room — Diana DePew
Toddler Room — Lydia Meadows
4 to 5 yrs — Dody Morris
1st and 2nd — Lisa and Dwayne

River of Life Fundraiser



Mark your calendar! Don't miss this! Wesley Way River of Life, in conjunction with Truett's

Grill, McDonough, is hosting a "Spirit Night" on Saturday, June 5th from 5—9 pm. Just make your dinner plans to join us that evening and tell the cashier that you are supporting the Wesley Way River of Life or give them the coupon we will distribute beginning May 30th. Bring your whole family, friends and neighbors! We'll also have the "prize wheel" available at \$1 a spin. Don't forget! See you there! For more details, contact Gail Matthews (770-898-3023).

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UMW News

We had about 65 attending the Mother-Child Dinner "A Tribute to Mothers" on April 30th. Delicious food prepared by Pat was enjoyed. A varied program was presented featuring the Children's Choir, music by the Southern Biscuits, Slide Show by Austin Williams and a reading of "I Will Always Love You" by Matt Halvorson.

Our Mother's Day Roll brought in \$170 which will go to the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Envelopes are available for the Father's Roll on June 6th. Proceeds will go to the River of Life. Envelopes must be turned in by June 15th to the offering plate or the office.

We are currently making contact with five missionaries for whom we will provide some support. They are the Sims Family in Ghana, Marsha Alexander who is being reassigned from Mexico, Diane Wimberly in La Paz, Bolivia, Sandi Hortman in Columbus, GA and Kathy Burton-Lewis in Tokyo, Japan.

Haven House Loose Change Sunday will be on June 15th.

Circle Meetings:

Ruth Circle will meet NOT meet for June through August. For more information contact Mary Poore at 404-402-7833.

Martha Anderson Circle will meet at Susan Holmes lake house at Jackson Lake on Wednesday, June 9th at 1:30 pm for lunch. We will meet at the church at 12:30pm to carpool. For more information contact Jean Bouts at 770-957-6645.

Wesley Women Circle will go out to eat at The Italian Oven on Tuesday, June 15th. Meet at the church at 6:30pm and date to be announced. For more information contact Yvonne Baldwin at 770-898-5458.

Friendship Circle For more information contact Bethany Iddings at 770-898-5949.



Tuesday, June 1st - Sr. High Got Tuesday:
6:30 Laser Show at Stone Mountain (Free)

Wednesday, June 2nd:

6:30-7:30 Youth Bible Study

Saturday, June 5th:

5:00-9:00 Spirit Night for River of Life Fundraiser at Truett's Grill on Jonesboro Road

Sunday, June 6th:

12:00 Youth Leadership Team Meeting at Gail's House
3:00-5:00 By Grace Practice
5:00-7:00 MYF

Tuesday, June 8th - Jr. High Got Tuesday:

11:00-2:00 Progressive Pool Party (Free)

Wednesday, June 9th:

6:30-7:30 Youth Bible Study
7:30 River of Life Meeting

Sunday, June 13th:

3:00-5:00 By Grace Practice
5:00-7:00 MYF

Tuesday, June 15th - Sr. High Got Tuesday:

6:00 Braves Game (Cost: \$10)

Wednesday, June 16th:

6:30-7:30 Youth Bible Study
7:30 River of Life Meeting

Sunday, June 20th - Father's Day:

NO By Grace Practice or MYF

Monday, June 21st:

1:30-3:00 Everyone setup for River of Life
3:00-5:00 By Grace Practice

Tuesday, June 22nd:

1:30-3:00 Everyone setup for River of Life
3:00-5:00 By Grace Practice

Wednesday, June 22nd - Sunday, June 27th:

4:00 River of Life

Tuesday, June 29th - Jr. High Got Tuesday:

6:00 Braves Game (Cost: \$10)

Wednesday, June 30th:

6:30-7:30 Youth Bible Study



Altar Flowers for June

- 6th By Dan and Virginia Underwood in Honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
13th By Sandy McGarity in Honor of Arch's 58th Birthday
20th By Max and Midge Breckenridge in Honor of their 49th Wedding Anniversary
27th By Don and Carrie Spainhour in Honor of Catherine's 5th Birthday

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